

Weekly Market Review

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Weather Still Question Mark For 1967 Crop Development

Shirtsleeve weather hit the Willamette Valley and other parts of Oregon this week, and growers are hoping the sun will stick around long enough to get the 1967 fruit, vegetable and grain crops started in the right direction.

Fruit crops in the Pacific Coast states took it on the nose last week as the continued cold, wet weather, complete with scattered hail and frost, nipped crops in the bud in some areas. Cherries and other early deciduous fruits appear to be about two weeks later than last year.

Cold weather in Oregon almost reversed the progress of fruit crops made during a few sunny days two weeks ago. Elsewhere around the nation, freezing temperatures were reported east of the Rockies and as far south as Missouri.

Weather Aids Most Grain Areas

Unlike the fruit growers, Pacific Northwest grain farmers haven't suffered much from the slow spring, except in California. Rain in the Columbia Basin counties aided wheat and barley prospects and wheat stands look good. Striped rust remains noticeable in fields planted to Gaines, but is more severe in the Omar variety. Although spring plowing and planting were slowed by rain in some areas and snow in central Oregon and the Klamath Basin, the weather eased enough to al-

low field work by the end of the week.

Rains were also welcome in the dry Great Plains and western Corn Belt, but caused more harm than good in California's northern San Joaquin Valley and Sacramento Valley. The alfalfa hay harvest in central California has also bogged down.

Wheat Stocks Down

The storage situation adds an interesting note to Oregon wheat prospects this year. Stocks, both on and off farm, are 17 per cent below a year ago and the smallest for this date since 1952, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Farm stocks are down 32 per cent and off-farm stocks down 12 per cent. Stocks in the three-state area of Washington, Oregon and Idaho are down 4 per cent below last April.

Cattle Prices Unchanged

Hogs and lambs sold higher in Oregon last week, but cattle prices were mostly unchanged. The combination of increased supplies of beef and slack in demand continues to be felt in the live cattle markets. Some sales at Oregon feedlots and auctions were 25 cents higher, but the bulk of trading was done at prices unchanged from last week.

Mrs. Gerald Jones and daughter, Teri Lynn, have returned from a short trip to Tulare, Calif., to be with her mother, Mrs. Clara Perry, who was hospitalized for surgery of her hip. They left Thursday, May 4.

Oregon Farm Calendar

MAY—

*Indicates New Dates

General Crop Field Day, OSU Hyslop Farm Experiment Station, Corvallis, 10 a.m.

Shorthorn Field Day for 4-H and FFA members and adults. Paul Thornfeldt Ranch at Springdale, East of Troutdale. Registration: 9 a.m.

OMSI Auction, Morrow County Fairgrounds, Heppner

Western Oregon Livestock Association Pasture Tour, Douglas County.

Pacific Northwest Hereford Congress, Pendleton.

Landscape Design Shortcourse, Withycombe Hall, OSU.

JUNE—

Wheat League Show and Sale, The Dalles.

Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, Union.

Jackson County Spring Lamb Show, Medford.

Oregon Junior Hereford Field Day, Wallawa.

Oregon State Grange, North Bend Junior High School.

4-H Summer School, OSU.

Oregon Poultry & Hatchery Association Annual Meeting, Gearhart Hotel, Gearhart.

Morrow County 4-H Camp.

Pendleton Experiment Station Field Day.

JULY—

4-H Geology Camp, Northeastern Oregon, Union & Wallawa Counties.

Northwest 4-H Forest Camp Columbia County.

4-H Camp, Grant County, Lake Creek Recreation Camp.

27th Annual Willamette Valley Ram Sale, Linn County Fairgrounds, 10 a.m., Albany.

National Farm Safety Week

August 26—September 4

Oregon State Fair, Salem.

September 7-9

Grant County Fair, Canyon City.

Oregon Turkey Improvement Association Annual Meeting, Ramada Inn, Tualatin.

Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Portland.

October 20-22

Horseman's Short Course, Withycombe Hall, OSU.

November 1-3

16th Annual Oregon Weed Conference, Marion Hotel, Salem.

10th Annual Purebred Ewe and Lamb Sale, Rickreall.

Oregon Association of SWCD's annual meeting, Lakeview.

Polk County Holiday Fair, Rickreall.

November 16-18

Western Oregon Livestock Association Annual Convention, Sallishan Lodge, Gleneden Beach.

November 26-30

National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago.

November 29—December 1

Oregon Cooperative Council of Oregon annual meeting, Marion Hotel, Salem.

Oregon Horticultural Society annual meeting, OSU.

