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Farm Review and Forecast

Oregon Cattle Down 1 Percent

The number of cattle and calves on Oregon farms January 1 was 1,514,000, a decline of 1 percent from a year earlier, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. A decrease in steers 500 pounds and over and all calves under 500 pounds more than off-set an increase in beef cows and bulls 500 pounds or more. There were an estimated 20,500 cattle farms in Oregon in 1972. The estimated value of cattle and calves on farms January 1, 1973, at \$401,210,000 was 31 percent above last year's record high of \$305,800,000. Oregon ranked 32nd among States in number of all cattle and calves.

Oregon beef cows up 3 percent: On January 1, 1973, Oregon had 669,000 beef cows, up 22,000 head from a year earlier. Also heifers 500 pounds and over for beef cow replacement increased 5,000 head from January 1, 1972. Oregon is the 23rd ranking State in number of beef cows.

Milk cows unchanged: Number of milk cows in Oregon on January 1, 1973 at 94,000 head is unchanged from last year and down 2 percent from 2 years earlier. There were an estimated 5,200 milk cow farms, a decrease of 400 farms. Oregon ranks 32nd among States in total milk cows.

UNITED STATES
The January 1, 1973 inventory of 121,990,000 cattle and calves on the Nation's farms and ranches was 4 percent larger than the previous record high of 117,862,000 head a year earlier. The revised January 1, 1972 estimate is 54,000 head less than the preliminary estimate.

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 52,753,000 head on January 1, 1973, a gain of 4 percent from the 50,585,000 a year earlier. Beef cows were up 6 percent to 41,102,000 head while milk cows declined 1 percent to 11,651,000.

The number of beef replacement heifers weighing 500 pounds and over was 7,470,000 head, up 7 percent from a year earlier. At the same time, milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over increased 1 percent to 3,875,000. Other heifers totaled 6,430,000 head, just slightly above the 6,399,000 a year earlier.

Milk cows and milk replacement heifers over 500 pounds totaled 15,526,000, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Bulls 500 pounds

over totaled 2,465,000, a gain of 4 percent. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over number 16,655,000, 4 percent above last year's total of 15,999,000 head. The number of all heifers, steers, and bull calves under 500 pounds was up 2 percent to 32,342,000.

Imports of cattle and calves, mostly from Canada and Mexico, totaled 1,186,476 in 1972, up 20 percent from the 990,709 head imported during 1971.

The value of cattle and calves on farms and ranches January 1, 1973 amounted to a record high \$30.7 billion, a 25 percent gain from a year earlier. The average value per head increased \$44 to \$252.

The 1972 calf crop is estimated at 47,889,000 head, 2 percent more than the 46,739,000 head in 1971.

Revision in estimates: The 1966-70 cattle and calf inventory and value estimates were revised, if necessary, based on a review of survey data, information obtained from the 1969 Census of Agriculture and other data which have become available since the original estimates were made. Revised estimates by States for the years 1966-70 are shown in Statistical Bulletin 503. This bulletin is available on request.

Oregon Sheep Numbers Drop 12%

Sheep on Oregon farms on January 1, 1973 numbered 464,000 head, a decrease of 12 percent from a year earlier, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. The January 1, 1972 inventory was 525,000. Sheep and lambs on feed were off 10 percent while stock sheep and lambs were down 12 percent. Oregon ranked 13th among the States in the number of sheep and lambs on farms January 1, 1973. An estimated 4,400 Oregon farms had sheep in 1972, a decrease of 100 farms from the previous year. January 1, 1973 per head value of Oregon sheep and lambs was up 4 percent but the total value of sheep and lambs on Oregon is estimated at \$12,992,000, down 8 percent.

Oregon's 1972 lamb crop down 1 percent. The number of lambs saved during 1972 was 342,000, slightly less than the 346,000 saved during 1971. The number of lambs saved per 100 ewes one year or older on hand January 1, 1972 was 99, the same as the previous year. Many respondents reported serious losses to predators.

UNITED STATES
The January 1, 1973 inventory of all sheep and lambs, at 17,726,000 head, declined 5 percent during 1972. This continues the downward trend which began in 1961. Stock sheep numbers were reduced 6 percent and totaled 14,853,000 head on the first of the year. The 26 principal sheep feeding States had 2,873,000 sheep and lambs on feed for slaughter market, nearly the same as year earlier.

All classes of stock sheep showed declines from last year. Ewes one year old and older on January 1, 1973 totaled 12,117,000, down 6 percent from a year earlier. Rams and wethers one year old and older, at 487,000, showed a decline of 13 percent from 1972. Ewe lambs under a year old numbered 1,895,000 - down 4 percent. Wether and ram lambs at 354,000 head were down 12 percent.

