

FARM

County Agent's Office

Stockmen Request County Be Listed 'Disaster Area'

By GENE WINTERS
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Morrow County Livestock Growers association board of directors last week recommended that Morrow County be declared a disaster area so that certain USDA program benefits will be available to eligible stockmen. Following this recommendation a narrative and statistical report must be prepared to present the facts about the livestock feed situation in Morrow county.

This week the county USDA disaster committee is making an inventory of livestock, feed grains, hay and pasture in the county as required by the state USDA disaster committee. As a result, all county livestock operators, feed grain growers, hay producers and pasture owners will receive a returnable card requesting information needed to prepare the Morrow county request. To provide the best information possible, persons receiving the questionnaire are asked to complete and return in the next mail.

Counties designated disaster areas become eligible for special USDA programs. These include grazing or having USDA retired areas, such as the Conservation Reserve, CCC owned feed grains at reduced prices and emergency loans to eligible ranchers.

The Farmers Home Administration administers the emergency loan program. Other programs are handled by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. If the government declares Morrow county a disaster area.

Sheep Sale Slated

We have received notice of the annual sheep sale from the flocks of the U. S. Sheep Experiment Station and the Western Sheep Breeding Laboratory at Dubois, Idaho.

The sale is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., September 22, 1966, at Dubois.

This year approximately 245

rams, 600 ewes and 350 ewe lambs from the Columbia, Targhee and Rambouillet flocks will be sold.

Weather Year Starts

September 1 is the start of the new agriculture weather year. So far we have only two reports from cooperating weather observers closing out the 1965-66 weather year. When the reports are in we will assemble the reports from all observers for distribution.

Wheat Allocations Made

Allocation of new wheat varieties has been completed for the year.

Growers receiving allocations of Nugaines are Kenneth Smouse, Don Evans, McElligott Brothers, Melvin Moyer, Nelson Brothers, Kenneth Peck, Ken Turner, and Lloyd Howton.

About 6,700 pounds of Nugaines registered class seed was received.

Three growers received Warner foundation seed for fall planting. They are Orval Matheny, McElligott Brothers and Irvin Rauch.

Research Shows Creep Feeding Improves Weight

By GAIL McCARTY
Morrow County Agent

Some of our Oregon cattlemen who are in a position to creep feed their beef calves will find this report interesting.

A 4-year study in Florida that involved 661 calves from five breed groups showed that creep feeding for approximately 60 days prior to weaning increased the weaning weights of calves 30 pounds and raised the market grade at weaning one-third of a grade. The creep-fed calves ate an average of 583 pounds of creep feed for each 100 pounds they gained over the weight of non-creep-fed calves. The straightbred British calves ate the most feed, the crossbred foundation calves ate the next most feed, and the Brahman ate very little feed. Response of the various breeds was in general, positively related to feed intake and negatively related to the assumed milking ability of the dams.

Postweaning gain of 251 replacement heifer calves was 18 pounds in favor of the calves that were not creep-fed before weaning. This compensatory gain was not sufficient to completely offset the preweaning advantage for creep-fed calves. These maintained a 10-pound advantage in weight at 19 months of age. Creep-feeding had no effect on the weight gain of the dams during the nursing period.

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OREGON WHEAT GROWERS LEAGUE and the Oregon Wheat Commission were hosts recently to six of the largest flour millers in Japan. Pictured above back row, left to right are, James Short, representing the Oregon Department of Agriculture and Governor Hatfield; Bill Hulse, Dufur, 2nd vice-president Oregon Wheat Growers League; Ralph McEwen, administrator Oregon Wheat Commission; Richard Baum, Portland, executive vice-president, Western Wheat Associates; and Toshio Hamaya, team manager from Wheat Associates office in Tokyo. Front row left to right Yoshiro Masuda, Masuda Flour Milling; Renzo Noda, Fuji Flour Milling, Sadaichi Sekino, Showa Sangyo Company; Katsutoshi Tobe, Nippon Flour Milling; Harumoto Nohagi, Nishin Flour Milling and Tasuku Sawabe team leader representing Nitto Flour Milling. While in the area the team was briefed on wheat supplies, quality, prices and also included were visits to export facilities, bakeries, and meetings with USDA officials. Last year Sawabe reported that Japan imported 650,000 metric tons of Pacific Northwest White wheat and this year they expect to import 820,000 metric tons of White wheat. Most of the wheat from our area is used for noodles and pastries. Japan is the U. S. leading cash buyer of wheat. Since the end of World War II wheat consumption in Japan has risen from 33 pounds per capita to 75 pounds. White rice consumption has dropped from 335 pounds to 220 pounds annually.



