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Farm Review AND Forecast

Ore. Field Crop Production

(1972 Annual Summary)
Oregon farmers produced field crops totaling 5.1 million tons in 1972, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This essentially the same amount as was grown in 1971.

The 1972 production of various field crops compared with 1971 production is as follows:

- Winter wheat - up 10 percent
- Spring Wheat - down 33 percent
- Barley - down 34 percent
- Oats - down 23 percent
- Corn for grain - up 5 percent
- Rye - down 4 percent
- Hay - down 1 percent
- Sugar Beets - up 18 percent
- Hops - down 12 percent
- Potatoes - up 3 percent
- Dry Edible Peas - down 31 percent
- Peppermint - down 7 percent

OREGON WHEAT PRODUCTION UP

The 1972 wheat crop in Oregon is estimated at 36,848,000 bushels, up 7 percent from the 34,300,000 bushels produced in 1971 and 38 percent above the 1970 production of 26,717,000 bushels. Winter wheat production is placed at 35,196,000 bushels as compared with 32,016,000 bushels in 1971. Wheat acreage was up this year and more than offset the lower yield of 42.5 bushels per acre. The 1971 yield was a record 46 bushels. Spring wheat production at 1,658,000 bushels is down a third from 1971. This decrease was accounted for by both lower acreage and yield (32.5 bu.-ac).

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CROP UP

All wheat produced in Oregon, Washington and Idaho is placed at 203,157,000 bushels for 1972, up 3 percent from last year's 197,616,000 bushels, and 26 percent above the 161,099,000 bushels produced in 1970. Yields in all three States were down from 1971 levels.

OREGON FEED GRAIN TONNAGE DECREASES

Oregon's aggregate tonnage of barley, oats and corn produced in 1972 totaled 391,988 tons, down sharply from the 561,400 tons raised in 1971. Barley production at 12,000,000 bushels was down 34 percent from last year's 18,165,000 bushels. Both acreage and yield were down. Oat production at 4,940,000 bushels was down 23 percent from the 1971 production of 6,380,000 bushels. Lower acreage and yield accounted for this drop. Corn raised for grain was up 5 percent to 891,000 bushels produced in 1972.

HAY AND OTHER FIELD CROPS

Oregon's 1972 hay crop is estimated at 2,279,000 tons, down slightly from the 2,294,000 tons produced in 1971. Dry edible pea production was down 31 percent because of fewer harvested acres. Hop production at 7,644,000 pounds was down 12 percent from 1971. Yields were down from last year. Peppermint production is estimated at 1,967,000 pounds, down 7 percent from 1971 due to lower yields.

OREGON POTATO PRODUCTION UP

Fall potato production (field run basis) in Oregon is estimated at 14,436,000 cwt., up 5 percent from last year. Increased production in Umatilla and Morrow Counties more than offset decreases in other areas of the State.

Ore. '72 Crop Value Up

The value of 1972 Oregon crop production was 380 million dollars, a 15 percent increase over 1971, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. However, the aggregate production of 6.2 million tons was 1 percent lower than in 1971, as vegetable crops, taken as a group, increased by 9 percent, grain and forage crops just held their own and the other groups - field seeds, tree fruits and nuts, and berries, all declined in aggregate production. Prices were enough improved over 1971 to result in greater values for all major groups except the tree crops, but even here value was off only 11 percent in spite of production decline of 39 percent.

Grain, forage, and miscellaneous field crops represented 81 percent of total production, and 62 percent of total value, followed by vegetable crops with 12 percent of production and 14 percent of value. Seed crops made up 2 percent of total tonnage and 9 percent of value; tree fruits and nuts, 3 percent of tonnage and 9 percent of value; and berry crops, 1 percent of tonnage and 6 percent of value.

Wheat moved up to number 1 ranking as the Oregon crop having the highest 1972 value of production. Hay ranked second, dropping from first position in 1971, and potatoes continued to be the third ranking crop in total value. Ryegrass seed ranked number four, followed by barley, onions, snap beans, pears, peppermint oil, and strawberries, in that order.

Prospective Plantings for 1973

Spring planting intentions of Oregon farmers as of Jan. 1 were as follows, according to special survey data summarized by the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service:

- Spring wheat acreage - up 36 percent from last year.
- Barley, fall and spring sown acreage - up 4 percent.
- Oats, fall and spring sown acreage - up 6 percent.
- Field corn acreage - the same as last year.

