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Farm Review AND Forecast

Prices Received Index at Record High

OREGON PRICE REPORT (As of February 15, 1973)

The Index of Prices Received by Oregon farmers on February 15, 1973 reached 339, the highest of record, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This was 3 points above a month earlier and 85 points (33 percent) above a year earlier. The previous record of 285 occurred in January 1952. All commodity groups were substantially higher than February 1972, with sub-indices increasing the most for fresh vegetables, wheat and fruits.

The Livestock and Livestock Products Index was 3 percent above a month earlier and 24 percent above February 15, 1973, as beef cattle prices increased 4 percent from a month ago and 24 percent over a year earlier. Calves increased 37 percent in the same period.

The All Crops Index at 291 was slightly below last month, but 43 percent above last year. Wheat prices were 66 percent higher than last year. Apple and pear prices increased, while dry onions were more than double February 1972.

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about 2,000 acres annually. Rydrych's research shows that in winter wheat-fallow rotation all three methods can be used for seedbed preparation. For a green pea or annual crop rotation, non-tillage or chemical fallow work best.

Results from winter wheat trials show that yields and production costs are about equal when comparing the new tillage practices with conventional mechanical tillage. However, spring wheat has not responded to the new methods as well as winter wheat. For green pea production, non-tillage has been most successful. In 1972, the non-tillage method using Glyphosate for weed control produced an additional 180 pounds of peas an acre when compared to conventional tillage.

New drills and modified old-style drills for penetrating hard non-tilled or trashy seedbeds also are being tested by Rydrych. Some conventional drills can be modified at little cost and some of the newer designs are already available commercially, he said.

LAND BANK OFFICER HERALDS 1972 AS MOST EVENTFUL YEAR IN BANK HISTORY

1972 was one of the most eventful years in the 55-year history of the Land Bank System, said George W. Lacey, Director on the Farm Credit Board of Spokane at the annual stockholders meeting of the Federal Land Bank Association of Pendleton, Wednesday, February 28, 1973. Speaking to stockholders at their annual meeting held at the Tapadera Restaurant Meeting Room, Mr. Lacey noted that the Farm Credit Act of 1971 which was fully implemented by mid-1972 was responsible in part, for a great surge of business.

"In 1972 every past volume

record was shattered," said Mr. Lacey. "To give the Land Bank its greatest year of credit service to agriculture. An improvement in the money market and a record volume of new business strengthened the earning position and we ended the year with a profit of \$1.2 million.

The System, Mr. Lacey said, has proved over the years its ability to operate on a sound basis as a privately-owned farm real estate mortgage credit source. The new act is a tribute to the excellent performance of the System, its directors and employees under the old Federal Loan Act which was passed in 1916.

"When you think of the philosophies of the early nineteen hundreds we must salute the 1916 Congress for its vision in passing bold, forward-looking legislation with an ingenious plan for building a farmer-owned mortgage banking system," Mr. Lacey said.

"The uniqueness of this legislation, and the success of our operations under it, have provided us with today's law and a modern Land Bank System that stresses Opportunity with Responsibility," said Mr. Lacey.

New opportunities are found in four distinct areas, according to Mr. Lacey—A new broader lending authority which enables the Land Bank to be more responsive to the sound credit needs of individual farmers and ranchers.

—New Authority to serve a growing segment of rural residents in America, with sound mortgage credit for rural housing loans. Since mid-1972, 73 rural housing loans have been closed in the Spokane District.

—The right to exercise more independent management in our banks and associations as privately-owned federal instrumentalities.

COW POKES



"Hey, don't these pickups beat gittin' yore insides shook up on them ole rough hosses!"

Farm Jobs Open

MARCH 9, 1973
The Cooperative Rural Manpower Project, with the help of the secretaries in the Extension offices in Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, and Wheeler counties has the following job openings.

MORROW COUNTY: Several short-term plowing jobs (applicant must be experienced), year around farm jobs (must have experience in all types of farm work), housekeepers; SHERMAN COUNTY: Farm jobs; GILLIAM COUNTY: 1 plowing job, two farm jobs, fry cook, waitress, bartender.

People with the following experience are looking for work: Heppner Area: Carpenter, loggers, green chain offbearer, veneer plant workers (for work of all kinds), truck drivers, registered nurse, bookkeeper, sales clerks, salesman, teacher, cashier; Fossil Area: Housekeeper, bartender, office clerk, cook; Condon Area: Office worker; Moro Area: Farm Worker, housekeeper, a person is looking for outdoor work (yard work, etc.) of all kinds.

For further information, contact your local Extension Office: Heppner 676-9642; Condon, 384-2271; Fossil, 763-4115; Moro, 565-3230.

This is a mutual effort of the Extension Service, Employment Service, and the people of this area.

A hillbilly was arrested and brought before the commissioner for having a still on the premises.

"How do you plead?" asked the commissioner.

"I plead guilty and I waive the hearing."

"What do you mean, 'waive the hearing?'" asked the commissioner.

"I mean," answered the hillbilly, "I don't wanta hear no more about it."

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