Stock sheep and lambs on January 1, 1973 in the 11 western States plus Texas and South Dakota had 11,049,000 stock sheep and lambs, 6 percent fewer than on January 1, 1972.

On January 1, 1973 all sheep and lambs were valued at \$466 million, \$38 million more than last year and \$2 million above 2 years ago. Average value per head for all sheep and lambs was \$26.30, compared with \$22.90 last year and \$23.60 on January 1, 1971.

The 1972 U.S. lamb crop is estimated at 12,537,000 head, 3 percent less than the 12,930,000 head produced in 1971. The number of breeding ewes 1 year old and older on farms and ranches January 1, 1972 was 5 percent less than a year earlier, and ewe lambs under 1 year old were down 13 percent. The lambing percentage for 1972 (number of lambs saved per 100 ewes 1 year old and older on hand January 1), at 97, is 2 points above 1971.

The 1972 lamb crop in the 13 western States (11 western, South Dakota, and Texas) totaled 8,982,000 head, 3 percent less than the 1971 crop. Lambing percentage during 1972, at 94, is 3 points above 1971. The number of early lambs (dropped before March 15) in the 13 western States was down 11 percent from 1971.

POTATO STOCKS

(Feb. 1, 1973)

OREGON

Stocks of fall potatoes held by Oregon growers, local shippers, and processors on February 1, 1973 were estimated at 4,200,000 cwt., according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This compares with 5,100,000 cwt. on hand last month (January 1) and 4,300,000 on hand February 1 a year ago. These stocks are defined as potatoes to be used for fresh market, processing, seed, livestock feed, and home use, and includes quantities which may be lost due to shrinkage, decay or dumping after February 1, 1973.

In the Klamath Basin of Oregon and California, stocks of all potatoes on February 1, 1973 totaled 2,700,000 cwt., compared with 3,730,000 a year ago. Oregon storages in Klamath County were estimated to contain 950,000 cwt., with 1,750,000 stored in Modoc and Siskiyou Counties of California.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION PLANS GAINS IN RURAL HOUSING ACTIVITY

PENDLETON. - A year of increased homebuilding and home improvement through credit services of the Farmers Home Administration is in prospect for Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties, Louis M. Baxter, County Supervisor, said today as he reported on activities for the past year.

Mr. Baxter said \$188,300 was channeled into this area through loans for better town and country housing during the calendar year ended December 31, 1972. Services included 18 loans totaling \$188,300 for purchase or improvement of individual family homes. The loans provided better housing for people in Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties.

The Farmers Home Administration, a Department of Agriculture agency, supplements other housing credit available in rural towns of up to 10,000 population, as well as in the rural countryside.

Mr. Baxter added that the year which began January 1, may exceed the amount loaned in 1972. The agency is geared to substantially increase its housing services this year, with its authority to insure home loans for families of low and moderate income.

"Key to the program's growth is a new position of equality for rural America in the nation's housing goal," Mr. Baxter said. "Rural areas have half of the nation's substandard housing, and they now have half of the nation's housing goal for the 1970's."

We expect the sharp uptrend in rural housing to continue. In the Farmers Home Administration, we fully expect to do our part in bringing rural housing up to modern standards for families in Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties.

Mr. Baxter said progress in rural housing has been speeded up through new authorizations put into effect by Farmers Home last year. "We now make loans to rural homestead development organizations, and we work with rural builders to assure that homes they build on a multiple basis will meet quality standards for Farmers Home loan insurance."

The County Supervisor asserted that the rural housing program is "one of the main channels pouring private capital into rural community progress."

Farmers Home Administration insured loans serve families or organizations unable to secure home financing through other sources.

Eligibility covers people of low and moderate income, including senior citizens, in rural towns of not more than 10,000 people, plus farm and non-farm residents of the countryside. If a loan cannot be covered by a local lending institution, Farmers Home advances the loan from a revolving fund, then finds an investor elsewhere to take over the government insured loan note.

Loans are made in Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties through the Farmers Home Administration office located in room 354, Post Office Building at Pendleton.

DOES EVERY ADULT REALLY NEED MILK? Margaret Lewis, Extension Nutrition Specialist at Oregon State University, says it is difficult to meet the body needs for calcium without milk or foods made from milk.

Everybody needs calcium for regular heart beat, for nerves to send messages, for muscles to work for normal blood clotting and for bones and teeth. Some adults, however, lack the enzyme that digests the sugar found in milk. This sugar is lactose and the condition is called lactose intolerance. Symptoms of this condition include cramps, gas, and diarrhea when too much milk is consumed.

