



ORVILLE FREEMAN, Secretary of Agriculture, congratulates Gene Moos, President of Western Wheat Associates. Richard Baum, executive vice-president and Bill Fisher, Cargill, who represented the area exporters at the ceremony honoring Western Wheat Associates for its contribution in promoting over a billion dollars of wheat and wheat flour sales into the export market.

Cattle Economy Based On Culling

Winter, 1966, poses some unusually difficult decisions for many Oregon cattlemen. Caught in the squeeze of lower-than-usual feed supplies and high feedstuff prices, some cattlemen are tempted by hard necessity to cut back their breeding herd. At the same time, the favorable long term outlook for beef cattle is causing cattlemen to look at their whole herd twice before selling off hard to replace breeding stock. Heavy culling of non-productive cattle and making the best use of the available feed supply are two steps recommended by Gail McCarty, county extension agent. Pregnancy testing is a must this year, according to McCarty. Cows that aren't pregnant this fall will not be bred until the breeding season next year. This means two winters before the cow starts paying for her keep. Also, any cows that are of inferior quality should be culled now, regardless of age.

Wheat Associates Accorded Honor

By JOHN WELBES
Western Wheat Associates, representing the growers and wheat commissions of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, was honored recently at a luncheon sponsored by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Kansas City. Orville Freeman, secretary of agriculture, presented a Billion Dollar Export Award to commodity organizations representing wheat, feed grains, and soybeans. Western Wheat Associates was honored for the commodity wheat. Richard Baum, executive vice president of W. W. A., gave the response to the secretary's remarks for the five commodity organizations being honored.

lars alone, would top \$6 billion and total exports would exceed \$8 billion. The secretary's remarks were presented before a joint luncheon of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Kansas City Board of Trade. Western Wheat Associates was represented by President Gene Moos and R. K. Baum. Bill Fisher, of Cargill, represented the grain exporters in our area. Western Wheat has offices in Tokyo, Manila, New Delhi and Taiwan. These offices are responsible for the sale of U. S. wheat in the Asian area.

Union Pacific Offers Low Rate

A bargain rate for week-end travelers has been introduced by Union Pacific. The roundtrip rail rate will be reduced to the price of one-way fare plus 10 percent, said G. A. Brown, traffic manager. The week-end excursion fare will be offered until December 31. The fare will be good on all Union Pacific trains in the Northwest, except north of Portland, on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The return trip must be completed by midnight Monday. The fare for children five through 11 will be half of the adult fare. Children under five will be free. The adult fare will apply for children 12 and over. Brown said the week-end rate will be ideal for eastern Oregon residents planning trips to Portland or east to Idaho.

are growing and need a ration higher in protein than mature cows. By separating them into groups by size and age, rations can be tailored to fit their individual need. One of the critical problems is proper feeding of heifers for optimum growth rate and breeding ability. Oregon State University Agricultural Experiment Station research shows that over-feeding is probably worse than under-feeding. Heifers should weigh around 650 pounds. This gives the cattleman a target to shoot at in his heifer feeding program. Calves will need a minimum of 300 pounds per month dry roughage of good quality to rack up one pound per day gains during winter and spring. During their second winter, pregnant heifers should be fed a ration that will maintain summer weight and add some winter gain, without getting the heifer too fat. Two-year-old heifers that have just weaned their first calves need a full ration of hay in order to produce a good calf next season. Good quality alfalfa hay should be sufficient. If the hay is of poor quality, one to two pounds of additional protein, such as cottonseed meal, should be supplied each day. A mature dry cow will need a minimum of about 600 pounds dry roughage, or 300 pounds TDN per month during the fall and winter. Adequate energy and protein are essential. If fall pasture is short, supplementary feeding should start before cattle get thin. Providing proper nutrition to cows with calves is of critical importance. Bulls should receive 25 to 30 pounds of dry matter per day.

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