DON WOODWARD, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, announced that during a one day visit to Bombay, India, Mrs. Orville Freeman, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture, visited the Sewri Preschool Feeding Center which is located in one of the lowest socio-economic areas. Sixty-seven young children from indigent homes are brought by mothers, or older sisters, to the center six days a week where they are served wheat foods and a glass of relictified dry milk.

The picture shows a few of the mothers and children. From left to right the visiting ladies are: Mrs. Eleanor Lobo, committee member of the Mobile Nutrition Extension Program, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Chester Bowles, wife of the U. S. Ambassador to India, Mrs. S. Rodriguez, chairman, Mobile Nutrition Extension Program, and Miss Eunice Ancees, general secretary, Bombay YWCA.

After each child consumes every particle of these foods a small banana is given. Height and weight charts have shown considerable increase in the size of the youngsters. Usually they become more active and also have healthier skin.

Sewri Preschool Feeding Center was an outgrowth of the Mobile Nutrition Extension Program in which Western Wheat Associates, U.S.A. cooperated with the YWCA. Since that program proved so worthwhile, and the two nutritionists were not busy in the mornings, this project was started four years ago. A building was constructed, and two cooks were employed. Church World Service provides the food. The nutritionists suggest inexpensive, nutritious foods, which also include wheat products, that the children may be served at home.

Big Vote Urged On Referendum In Wool and Lamb Market Program

All eligible wool growers were urged today to cast their ballots in the referendum on the wool and lamb market-development program. David McLeod, office manager, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office, said that he hopes for the most representative vote possible.

Growers eligible to vote are all those who have owned sheep or lambs six months of age or older for at least 30 consecutive days since last January 1.

The vote will be held at the ASCS county office through September 23. Voting may be in person or by mail as soon as the ballots are received.

The vote will determine whether or not deductions will continue to be made from payments to producers under the wool program. These deductions finance a program of advertising, promotion, and related activities to enlarge or improve the market for wool and lambs. The promotion program is carried out under an agreement made between the Secretary of Agriculture and the American Sheep Producers Council (ASPC), a producer organization, as authorized by the National Wool Act.

A similar agreement has been in effect since the 1925 marketing year, following approval by growers voting in referendums. For the agreement to be extended through 1969, as authorized by law, the September referendum must show approval by at least two-thirds of the total number of producers voting or by producers having at least two-thirds of the volume of production represented by the total vote. If a new agreement is not approved by producers, no deductions will be withheld from payments on 1966 marketings, and ASPC programs will be continued only as long as the present reserve fund permits or until some other agreement may be approved by producers.

By approving the proposed new agreement, producers would authorize deductions from payments of up to 1 1/2 cents a pound on shorn wool and 7 1/2

Governor Lauds Contributions Of Agriculture

Oregon's new Agriculture Building in Salem was dedicated August 30 with Governor Mark O. Hatfield as the featured speaker and over 400 persons toured the building before the close of the open house following the ceremonies.

In his speech the governor reminded of the importance of Oregon's agriculture and its progress and warned that inflation brought on by federal spending is giving the farmer less of the food dollar than at any time in history.

Reminding that the State Department of Agriculture today has evolved as a result of policies stressing the need for greater economy in operation and increased efficiency, Hatfield told those at the ceremonies the building would help further the functions the department performs in serving the needs of the farmer, as well as protecting the consumer.

The governor stressed the need to tell the story of the farmer and to let American people, and especially the housewife, know he is receiving less of the housewife's food dollar than at any time in history. Commenting that the markets for the Oregon and American farmer stretch the length of the earth and could include millions of people, who do not have enough to eat, Hatfield remarked, "The farm product is potentially one of America's most potent weapons for peace."

