

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Flood Damage Reports Needed

By N. C. ANDERSON

Many inquiries have come to the office relative to claiming casualty losses and income tax deductions as a result of flood damage. There seems to be some difference of opinion on tax deductions for loss of soil by erosion. This is worth looking into even though there is nothing spelled out definitely in Farmers Tax Guide.

We have ordered a supply of Internal Revenue Service Document No. 5174 which explains in detail what types of casualty losses are deductible and how they should be reported. We do not expect these for a few days. Individuals can order or pick them up from the nearest Internal Revenue Service office.

In the meantime, there are several items that you should be aware of. Since you must be able to prove that you actually sustained a loss and the amount of such loss which is deductible, you should be prepared to show a number of items. These are outlined quite specifically in the Farmers Tax Guide on page 51. If you have not picked up your copy, we have a limited number at our office.

Because of this flood damage special "help" programs are available in order to substantiate our claim for such help. It is necessary that we have definite information from every one who was affected. Most helpful, I believe, will be ACP funds which will help to restore conservation practices which might have been effected that might include revegetating land, cleaning out ditches, repairing dams and diversions, reshaping fields, seeding grass waterways, to mention only a few.

All ranchers should have received by now a flood damage survey which is very important if we are to establish a need. In addition to these ACP funds, there are disaster loans and other programs which can assist with repairing damage and establishing practices which will alleviate such damage in the future. We hope everyone will be prompt in making his report as quickly as possible.

Month's Rainfall Exceeds Previous 10-Month Period.
It is interesting as precipitation records come in from outlying areas in the county the amount of moisture which fell this month. It can be easily seen why flood conditions prevailed.

For instance, many areas are reporting more rainfall in the month of December than fell in a 10-month period between January 1 and November 1, 1964. At the Kenneth Smouse ranch in the north lone area, for instance, precipitation for the 10-month period was 4.27; for the month of December 4.30 inches. Over one half of this or 2.27, fell in a 6-day period just before Christmas.

It is further interesting to note that the weekly probabilities of precipitation for the Heppner station for a period of the past 35 years show there is only 3% chance of it raining more than an inch during the week that over two inches fell. Over the same period, the average for the week of December 20 - 26 was .29 and a total monthly average slightly over 1.50 inches.

Cattle Exhibit Amazes Italians
Fifty U.S. feeder cattle captured the attention of some 4,000 Italian visitors per hour who visited the U.S. Agricultural exhibit at the Levant Fair in Bari,



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Meat Industry Reports Planned At Coming Meet

The campus will move to the country February 6 when Oregon State University agricultural scientists combine a round-up of research results from three branch experiment stations with reports from meat industry representatives.

The all day program is aimed at giving Easter Oregon producers up-to-date information on breeding, feeding and marketing livestock. Scheduled at Pendleton high school, the program will feature reports of research results from the Union and Hermiston Branch Experiment Stations, and the Blue Mountain feedyard. According to J. C. Miller, head of the OSU Department of Animal Science, the morning program will be split into three sections for producers of beef, sheep and swine.

The beef section will include discussions by OSU Experiment Station personnel on cow herd management, effect of wintering levels of feeder steer calves on their subsequent feedlot performance, production and meat characteristics of bulls, steers and heifers, and the use of wheat in beef cattle rations.

Growers attending the sheep section will hear a report on gross returns from sheep enterprises, growth and carcass characteristics of different lambs, control of internal parasites, and a discussion of least-cost fattening rations.

The swine section will deal with facilities, management and equipment for efficient manure removal, limited feeding, influence of size of pigs on performance and carcass merit, and prevention and treatment of post-partum infection in sows.

Cecil Helibush of Denver, head of the meats division for Safeway Stores, will be the principal speaker in the afternoon. He will tell stockmen what the consumer wants and how the livestock producer can best satisfy consumer demand. Feed grain freight rate problems will be discussed by Jim Hill manager of the Pendleton Grain Growers. Hill is also a member of the Oregon Feedstuffs Transportation Committee. Pendleton Research Round-up.

The afternoon session will also provide an opportunity for a cow-calf operator, feeder packer and retailer to present their views of the needs and future of the meat industry. Consumer preferences, meat merchandising, and the problems of the producer, feeder, meat packer and chain-store merchant will be considered.

It is hoped, Miller said, that the Pendleton Research Round-up will become an annual event and do for Easter Oregon producers what the annual livestock field days held on the OSU campus do for Western Oregon livestock men.

The research round-up will be co-sponsored by the OSU Agricultural Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension Service, and producer organizations including the Oregon Cattlemen's association, Umatilla County Cattlemen's association, Union County Livestock association, Morrow County Livestock association, and the Oregon Wool Growers association.