If the planting intentions of Oregon farmers are carried out, the combined winter and spring wheat acreage planted will total 1,065,000 acres, up 16 percent from last year.

Pacific Northwest Wheat Acreage Up Slightly
The combined acreage of winter and spring wheat sown for the 1973 crop in the Pacific Northwest is expected to total 5,130,000 acres, up 9 percent from a year ago.

U. S. Prospective Plantings for 1973 - 35 States
Wheat: Seedlings of spring wheat other than durum are expected to total 11,736,000 acres in the States surveyed, up 17 percent from 1972 but down 8 percent from 1971. The survey included 9 of 12 spring wheat States which accounted

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"I'll shore be glad to take all them over-drafts and cover them with jist one, if it'll help you any!"

for over 99 percent of the 1972 seeded acreage. Larger acreages than a year ago are intended in all States. North Dakota, with over half the 9 State total, is up 17 percent. Minnesota and South Dakota are up 25 percent and 22 percent, respectively, while Montana is up 3 percent - the smallest gain expected in the states surveyed.

Barley: Acreage of fall seeded barley plus intended plantings this spring in the States surveyed total 10.1 million acres, 1 percent less than last year. The States accounted for 96 percent of the nation's barley acreage in 1972. The three leading barley producing States - North Dakota, Montana and California - indicate no change in plantings from the previous year. These three states account for about half of the nation's total. The south central region indicates a sharp decline in plantings while most other regions show small reductions. Only the western region indicated a slight increase from last year.

Oats: Acreage of fall seeded oats plus intended spring plantings in the States surveyed is expected to total 20.3 million acres. This is 1 percent more than the 20.1 million acres seeded in 1972 but 7 percent less than the 21.7 million acres seeded for harvest in 1971. The States surveyed accounted for 98.8 percent of the nation's oat acreage planted for harvest in 1972.

Corn: Growers in 35 states intend to plant 70.5 million acres of corn for all purposes in 1973, 7 percent more than last year. These states accounted for over 98 percent of the nation's corn acreage planted in 1972.

January 1973 Prospective Plantings Report

This special survey was made to obtain early information on farmers' plans to plant certain crops for harvest in 1973. These data, published well in advance of actual spring seedings, will aid producers in deciding whether or not to make changes in their plans for 1973. Intentions reported this early may be subject to greater departures from actual plantings than the regular Intentions Report issued by the Crop Reporting Board in mid-March. This is particularly true for this survey because the elimination of the mandatory set-aside requirement under the 1973 wheat program was announced after the survey period. Any change in farmers' intentions resulting from this program change is not reflected here.

Farmers Take First Aid Course

R.B. Cogburn, Morrow County American Red Cross First Aid chairman and Chuck Rouse have recently completed teaching a multi-media First Aid course to a group of farmers.

The multi-media First Aid course is concentrated into two evening sessions. People are finding this much easier to take than the 5 or 6 sessions formerly

required for a standard First Aid course.

Passing the course were Gary Grieb, Tad Miller, Allen Hughes, Carl Rhea, Tommy Martin, Merlin Hughes, William Rill, Loyd Humphreys.

Barton Clark, Ned Clark, Art Cheadle, Robert Kroll, Danny Cox, Scott McDaniel, David Matheny, Ken Jones, Ronald Haguewood and Lawrence Lindsay.

4-H Favorite Foods at Hermiston

F.F.S.!! What's that? It stands for Favorite Foods Show and it's open to all 4-H foods and outdoor cooking club members. It is to be held at 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon Saturday, February 10, in Hermiston at the 4-H Exhibit Building on the Umatilla County Fairgrounds, says Debbie Barker, Extension Home Economist, 4-H and Youth Development.

Members will select a favorite food that they like to prepare, plan a well-balanced menu around this food, and then plan an attractive table setting

for one person to suit that menu. At the Favorite Foods Show, members will prepare their favorite food and place it on their table setting, explains Miss Barker.

Each participant's recipe will be printed in a recipe book. The 4-H'ers will vote on "top five favorite foods of the day" and will have the pleasure of sampling a portion of all the favorite foods.

4-H'ers planning on participating are reminded to complete their enrollment and recipe forms by Friday, Feb. 2.

