

## Freeze Branding Not Yet Accepted As Legal Method

By GAIL McCARTY  
County Extension Agent

Endorsement of freeze branding as a legal brand in Oregon was withheld by members of the Livestock Advisory Committee, Oregon Department of Agriculture, at a June 7 meeting in Salem.

The committee said it wanted to find out what the cattle industry wants and to have more information on the effectiveness of this method before making a decision.

Roy Nelson, chief of the department's livestock division, in a report on a freeze branding seminar he attended at Pullman, Washington, said they had been told it was still in the study stages and no conclusions had been reached.

### 4-H Demonstration Day, July 17

In order to help the Morrow County Fair run more smoothly and to allow time for more 4-H club members to give demonstrations, a special demonstration day has been scheduled for Sunday, July 17, starting at 1:30 p.m. There will be separate judges for home economics and agriculture contests so this will run at the same time. Club members are asked to pre-register for this contest early so that a workable schedule can be arranged.

### Willamette Valley Ram Sale Set July 23 in Albany

The 26th annual Willamette Valley Ram Sale will be held Saturday, July 23, starting at 10 a.m. at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany. Scheduled for sale are 225 head of Oregon's finest yearling stud and range rams and ewes. Breeds in their order of sale are Romney, Lincoln, Corriedale, Columbia Cheviot, Shropshire, Hampshire, Southdown and Suffolk. The sale is under the management of the Oregon Purebred Sheep Breeders Assn. Catalogs or additional information can be obtained by contacting O. E. Mikesell, Secretary, P. O. Box 765, Albany, Oregon.

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## County Agent's Office

## ASCS Announces Raise in County Wheat Allotment

By GENE WINTERS  
County Extension Agent

The Morrow county wheat acreage allotment for 1967 was recently released by the State ASCS Committee. The allotment of 124,895 acres was increased approximately 15 percent over the preceding year.

David McLeod, ASCS office manager, announced Monday the 1967 allotment notices are scheduled for mailing Friday.

Morrow county is second in Oregon to the Umatilla county allotment of 210,505 acres. Morrow county's share is about 14 percent of the state allotment. Oregon's share, 886,736 acres of the national allotment, is about 15 percent, and ranks 17th among the states. Ranking 16, 15, 14, 13 and 12 respectively are Minnesota, Michigan, Idaho, Indiana and Ohio. Washington is ranked 9th with 2,061,676 acres.

### Drought Not Disaster

The Morrow County USDA Disaster Committee met last week to report their findings of the drought situation to the state committee. After conferring with local cattlemen, ASCS community committeemen and farm organization leaders, the committee agreed the situation at this time did not warrant the county be declared a disaster area.

Members of the county committee are representatives of ASCS, Extension and Farmers Home Administration.

### Grain Grading Survey Started To Help Marketing Problems

This week Norman Goetze, Extension Farm Crops Specialist, and Myron Shenk will be in the county meeting with the staff of Morrow County Grain Growers to set up the local co-operator's grain grading survey. Shenk, a graduate student at OSU, will conduct the survey. The purpose of the project is to determine what changes, if any, take place in wheat when it is stored or handled, and, is wheat from some areas affected more by storage and handling than from other areas.

The project will run for three years in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho with about 30 representative grain elevators participating. Grain samples of wheat received at elevators will be taken. Samples will be taken in rail cars—when the grain is unloaded at the terminal. Grain samples will be tested in the state grain grading laboratories. Inbound grades will be compared to outbound grades.

The project is aimed at helping producers and dealers solve future marketing problems. The Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers Association and the Oregon, Washington and Idaho Wheat Commissions will provide 80 percent of the states' \$5,000 for the project. The state departments of agriculture of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will provide the remaining 20 percent. The US Department of Agriculture's Consumer and Marketing Service matches the states funds with \$5,000.

### Chemical Sprays Help Control Troublesome Weeds

Two troublesome summer weeds are making themselves known and should be controlled.

Field sandbar can be controlled with most non-selective contact materials. Two to three quarts of Dinro general plus 10 to 20 gallons of diesel oil in 60 to 80 gallons of water per acre or one gallon of Amitrol-T plus spreader sticker in 60 to 80 gallons of water per acre are effective when plants are seedlings. Shallow tillage where possible is effective.

Puncture vine can be controlled with chemical sprays such as 2,4-D or mechanical means such as pulling, hoeing, or other cultivation methods or by burning.