Angus Association Names Bob Harris

Bobbie Harris, 15, Heppner, has been granted a junior membership in the American Angus association at St. Joseph Mo., announces Glen Bratcher, secretary.

This new junior membership entitles the member to register purebred Angus at regular membership rates and to the privileges of the association until the age of 21. At that time junior members are eligible to convert to lifetime membership in the association.

Bobbie was one of 197 young people in the United States to receive junior memberships last month.

opportunity for germination of a second crop of weed seeds.

If wheat plantings have been winter damaged, but spacing is not too far apart, additional tillering will help make up for some of the loss of plants, according to Goetze. The yield reduction will not be as great as the reduction in stand.

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Packaging Process Aid to Meat Cookery

By DONNA GEORGE

Bacon in the time it takes to cook the eggs! That's what you can have with a new canned bacon now available in some supermarkets.

At least three meat packers are slicing, partially frying, and canning bacon—to make a time-saving product that should go over big for workday breakfasts. Since it needs no refrigeration, it can also be a popular convenience food for picnics and vacation cooking.

The process for making this new product was developed by industry, using results of research by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Canned bacon was used in military rations during World War II, but the salty flavor of heavy curing made the product distasteful to soldiers.

After the war, USDA scientists investigated the possibility of canning mildly cured bacon. By partially dehydrating the bacon before canning, they were able to cut down on the amount of salt needed, yet at the same time have enough present to prevent growth of the spoilage bacteria. In the industry process, the dehydration is accomplished by the pre-frying.

Make Decision on Facts

"But All The Other Kids Are Doing It." For you parents who are confronted with this phrase, here's a tip from Mrs. Roberta Frasier, extension family life specialist at OSU.

Ask around and encourage your youngster to find out "who" is doing it. Usually "everybody" or "all the kids" means only one or two. Chances are this is more effective than saying, "I don't care about everybody else—you're my child and you can't do it."

Get the facts of the situation. What are the advantages and disadvantages? Of course, it's important to consider what others are doing. Children want to be like others—but it's also important to learn to evaluate on the basis of facts.

Zero Cold is Needed For Quality Frozen Foods

Outdoor Freezer? When the cold weather came before Christmas, some of you wondered if you needed freezers when it seemed the food could just be stored in a snowdrift!

Zero degrees Fahrenheit is needed for top quality frozen foods, explains Virginia Weiser, extension nutrition specialist at Oregon State University. The lower the storage temperature, the better the quality will be. Quality will be maintained longer. The food may be kept longer.

Changes take place while food is frozen. Foods may lose color, flavor, and characteristic texture. Storage temperature greatly influences the rate of change. For example, Miss Weiser points out that changes in color and flavor of strawberries are about the same after 1 year at zero degrees, 2 months at 10 degrees, or 10 days at 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

Each time the temperature of a frozen food gets above zero degrees, food quality decreases. The oftener this happens, the greater the decrease in quality.

Beach Asks Survey On Feed Shortage Caused By Flood

Harold Beach, Hermiston, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation, has called on county Farm Bureau presidents to make a survey of any feed shortages in their area caused by the recent flood.

The survey will be used to determine if reduced freight rates will be needed to bring in hay and feed grains to alleviate shortages caused by the statewide flood, which inundated thousands of acres of low-lying farm land throughout the state.

At the completion of the survey, the proper state authorities will be advised of the extent of the damage and the needs of livestock men who may need assistance in the form of reduced rates for feedstuffs.

Beach said the state's haylands are usually located on low ground. A great deal of hay laid by for winter feeding was undoubtedly damaged or destroyed by the high water, he explained.

In many instances grain supplies were also destroyed. The shortage of feed could become critical unless immediate steps are taken to replace losses.

Beach said the survey would provide a quick indication of the damage and give some measure of needs of livestock men throughout the state.

Beach asked that the survey be completed by January 11 and the information be reported to the OFBC office by that time.

Morrow Women Have Active Part In National Meet

The ladies' contingent of the Oregon Wheat Growers League started the New Year with a whirl of hostess activities—in this case, the distaff program of the National Association of Wheat Growers convention, which opened in Portland on Tuesday, January 5.

About 300 wives of NAWG members, who represent 12 Western and Midwestern states, were expected to attend the four-day meet at the Portland Sheraton Motor Inn. Heading up the welcoming committee are Mrs. Milton Morgan, Lone, and Mrs. Melvin Pace, Enterprise.

The opening day schedule included a guided tour of the nearby Lloyd Center, which offers the essential ingredient for any female convention—handy shopping facilities. An afternoon meeting at the Lloyd Center auditorium was held to discuss the formation of a national "Wheat Hearts" auxiliary to the farm organization.

On Wednesday, the ladies group took a sightseeing trip. The Thursday program calls for a noon luncheon at the Quay Restaurant in Vancouver, followed by a style show.

