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Farm Review AND Forecast

OREGON SLAUGHTER REPORT
 JANUARY 1973

Red meat commercially slaughtered in Oregon during January 1973 totaled 17,086,000 pounds, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This was a decrease of about 9 percent from the 18,821,000 pounds during January 1972.

Beef production during January was 7 percent below the amount produced during January 1972. Pounding of lamb and mutton increased 2 percent but pork production was off 25 percent.

48-STATE RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 6 PERCENT
 FROM JANUARY 1972

Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 3,173 million pounds in January 1973, up 6 percent from a year earlier. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Beef Production Up 8 Percent From January 1972: Beef production was 1,942 million pounds, 8 percent more than January 1972. The number of cattle slaughtered was up 7 percent. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1 pound above the same month last year.

January Veal Production Down 10 Percent From A Year Earlier: There were 36 million pounds of veal produced in January 1973, 10 percent below January 1972. Total calf slaughter showed a decline of 12 percent from January 1972, while the average live weight increased 1 pound.

Pork Production 4 Percent Above January 1972: Pork production in January totaled 1,149 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year earlier. The number of hogs slaughtered was up 1 percent. Live weight per head at 239 pounds is 1 pound more than last year but 2 pounds below last month. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 6.9 pounds, compared to 7.8 pounds in January 1972.

Lamb and Mutton Down 2 Percent From A Year Earlier: There were 46 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in January 1973, a decrease of 2 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 857,500 head, down 3 percent from January 1972. Average live weight of 108 pounds was up 1 pound from a year earlier.

CARPENTER TRAINEES NEEDED FOR JOB CORPS

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, in cooperation with Job Corps, announces immediate openings for carpenter trainees. Those who complete the training program will be given assistance on placement in the Apprenticeship Program by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. There are also openings in other training programs such as painting, plastering, heavy equipment operators, auto mechanics, welding, cooking and bricklaying.

Those selected for training will be provided room and board, clothing, medical care, transportation, and pay while in training, and the opportunity to get a High School GED certificate at the same time.

Young men 16 through 21 who are out of work and not in school and who are interested in training for jobs in any of these occupations can contact the County Extension office in Heppner. An appointment will be made with the Job Corps representative who will explain the program and interview the applicants.

Firemen's Ball on St. Patrick's Day

The Heppner firemen will sponsor a "Firemen's Ball" on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, at the Legion Hall in Heppner. This will be a public dance and the plan is to use money made to purchase training and fire-fighting equipment. The dance will begin at 10 p.m. and will feature live music. Tickets are \$1.00 per person. Make your plans now to attend and help a worthwhile cause.

COUNSELOR LEAVES FOR LEBANON

Dwayne Wight left Saturday for Lebanon where he has accepted a position as supervisor of the Work Incentive Program at the Lebanon Employment office. He has been in Heppner for the past six months as counselor with the Cooperative Rural Man Power Project. He worked in four counties, Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler and Sherman trying to match jobs

with people and provide vocational counseling. He had worked in Pendleton with the WIP before coming to Heppner. WIP is designed to provide job experience, on the job training and in some cases a limited amount of institutional training to enable people to leave the welfare rolls. He said "WIP has been more successful in Oregon than in other places. It has been 35 percent successful in finding employment for the employable."

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Boeing will test new grain: May cut feed costs

Noting the deep cut in profits of both dairymen and beef cattle industry from sky rocketing feed prices, State Director of Agriculture Irvin Mann, Jr., told members of the Farmers' Cooperative Creamery of Mc Minnville February 17 that a feed grain pilot program the Boeing Company will carry out this year offers more than a ray of hope.

Speaking at the cooperative's annual meeting the director said the Boeing Company has purchased enough seed from a private seed company of a new, high yielding, feed grain for the planting of 100 acres in Morrow County. The grain, reputed to yield between three and a half and four tons to the acre is to be planted this spring and will be grown under the circle type of irrigation.

This new grain, if successful, could be raised profitably under irrigation for as low as \$50 a ton, Mann said.

In contrast barley is now worth \$75 a ton and this coupled with the high price of hay is pushing feed costs up so much it is making the lot of dairymen and beef cattle industry more difficult than it has been in years.

The new feed grain, identified as NP-3, is a derivative of the original Triticale, a cross between the Durum wheat and rye, and has the advantage of having stalks only about 18 inches in height, unlike the original Triticale.

The Boeing Company, when it announced its intention of putting part of its land into agricultural use, had avowed its intention of using the land as a model farm for pilot programs for Oregon agriculture. Mann noted, and said that this pilot feed grain program was a major indication that the company intended to keep its pledge.

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