### Labor Services Available

Farmers and others looking for workers shouldn't overlook the seasonal farm labor office in Heppner. The mailing address is P. O. Box 133 or Telephone 676-5336. Persons looking for work should keep their names on file there.

## Families Join For Cattle Drive

By BLANCHE McDANIEL

HARDMAN, RHEA CREEK — The annual three-day Wright cattle drive to the reserve range took place last week with 23 people on hand for the picnic Wednesday above Parker's Mill. Spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright and helping with the drive were their sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson and family of Arlington, and Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Litchfield of Anchorage, Alaska, stationed there at the Elmendorf Air Base hospital.

Others who either helped with the drive or enjoyed the picnic were the Ray Wrights, Barton Clarks and Nonda, Ned Clarks, Evelyn Farrens, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crowdon, Les Robinson, Dave Springer and the Earl Williams of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Robinson are now at home at Big Cat where he will ride the reserve for the summer. Mrs. Robinson has been on the sick list for over a week, but is improving.

Mrs. Dallas McDaniel took Alta Stevens to Pendleton Monday for medical attention.

Spending last week-end at the Huston Lesley home were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ramsey, real estate broker from Bend, Mrs. Wes Wooley, Scott and Kevin of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Lesley of San Jose, Calif. That Saturday they all took in the '62 celebration at Canyon City. Also enjoying the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Dallas McDaniel and Iva Lou.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steers of Klamath Falls and well known in this area, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary here on Sunday. Going from here for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stevens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Collins, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steers accompanied by Mrs. Pearl Steers of Heppner. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steers spent Friday night at Gold Hill visiting with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lee White.

The women had not seen each other for 22 years. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stevens were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Stuart of Bates the three days they were here.

Home Ec club of Rhea Creek Grange held its picnic at Anson Wright Memorial Park last Thursday.

## Club Tours Cannery

Eager Cookerettes 4-H club took a trip to Weston to visit the Lamb-Weston Canning Co. They showed us how they shelled the peas, washed and packed them, also how they froze and canned the peas. Women have to sort the peas on big rollers. After we toured the plant, we went on to Walla Walla, where we ate our lunch and did some shopping. Debbie Campbell, reporter

## State Wheat Loss Seen 20 Percent

Frost and drought conditions during May have slashed early estimates of Oregon's wheat crop about 20 percent.

Mrs. Elvera Horrell, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist, said growers originally figured that spring and winter wheat crops would yield about 5 percent above last year. Now, it looks as if growers will harvest about 23 million bushels of winter wheat and 2.4 million bushels of spring wheat, 15 percent less than last year.

Mrs. Horrell said the spring wheat crop will be about one-third as large as last year. Recent rains helped Willamette Valley grain crops but came too late for grain plantings on shallow soils in the Columbia Basin and other northeastern Oregon counties.

Washington's wheat crop estimates also have been revised downward. Production in that state is expected to be 5 percent below last year at \$2 million bushels of winter wheat and 4.5 million bushels of spring wheat.

Nationally, wheat production is expected to be down 7 percent from last year.

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## Family Vacation Covers Wide Area

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Raymond and children, Dianna, Donna, Phillip, James, Susan and Jennifer vacationed around Oregon and Washington from Saturday, June 11 to Sunday, June 21. They visited her stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Sire Sorenson, in Mosier and hiked at Eagle Creek, stopped to see Mr. Raymond's father, Clayton Raymond, in McMinnville, and continued to Ocean Lake and Taft. They camped out near Kernville, on the beach and visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson, an uncle and aunt, of Mrs. Raymond who live there. While at Kernville they went crabbing and fishing.

In Albany they saw his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Raymond and family and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Sayles, before continuing on to Merwyn Dam on the Lewis River where they were guests of Mrs. Raymond's father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Bosshart.

At the Bossharts, all participated in a general family birthday party.

## Here on Leave

Pvt. E/2 Sherril McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McDonald, visited here on leave from June 4 until June 16. He has finished basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif., where he won his Expert Rifleman badge. He returned to Ft. Ord for advanced training.

## Appaloosa Show Set This Week-end

Second annual Wallowa Mountains Appaloosa Horse Club show will be held on June 25 and 26 at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise with the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce as co-sponsors. Horses placing in the Halter Classes and Working Classes will earn points toward the Northwest Championships for 1966. Trophies will be awarded to top horses in all classes.

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