MCGG Team 2nd in League

The Morrow County Grain Growers basketball team is in second place in the league with a 9-1 record. Eastons is in first place and Hansell Hogs 3rd place. The MCGG team is looking forward to their next encounter with Eastons because since playing them the first time they have added some more players and this time they think they'll win.

MCGG vs Boardman
Jan. 17 MCGG played Boardman and won 71 to 50. High scorers for MCGG were Frank Halvorsen 25, Del LaRue 19. Mac Hoskins is said to have played a good defensive game against Gail Enright 6'7" center.

MCGG vs Marlette
The Jan. 23 game MCGG vs Marlette was played at Hermiston and MCGG won 73 to 47.

High scorers for MCGG in this game were Lee Padberg 16, Del LaRue 17 and Frank Halvorsen 23.

MCGG vs Morrow County Jaycees
MCGG played a non-league game at Ione on Jan. 25 with the Morrow County Jaycees. The final score was 103 for MCGG and 56 for the Jaycees.

Scorers for MCGG were Marvin Padberg 8, John McCabe and Gordon Meyers both 12, Del LaRue 27 and Frank Halvorsen 28.

Scoring by the Jaycees was led by Harley Sager, John Messick and Jim Slusher with 10 each. Jerry Anderson 4, Sonny Biddle 5, Tony Doherty 2, Dennis Doherty 4, Tom Flanagan 9, Jerry Doherty 2. Also playing for the Jaycees were Eddie Yoeman, Steve Baker

first victory

The Ione C team traveled to Condon to play the Condon Frosh on Jan. 5. The Ione team beat the Frosh 43-37 for the first win of the year. High scorer for Ione was LeRoy Rea with 13 points. The Cardinals pushed

Leaders Meetings Scheduled

Three leader meetings are scheduled for early February to discuss items concerning fair premium book and other matters concerning 4-H project areas.

All meetings will be at the First National Bank Conference Room in Heppner starting at 1:30 p.m. each day.

- Livestock leaders - Feb. 6
- Horse club leaders - Feb. 7
- Home Ec leaders - Feb. 8

All leaders are encouraged to attend the meetings.

Fed. Land Bank to Meet

The annual Stockholders Meeting of the Federal Land Bank Association of Pendleton will be held at the Tapadera Restaurant on February 28, at 2:00 p.m., announced by Robin A. Fletcher, Manager.

George W. Lacey, Director, Farm Credit Board of the 12th Farm Credit District will speak on the subject of "1972. The most eventful year in Bank history."

The Federal Land Bank Association of Pendleton, a local member owned association which extends long term real estate mortgage credit to farmers and ranchers in the counties of Morrow and Umatilla, has approximately 350 stockholders. The association has local individuals as directors and uses the Farm Credit System to obtain lending capital for its borrowers.

Serving on the Board of Directors for the past year were Elmer Pahl of Pendleton, President, and Milton Morgan, of Ione, Vice-President.

Don Peterson Elected Oregon NFO Secretary

Don Peterson of Ione was elected secretary of the Oregon National Farmers Organization at the annual meeting in The Dalles recently. On February 8 representatives will be in Salem to present a 17-point program as was discussed at the annual meeting. The program includes requests concerning the State Accident Insurance Fund and the Occupational Safety and Hazard Act.

The program was developed by the cooperative efforts of the Agri-Business Council, the Oregon Grange, Farmers Union and the NFO.

The Morrow County NFO will start its monthly meeting tonight at 7 p.m. with a crab feed. Don says, "Anyone interested in coming to the meeting will be cordially welcomed."

MERRY MIXERS

The Merry Mixers 4-H Cooking Club met at the home of their leader, Pat Pettyjohn for an all day yeast bread cooking session January 27.

Potato rolls were made by Laurie Childers, Natalie Tews and Jan Peterson. Cracked Wheat Bread was made by Kathleen and Joan McElligott. Assisting with the yeast breads were Carol and Michelle McElligott.

All the members took samples of each member's bread home to be eaten with their evening meal. Jan Peterson, Reporter Ione, Oregon.

Homer Hughes is Winner

Homer Hughes of Lexington was the proud and happy winner of the portable television set that was given away by the Heppner High sophomore class at Saturday's game.

Tickets for the set had been on sale for several weeks. Mr. Hughes was present to receive the television, although according to the rules, the winner did not have to be at the game.