State Director of Agriculture, J. P. Short, the other speaker on the program, noted that the department could now serve the public better and more efficiently and said: "Oregon agriculture is as progressive and modern as this new building. Its one-half billion dollar annual production of new wealth from the soil benefits our entire economy. This beautiful and functional new building on the Capitol Mall is a merited and fitting tribute."

16 Performance Categories Set In P.I. Horse Show

Sixteen performance categories are scheduled for the Pacific International Horse Show to be held in conjunction with the 56th annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition in North Portland October 14 through October 22.

Riders and their mounts will compete for purses totalling \$20,550 in 68 performance classes scheduled over nine evening and three matinee arena shows. Judging of 11 Arabian halter classes will be held separately on the morning of October 20.

Judges will be Howard Dickey of Lexington, Ky., and Joseph Carrol Curran of Gaithersburg, Md. Dickey will judge saddle horse, roadster, walking horse, Hackney, Shetland, Western and Arabian classes. Curran will judge hunters and jumpers and hunter equitation.

Frederick H. Foote, Milwaukee, Ore., will again be arena director and horse show manager. Mrs. Foote is horse show secretary. Dr. William B. Anderson, Portland, will be steward for the American Horse Show Association, which classifies principal events of the P.I. horse show "Class A".

The P.I. arena shows this year will also feature a Northwest Finals Rodeo, bringing together the top rodeo hands of the Northwest Rodeo Association and the Idaho Cowboys Association.



MR. AND MRS. WINN TUTTLE

Tuttles Depart For Taiwan Post

Mr. and Mrs. Winn Tuttle spent two days in the Pendleton area recently on their way to Taiwan to establish an office for Western Wheat Associates, who represent the Oregon Wheat Growers League in foreign market development in the Asian area. His title will be country director.

The past three years Mr Tuttle has been WWA representative in the Washington, D. C. office. Previous to this he was administrator of the Oregon Wheat Commission for three years. Winn came to the commission from the Wallowa Grain Growers.

The opening of the Taiwan office will give WWA four offices in the Asian area to promote the sale of Pacific Northwest and U. S. wheat. At present Taiwan is importing in excess of 10 million bushels of U. S. wheat under Public Law 480. The first of the year they will become a cash market which means they will be buying in the world market. By opening an office in Taiwan, it is hoped U. S. wheat sales may be maintained at present levels or possibly increased.

Besides his duties in Taiwan, Tuttle will also promote the sale of U. S. wheat in Hong Kong as they have shown an increased interest in purchasing American wheat.

Dental Advisory Committee Named

Formation of a 10-member dental advisory committee is announced by Blue Mountain Community College President Wallace W. McGee. The committee was established to assist the college in determining overall direction and curriculum changes in its dental assistant education and training program.

The dental program is now being integrated into the full college curriculum following two years of operation under the federal Manpower Development and Training Act.

Nine dentists and one dental assistant from Northeastern Oregon and Southeastern Washington will serve on the committee.

Members of the committee are: Dr. William Herstad, Milton, Freewater; Dr. Floyd Holaday, Pendleton; Dr. A. W. Tiedmann, Baker; Dr. Norman Clark, Hermiston; Dr. John Deatherage, La Grande; Dr. Oliver Mansfield, Walla Walla; Dr. William Prophet, John Day; Dr. Walter Wintzky, Prineville; Dr. Louis Barniga, Ontario; Mrs. Juanita Keeler, Pilot Rock.

National Forests To Pay Morrow Total of \$31,975

An all-time high of nearly \$26 million will be paid to 30 Oregon and 27 Washington counties as their share of receipts from the National Forests in fiscal year 1966.

Morrow county will receive \$31,975.31.

The payments being mailed to state treasurers represent 25 percent of the receipts from all resources and uses of the National Forests—timber harvest, grazing, minerals, recreation, power and other land uses. Shares are proportioned according to National Forest acreage, with the money earmarked for public roads and schools.

This year's total for the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service—\$25,824,836.65—is \$4 1/2 million more than a year ago. Oregon counties this year will receive \$19,694,112.16 compared to \$15,614,589.57 last year. Washington counties will receive \$6,130,714.49 compared to \$5,685,489.60 last year.

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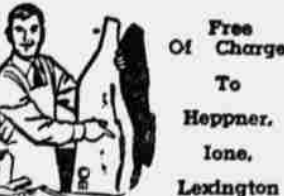
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