

Bean Crop Potential Studied at Tuesday Meet

Harold Kerr, county agent, conducted a meeting Tuesday afternoon at the school in Lexington. This was to hear of local experiences and recommendations for growing dry beans (for human consumption) in Eastern Oregon.

Present were local ranchers, two botanists from OSU, some produce buyers and growers from Central Washington, some fertilizer and spray people and machinery company representatives.

Discussion was largely around red, pinto and white beans with quite a bit of emphasis on the Big Bend red beans. The dry beans are principally grown for canners and packagers.

It was believed increased production in Morrow County would probably not greatly increase the total production of the Northwest so as to adversely affect prices.

It was brought out that if over 600,000 bags (100 lbs.

each) were grown in the Pacific Northwest, these would develop a surplus. However, it was explained that consumption is increasing.

Price of pinto beans is affected by the production mainly in Colorado and New Mexico.

Costs for processing and marketing are about 1.25. Beans produced locally last year brought 7.37 with a net of about

6.12. This is basis No. 1.

It was explained that historically, beans are a new land crop. The prices are supported.

Prices during the past five years ran from 7.15 to 8.00 for small reds; pinks ran from 7.00 to 6.25, pintos ran from 5.15 to 6.25, and flat small whites from 7.60 to 8.50. The botanists do not recommend the small flat whites because of diseases.

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Warner said he felt the crop would fit in very well in this area.

Difference in No. 1 and No. 2 grade is usually a spread of about 50c. The quality is affected by damage, moisture and foreign materials.

The produce buyers seem to prefer reds and pintos as they said the growing and production problems are minimized. They would like to see more

pintos tried in the Northwest. They told of a production of 36 bags of clean pintos per acre produced on new ground in the Snake River country. The pintos to beans, they feel, are more durable and recover fast in hot weather.

Temperature is important in planting, seeding being done between 1st and 20th of May. Takes some 5 to 10 days for germination and plant pushing

up through the ground. Group discussed chemicals and methods of seeding and harvesting.

Locally some 22 to 24 inches of water were applied. One man irrigated 8 times, 12 hour sets. The botanists reported there is no resistant bean. Mold is erratic and there are root rots.

Harvesting is said to be done green just before the beans are too dry. Cultivation was described as "little as necessary".

Tourney Hopes Fade For Heppner Mustangs

By DALLAS HARSIN

In one of their biggest week-ends of basketball the Mustangs split, but held to third place in the league. Friday night they galloped over the Sherman Huskies here, 82-51. Saturday the Mustangs played good ball but still fell short of the Wahtonka Eagles, 67-62.

The Mustangs outscored the Eagles in the second and third quarters but when time ran out the Eagles were on top 67-62, in firm second place in the league.

The Mustangs outshot the Eagles from the gift line 61% to 57%. The Heppner percentage from the field was what really hurt them. There the Eagles shot 43%, the Mustangs hit 33%.

Friday the 13th was bad luck for the Sherman Co. Huskies as they fell to the Horsemen. With only a few seconds gone, the Mustangs got the lead and remained on top for the rest of the game.

Early in the third quarter the HHS starters were pulled out and the reserves played the remainder of the game. Sherman played 4 seconds with only 4 men on the floor. Reserves who had played in the JV game were eligible to play at the beginning of the fourth quarter, replacing the five men who fouled out.

Gary Watkins, a sophomore, who was recently moved up to play varsity ball, had an outstanding performance in both games, finding the bucket for 14 points each night.

Senior John McCabe was again high for the Mustangs, hitting 18 against Sherman and 27 in the Wahtonka tussle. Watkins and McCabe combined late in the third quarter to pull the Mustangs ahead of the Eagles. The Eagles snatched the lead back with 5½ minutes left to play and used slick ball handling to stave off the Mustangs' drive for the win and a step-up to the La Grande tourney.

Murray and Kilkenny each had 10 rebounds. Van Marter grabbed 8. Wahtonka and Heppner

each had 39 rebounds.

Scoring:					
Heppner	18	25	19	19	81
Sherman Co.	7	15	10	20	52
Heppner	7	21	20	14	62
Wahtonka	14	20	9	24	67

HEPPNER 81

	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
McCabe	8	2	1	18
Van Marter	3	5	2	11
Kilkenny	1	7	1	9
Huson	1	1	1	3
Dick	1	0	0	2
Watkins	6	2	1	14
Hall	0	3	2	3
Kemp	2	2	0	6
Murray	1	2	1	4
Curnutt	2	0	1	4
Gunderson	1	1	0	3
Schlichting	0	0	1	0

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SHERMAN CO. 52

Jones	3	3	2	9
Owens	0	0	5	0
Thompson	2	1	5	5
Richelderfer	4	4	5	12
Tsubota	1	0	5	2
Paulson	1	2	5	4
Ballamy	4	0	1	8
Powell	2	0	1	4
Fritts	0	0	0	0
Decker	2	0	1	4
Mody	2	0	1	4

TOTALS 21 10 31 52

HEPPNER 62

	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
McCabe	12	3	4	27
Van Marter	3	3	3	9
Huson	2	0	2	4
Kilkenny	1	4	3	6
Watkins	5	4	4	14
Murray	1	0	1	2

TOTALS 24 14 17 62

WAHTONKA 67

Tenold	2	4	1	8
Schmidt	9	2	5	20
Odegaard	6	0	3	9
Settler	2	5	3	9
Fulps	6	1	1	13
Markman	1	1	1	0
Grissen	0	0	1	0
Hermann	1	0	1	2

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