The television is black and white RCA portable. The sophomore class would like to thank all those who supported them in this money-raising project. Approximately \$70.00 was profited.

Ione Power Line Improved

Columbia Basin has recently made several service improvements in Ione.

Twenty new service wire runs were made in most instances, to replace smaller wire and to replace a lot of old bare wire service wires into residences in the southeast end of town.

By utilizing triplex service (three wires twisted together) dross and secondary runs, the appearance of the R.E.C. facilities has been improved in the areas of the work. Some transformers were replaced along with the service work.

Line Superintendent, Bill Gentry, advised that work sheets are prepared for some additional service improvements in Ione soon.

4-H Leaders Conference

Joining leaders from all over Oregon in Salem for the annual 4-H Leaders Conference was Mrs. Del(Linda) LaRue, Ione, horse and outdoor cooking leader. The conference was held this year at the State Fairgrounds, Salem.

A highlight was a banquet for leaders, 4-H Know Your State Government delegates, and Oregon legislators on Monday evening. Representative and Mrs. Jack Sumner attended as guests of Morrow County leaders.

Dick Schlichting, Heppner, took the two Morrow County Know Your State Government delegates, David Richards and Peggy Schlichting to Salem and planned to attend some events of the leaders conference also.

Darrell Wilson Calls for Kinzua Mountaineers

By Sharon Bell

The Kinzua Mountaineers Square Dance Club held a dance January 27 at Camp Five. Darrell Wilson of Ione Grand Square Square Dance Club was the guest caller. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McNary, Mrs. and Mrs. Dale Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Patton of Ione Grande Square. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Garcia and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell of Fossil. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Wallis, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hicks of Kinzua and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norris and Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Murdock of Camp Five. A pot luck dinner was enjoyed afterwards by the group. Darrell Wilson will be calling for The Kinzua Mountaineers on the 4th Saturday of each month at Camp Five.

Kinzua VS Spray
The Kinzua Town Team Traveled to spray to play the Spray Town Team at the Spray High School Gym on January 25. Spray won 83 to 68. Those playing from Kinzua were John Jackson, Allen Heim, Danny Bell, Vic Wallis, Rickbenson, Otis Cody, Don Nickelsen, and Mike.

MERRY MAKERS CARD CLUB was held Wednesday evening at the home of Sharon Bell. High was won by Barbara Heim, Second by Pat McMinn, and (Pinochles) were won by Lorri Hire and Barbara Heim. Others playing for the evening were Sue Mattison, Irene Samples, Deena Reid and Melba Mitchell.

KINZUA GOOD NEIGH-

bors club had two work days this last week, fixing up the kitchen in Jeffmore Hall. There are to be two more with one on Wednesday and to continue on Saturday, February 3rd. The Stage in Jeffmore Hall is also being cleaned and fixed up.



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PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE REPORTED

A. INVENTORIES & SUPPLIES

1. Commercial merchandise inventories.
2. Manufacturing inventories & Supplies.
3. Livestock.
4. Food processing inventories - Seed, Feed, Fertilizer, Inventories held for sale.
5. Inventories of Consigned Merchandise.
6. Log Inventories: Cold decks and ponds, also felled and bucked logs in the woods.
7. Automotive and Trailer House Inventories.

B. FURNITURE & FIXTURES IN COMMERCIAL USE

C. MOVABLE MACHINERY

- Farm Machinery.
- Construction Machinery.
- Logging Machinery.
- Unlicensed Vehicles.

NOTICE - NOTICE

*Items held in stock for sale or to be included in a sale are eligible for Inventory Tax Relief whereas maintenance supplies are not eligible. These MUST be separated on the return.

The law does not permit the Assessor to allow the reduction in inventory value for tax relief under certain circumstances when the personal property report is not accurately prepared or is filed after March 3.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PENALTY PROVISIONS - The Penalty for late filing (After March 3) of Personal Property Returns shall be \$1 for each \$1,000 (or Fraction) of True Cash Value but not less than \$10 or more than \$250.

Any person who has not had an opportunity to report by Mail or personal contact may obtain the forms at the office of the Assessor.

It is necessary that these forms be signed and filled out in detail in order to receive equitable assessment. The Assessor's office will be willing to help with the proper filing of the forms.

ORS 308.195 makes it the responsibility of the taxpayer to file these reports or incur the penalty provided by law.

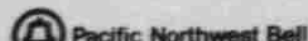
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