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# Farm Review AND Forecast

## Feed Grain Program Key Mailed to Farmers

A preliminary explanation of the newly announced 1973 Feed Grain Program has been mailed to 214 County farmers with feed grain bases, reports David McLeod of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office.

"As they sort through their Christmas mail, I hope they find the explanation and put it aside for special attention," he said. Explaining it is the first official word to be sent directly to farmers on the major provisions of the 1973 Feed Grain Program. Some 200 producers of corn, and barley participated in the 1972 Feed Grain Program, earning payments totaling approximately \$310,000.00.

Sign-up for the 1973 Feed Grain, Wheat, and Cotton Programs begin February 5 at ASCS county office and continues through March 16.

The 1973 Feed Grain Program includes barley, corn, and grain sorghum, and producers may elect to participate under one of

two options.

Option A requires an acreage set-aside equivalent to 30 percent of a farm's feed grain base. Payment will be on an acreage equal to one-half of each feed grain base established for the farm. Per acre payment rates will be equal to the farm program yield times 35 cents for corn, 33 cents for grain sorghum, and 28 cents for barley. A supplemental payment is possible if a five-month national average price plus the payment is less than 70 percent of parity. Feed Grain acreage on farms signed up in Option A will be limited only by set-aside and conserving base requirements.

Option B requires an acreage set-aside equivalent to 15 percent of a farm's feed grain base. Farmers electing to participate under this plan agree to limit their 1973 total feed grain acreage to the total acreage certified as planted for harvest in 1972 and also agree to forego supplemental payments. Payment will be on an acreage equal to one-half of each feed grain base established for the farm. The per acre payment rates will be equal to the farm program yield times 24 cents for corn, 23 cents for grain sorghum, and 20 cents for barley.

Under either option, substitution of wheat in excess of the allotment will be considered as feed grain for purposes of preserving feed grain base history for the farm.

Commodity loans will be available to all participants in the Feed Grain Program on the farm's entire production. National average loan rates will be \$1.08 per bushel for corn (No. 2 Bases); \$1.79 per hundredweight (\$1.00 per bushel) for grain sorghum; and 86 cents per bushel for barley.

The same alternate crops as approved for 1972 may be grown on set-aside in 1973. These are castor beans, crambe, guar, mustard seed, plantago ovate,

safflower, sesame and sunflower. The payment reduction if alternate crops are grown on set-aside land will be equal to 30 percent of the average payment rate under Option A. This will be true whether the farmer is participating under Option A, Option B, or the wheat program.

Those interested in obtaining more details should check with the ASCS County Office, McLeod said.

### CHRISTMAS DINNERS

#### Don Robinsons

Kirk Robinson is home for the holidays from BMCC with his folks. Mr. and Mrs. Don Robinson and Kyle. Enjoying Christmas dinner with them were Mr. Robinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson and Mrs. Robinson's aunt, Mrs. Letha Archer.

#### Lola Breeding

Mrs. Lola Breeding of Lexington went to Irrigon for Christmas with her daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith.

Mrs. Breeding expects to move her new mobile home to Irrigon soon. It will be placed next door to the Smiths. She has sold her home in Lexington.

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### REVOLUTION IN AGRICULTURE

An editorial in the Farm Bureau News - the official newsletter of the American Farm Bureau Federation - carries some startling facts. The Farm Bureau is the largest farm organization in the U.S., representing in excess of 2 million member families. The editorial reviews late studies by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on rising farm productivity. They reflect an achievement that, as the editorial points out, equals and in some ways surpasses "...the much publicized space exploration."

To start with, farm output per man in 1970 was 357 percent of 1950. In 1971 one U.S. farmworker produced enough for 47 other people - seven of whom lived abroad. This contrasts with enough output by one U.S. farmer for himself and 15 other people in 1950. How have these great boosts in farm productivity been accomplished? According to Farm Bureau News, "Improved and larger planting equipment, along with mechanical harvesting, reduced the man hours required to produce 100 bushels of corn from 40 hours in 1950 to seven in 1971. Adoption of new technologies increased crop output per acre over 55 percent between 1950 and 1971. Livestock labor efficiency also benefited during the two decades. Total hours of labor to produce milk, meat and eggs fell from 5.5 billion in 1950 to 2.3 billion in 1971. Poultry and egg production doubled while labor needs in the poultry industry declined more than two thirds."

If it had not been for the soaring productivity of U.S. agriculture, the food outlook for this country and the world today would be anything but cheerful - to say nothing of prices. How many of us realize that this abundance is solely the product of the private property, free market, free enterprise system - a system that much of the world depends upon and yet is scorned in our own country and in most other countries by the advocates of statism.

### Meat Imports To Continue

(From a U.P. story)

The administration has decided to keep the doors open to most foreign-produced meat through 1973, hoping to halt the rise in retail meat prices by boosting the supply on market shelves.

Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz announced Thursday that President Nixon would continue the six-month-old suspension of meat import quotas through 1973. This means that Australia,

New Zealand, Mexico and most other countries will be able to sell as much beef and other meat in the United States as domestic users will buy next year instead of having their imports held to quotas.

Only about 7 percent of the U.S. meat supply comes from foreign sources, mostly fresh, chilled or frozen lower-priced cuts of beef and veal that are turned into hamburger, sausage and other food products.

The Threders 4-H Club met Dec. 14 at the home of Maxine Gray for a Christmas party and election of officers. The new officers are: President, Joycelyn Thorpe; Vice President, Geri Grieb; Secretary, Sandy

Hudson; and Reporter, Julie Grieb. Other members are: Patti Lott, Diane Holland, Ira Lou McDaniels, Dee Hedman, Susan Gray and Marie and Kathleen Van Schoiack. We opened up our gifts and Mrs. Gray and Mrs. George served us refreshments. Our next meeting will be in the middle of January.

Reporter, Julie Grieb

Carl Bauman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.J.D. Bauman of Heppner was home for Christmas over the weekend. He got home late Saturday night, and returned to Eugene where he is a student at the University of Oregon law school Christmas day.

### Show



Sharon Witherrite is wearing her princess style dress. The fabric is a wine and white herringbone. The solid wine trim on the collar, cuffs and pockets add a special note to this dress.

Attend Wedding Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halvorsen, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Halvorsen and Joe Halvorsen attended the Heim-bigner-Hinkle wedding which was held at the United Protestant Church of Richland. Joe Halvorsen was an usher.



"Little Orv"... Orval Headley Jr. Mr. 1970 of Kinzua with his little sister Mendy Lou.

### ELKS SPECIAL

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### What's Cookin

If you want a new Pumpkin Bread recipe that makes more than one loaf (it's gone so fast I hate to bother with just one) you might be interested in the recipe that makes 2 large or four small loaves. It was in that Oregon State bulletin that is put out for the Young Homemaker.

- PUMPKIN BREAD**
- 5 cups flour
  - 4 cups sugar
  - 4 tsp. soda
  - 1 tsp. salt
  - 1 tsp. cloves
  - 1 tbs. cinnamon
  - 3 cups pumpkin (No. 2 1/2 can)
  - 1 cup oil
  - 2 cups chopped nuts
- Sift together dry ingredients. Add pumpkin and oil beat well. Add nuts. Fill greased floured pans two-thirds full. Bake 350 degrees for one hour and 45 minutes. Small loaves take 1 hour. Let bread mellow for a couple of days before serving.

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- 4- The reward is not payable to any officer of the law, member of the O.C.A., or owner of the property involved.
- 5- The reward is revokable at any time without notice by the O.C.A.

### Report Violations To

State Department of Agriculture, Salem (collect)  
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