November 30—December 1

Agricultural Cooperative Council of Oregon annual meeting, Marion Hotel, Salem.

December 4-6

Oregon Seed Growers League, Marion Hotel, Salem.



ONE OF THE BIG JOBS the Oregon Wheat Growers League had to do this year in the state legislature was to try and secure funds for Oregon State University to hire a full time cereal pathologist to work on nothing but stripe rust and related diseases. Testimony as well as pictures of infested fields and live samples were presented at the various hearings. The above picture shows part of the committee looking over plants infested with rust. Left to right are Senator Gordon McKay, Bend; Senator Glen Stadley, Eugene; Representative Don McKinnis, Summerville chairman of the Ways & Means sub-committee; and Senator Dick Hoyt, Corvallis. Latest reports from Salem indicate there is a good chance to secure the cereal pathologist.

Water Supplies Below Average Summer Outlook

Farmers, ranchers and other water users can expect below average water supplies this summer, according to a report released today by A. J. Webber, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Portland.

Stored water in McKay Reservoir is low for this time of year and expected streamflow is not enough to assure adequate supplies. However, most of the snowmelt runoff is yet to come as April flows were much below normal.

Above average precipitation and colder than normal temperatures combined to reduce melt and increase the content of the peak at several snow courses in the area. The snowpack is substantially above average for May 1.

Moisture in the soil mantle under the snowpack is 82 per cent of capacity. This moisture will favor snow-melt runoff.

McKay Reservoir contained 46,600 acre feet on May 1, compared to 41,800 last year. This is 74 per cent of average for this time of year.

McKay Reservoir inflow during the May-September period will be about 14,100 acre feet or 100% average. With the 46,600 now in the reservoir, the total available supply for the year will be about 61,000 acre feet or 6,000 a. f. less than was forecast last month.

Flow of the Umatilla at Pendleton is forecast at 116,000 acre feet or 120% for the next five months.

Butter Creek should produce flows totaling 5,800 acre feet for the May-July period. This is 123% of average for this period but late season shortages will still occur.

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Modern Portable Appliances Offer Some Surprises

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If you haven't looked at portable appliances lately, you have some surprises in store.

One of the newer developments in the field of both small and major appliances is "solid state" components, meaning that one non-moving part does the work formerly done by several moving parts.

Solid state control regulates the source of power, so motors in appliances operate at uniform speeds. In a blender, for example, the control can be set so the blades will revolve at the specific speed set whether it is blending solids or liquids.

Since solid state controls combine several parts into one, they save space, and make the appliance lighter in weight. With no moving parts, solid state controls have longer life.

The cordless appliances offer advantages, too. They operate on power supplied by batteries, so they can be used anywhere—when camping or at home on the patio.

There are two types of cordless appliances. One is powered by a primary battery which eventually runs down but can be replaced. The other has rechargeable batteries that are permanently sealed in the appliance and can be regenerated by connecting to an electrical outlet.

Carving knives, mixers, clocks and toothbrushes are among the cordless appliances available.

If you are thinking of buying a small appliance, there are overall factors to consider to insure long satisfactory use. Will the appliance save time? Is it simple and economical to operate? Is it easy to clean and care for? Does it store easily?

Since a good appliance may be used for many years, choose

12 4-H Members To Go to Coast

Twelve Morrow County 4-H club members will travel to the coast for their annual camp counselor training session this week-end. The training, sponsored jointly with Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler, Tillamook, and Clatsop counties, will be held at Camp Magruder in Tillamook county. Approximately eighty prospective counselors will attend.

The bus will pick up counselors at Heppner, Lexington, Boardman, Arlington, and Biggs Junction. This delegation will tour the OMSI building in Portland on the way to camp on Friday. Before leaving camp Sunday, they will also tour some of the Tillamook area.

Delegates attending from Morrow county will be: Sandy Carlson, Nancy Doherty, Linda Early, Maureen McElligott, Pat McElligott, Tom McElligott, Chris Munkers, Chuck Nelson, Keith Nelson, Kristin Nelson, Kerry Peterson, and Deborah Warren.

one of durable construction, heavy enough to sit firmly on its own stand or on a table or counter top, not easily tipped over. Check the warranty and guarantee statements.

A final bit of advice. "Look for the U. L. seal on the bottom, name plate or tag." This means that the appliance meets Underwriters' Laboratories standards of safety for fire and electric shock.

Chris Brown and Mike Bunch, students at Oregon State University, spent the week-end at their parental homes. Also Mark Brown was home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown, from his studies at the University of Oregon. In recent elections at OSU, Chris was chosen president of Poling Hall, which houses about 150 students, after completing the year as house secretary.

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