But there is a way to get calcium with lactose intolerance. Some forms of milk do not contain lactose, for example yogurt, buttermilk, cheese, and cottage cheese.

Some people who lack the enzyme that digests lactose can still drink up to half a cup of milk without ill effects. In many cases, moderate amounts of milk can be used in cooking or on cereals without discomfort.

mitted not to discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color, or national origin in its policies and practices relating to applications for service or any other policies and practices relating to treatment of beneficiaries and participants including rates, conditions and extension of service, use of any of its facilities, attendance at and participation in any meetings of beneficiaries and participants or the exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization.

"Any person who believes himself, or any specific class of individuals, to be subjected by this organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Act and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder may, by himself or a representative, file with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, or the Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D.C. 20250, or this organization, or all, a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 90 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Rural Electrification Administration extends the time for filing. Identity of complainants will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the Rules and Regulations."

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Public Notice

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Electrification Administration

Statement of Nondiscrimination

COLUMBIA BASIN ELECTRIC COOP, Inc., and UMATILLA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, have filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is com-



Public Notice

NOTICE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Gene Pierce, the Personal Representative of the estate of John Lane, deceased, invites bids for the purchase of the following described real property belonging to the estate of John Lane, deceased:

The east 72 feet of Lots 9 and 10, Block 3, Original Town of Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon.

The Personal Representative requests that sealed bids be mailed or presented to him at the offices of Robert B. Abrams, Attorney, P.O. Box 428, Heppner, Oregon 97836, on or before February 26, 1973. The terms of the sale will be cash, and the Personal Representative reserves the right to refuse any or all of the bids. Information concerning the number of apartments, present rentals,

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s- Gene Pierce
Personal Representative of the Estate of John Lane, Deceased.

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MORROW PROBATE DEPARTMENT

No. 1711
In the Matter of the Estate of DENNIS DELBERT WARREN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned personal representative at the office of Robert B. Abrams, Attorney, 274 N. Main, Heppner, Oregon 97836, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice. DATED and first published this 15th day of February, 1973.

s- Evelyn V. Warren
Personal Representative
Address: P.O. Box 562
Heppner, Oregon 97836

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Personal property taxpayers are required to file an invoice as of January 1, 1973, with the Assessor for an assessment base. Assessment must be filed on or before March 3, 1973. A penalty is provided for late filing.

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

Joyce Bergstrom
MORROW COUNTY ASSESSOR



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Forest Forum Set For Feb. 27

If you are interested in the management of the Umatilla National Forest and wish to become involved, Forest Supervisor H.B. Rudolph encourages you to attend one of the public forums to be held in the near future.

A public forum will be held on Feb. 27, in the Heppner, Oregon Elementary School All-Purpose Room. Both public forums will begin at 7:30 p.m. The other one is to be today, Feb. 15 at the Dayton, Wash. Grade School.

One of the Forest Service objectives is to involve the public in Forest policy and program formulation. These forums are scheduled to give everyone an opportunity to voice their opinions and ideas concerning land management activities on the Umatilla National Forest.

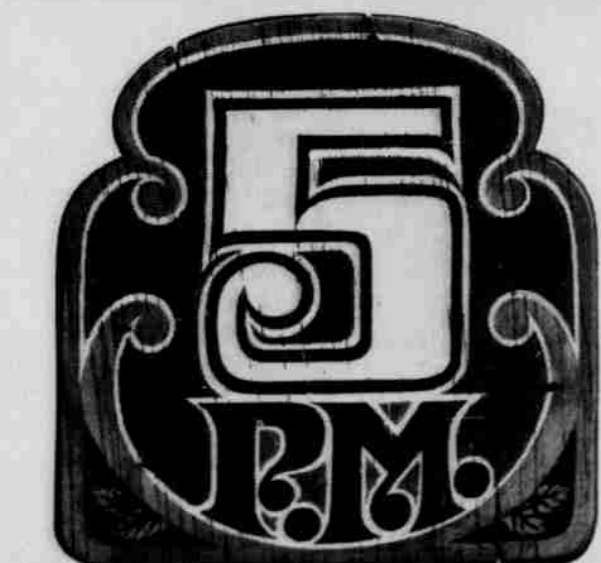
These Public forums will not have a formal agenda. Instead, it is the purpose of these forums to provide a free exchange of information concerning land management activities and programs. To get the meetings underway, Supervisor Rudolph may begin discussion with some topics of local concern.

Last spring the Umatilla National Forest held its first public forum in Pendleton. It is hoped that these meetings can become a regular occurrence, although public interest will determine whether any other meetings will be scheduled.

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