Featured at all the wheat growers ladies' events will be three beautiful "Wheat Queens," representing the states of Idaho, Kansas and Nebraska. The young ladies, each of whom was selected to carry the beauty banner for her state at the national convention, will assist in hostessing functions during the conclave.

A special Wheat League ladies' committee displayed attractive bread and novelty tables in the hotel lobby. The ladies will also operate a coffee bar for the NAWG delegates during their business sessions.

In addition to the two co-chairmen, the Wheat League ladies' activities were directed by Mrs. Glen Brogotti, Helix; Mrs. Walt Jacobs, Lone; Mrs. Robert Jensen, Lone; Mrs. L. E. Kaseberg, Wasco; Mrs. Jessie Pattee, Condon; Mrs. Ron Terjeson, Helix; Mrs. Allen Tom, The Dalles; and Mrs. Thomas Vaughan, Pendleton.

Mrs. Eva Henry Dies

Boardman—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Berger received word from Mrs. Roy McCleary that Mrs. McCleary's sister, Mrs. Eva Henry, passed away of a heart attack December 21.

Mrs. Henry was a beloved friend of many in the community of Irigton. She and her husband Billy were custodians at the Irigton school for many years.

Bond Sales Gain In State in 1964

"Cash sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in this county amounted to \$6,096 for the month of November," Volunteer Morrow County U. S. Savings Bonds Chairman John Venard reported here today. This was a sharp decrease from sales of \$15,151 in November, 1963.

"Total sales for the state during November were \$2,423,061 as compared with \$2,149,275 for the same month a year ago. This November twenty-one counties exceeded November 1963 sales."

"Nationally, cash sales during the month totaled \$348 million representing a five per cent increase from the \$333 million sold in November of last year," the chairman continued.

With the new year only a few days off, he noted that last year approximately 40 million Americans received tax refunds. "If you're lucky enough to get an income tax refund in 1965, why not take it in U. S. Savings Bonds?"

"Simply check the box on your 1964 Federal income tax return, requesting your refund in Savings Bonds. The rest is automatic," he concluded.

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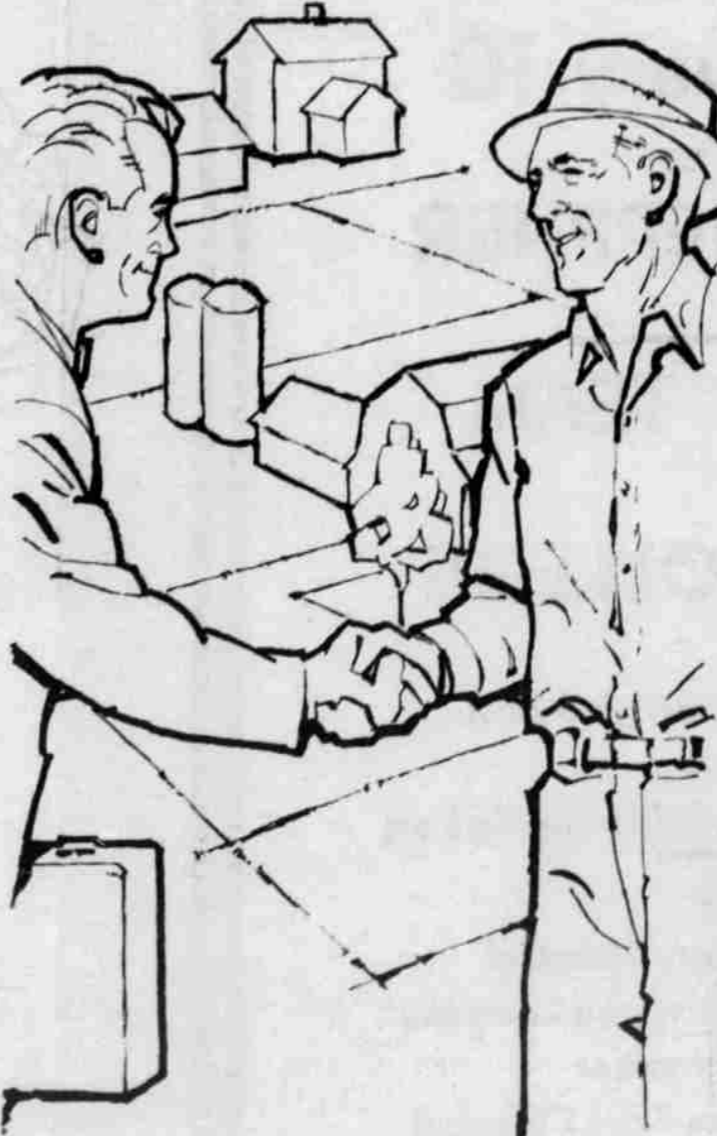
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