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## CATTLE CALL

OREGON SLAUGHTER REPORT - APRIL 1973

Red meat commercially slaughtered in Oregon during April 1973 totaled 13,267,000 pounds, according to the Oregon Crop and

Livestock Reporting Service. This was a decrease of about 20 percent from 16,686,000 pounds produced during April 1972. Beef production during April was 20 percent below the amount produced during April 1972. Pork production was off 22 percent from a year ago. Also fewer sheep and lambs were slaughtered than a year earlier.

UNITED STATES

APRIL RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 12 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER

Commercial production of red meat in the 48 States totaled 2,576 million pounds in April, down 12 percent from a year earlier. Commercial production includes slaughter in Federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

April 1973 included 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, while April 1972 included 20 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

**Beef Production Off 14 Percent:** Beef production was 1,480 million pounds, 14 percent less than the 1,717 million pounds produced in April 1972. The lower output was caused by an 8-pound decrease in the average weight, coupled with a 13-percent decrease in head slaughtered. Cattle killed totaled 2,402,700 head, compared with 2,761,900 a year earlier. Live weight per head was 1,031 pounds, 8 pounds less than April 1972 and 6 pounds less than March 1973.

**Veal Output Sharply Under April 1972:** There were 24 million pounds of veal produced during April, down 27 percent from the 33 million pounds produced in April 1972. Calf slaughter was 29 percent less than a year earlier, while live weight per head was unchanged at 249 pounds.

**Pork Production Drops 9 Percent:** Pork production totaled 1,033 million pounds, 9 percent less than a year earlier. The hog kill totaled 6,357,200 head, down 12 percent from April 1972. Live weight per head was 238 pounds, the same as a year earlier. Lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight was 6.6 pounds, compared with 8.0 in April 1972.

**Lamb and Mutton Down 9 Percent:** There were 39 million pounds of lamb and mutton produced in April, 9 percent less than a year earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 732,400 head, down 11 percent. Average live weight was 106 pounds, 1 pound more than a year earlier.

THE PINE CITY 4-H LEADERSHIP CLUB met at their leader's home, Mrs. Nancy Myers, on May 30.

The new officers are: Pres. - Janice Healy; V. Pres. - Sam Myers; Sec. - Wendy Myers; Treas. - Maureen Healy; News Reporter - Jerry Cutsforth; Scrap Book - Tony Ashbeck; Song Leader - Phillip Johnson; Game Leader - Steve Johnson; Sergeant-at-Arms - Mary Daly.

We have 22 members with 4 new members. They are Steve Johnson, Susan Johnson, Tami Johnson and Phillip Johnson.

The Jr. leaders are: John Myers, John Luciano, Susan Healy and Sharon Witherrite.

Reporter: Jerry Cutsforth

and develop new attitudes during camping. They often find new motivation that will enrich their lives long after they return home.

WHERE IS OUR FILM STRIP PROJECTOR?

Missing from the County Extension Office! The film strip projector was loaned to some group or individual and has not been returned. The projector is used by 4-H leaders and several requests have been made for its use. Please call 676-9642 to help us locate it!

4-H AND HOME EXTENSION NEWSLETTER

The newsletter sent out to all interested homemakers and 4-H Leaders from the County Extension Office will not be sent out for the month of June, due to problems with the mimeo. Those who receive the news-

BEEF COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING

The Oregon Beef Council will hold a public hearing on the July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974 proposed Beef Council budget, 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 12, 1973, Beef Council office, Imperial Hotel, Portland, according to William Marshall Beef Council Chairman.

Following the public hearing, the Beef Council will meet to discuss and pass upon the budget. Other items on the Council agenda will include summer and fall promotion programs, an extended beef education program for Oregon schools and other beef industry public relations activities.

Also on this same day, June 12, at 10:30 a.m., the 1973 Oregon Father of the Year will be announced at a press conference. This will also be held at the beef industry headquarters, Imperial Hotel. At 12 noon the Father of the Year will be introduced at the Portland Kiwanis Club luncheon at the Benson Hotel. Guest speaker will be Mr. Stuart Bledsoe, Director of Agriculture, State of Washington.

letter may look forward to full edition in July, with information concerning fair and homemaker events. Any one interested in keeping informed on Extension programs, lessons, consumer information and activities for homemakers as well as 4-H events may receive the newsletter by calling the County Extension Office 676-9642, or by writing Box 397, Heppner.

Jobs Open

MORROW COUNTY: Farm jobs, full time and part time, babysitting, housekeeping, motel maid, part-time secretarial (must be good typist), Heppner, 676-9642

USDA Announces Increase in Loan Service Fees

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced on May 31, increases in fees charged by the county offices of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for the servicing of commodity loans to producers for grains and similarly handled commodities, according to David McLeod, Director of Heppner ASCS

office. The new fees are effective on all loans made beginning with the 1973 crop year. The Department said the increases are necessary to keep fees more nearly in line with the actual cost of processing commodity loans. Collection rates have not changed in several years. USDA officials point out, while such county office costs for salaries and travel have steadily increased.

New Fees

For grains and similarly handled commodities, fees for farm storage loans are increased from a flat charge of \$8 per

loan to (1) \$10 per loan for quantities up to 2,000 bushels or hundredweight and (2) \$10 per loan plus 1/2 cent per bushel or 1 cent per hundredweight over 2,000 bushels or hundredweight for each bushel or hundredweight. Fees for warehouse storage loans are increased from a flat charge of \$4 per loan to a charge of \$6 per loan with a single receipt plus \$1 for each additional receipt.

Interest rates on 1973 commodity loans will be at 5.5 percent, McLeod points out. Full details are available in the ASCS office.

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4-H Dates

4-H REMINDERS

Applications to serve as counselors at the forthcoming 4-H Camp were mailed to older 4-H members. Those wishing to counsel are reminded that applications must be returned to County Extension Office by June 8th, as plans for camp must be finalized.

4-H CAMP NEWS

New events, favorite activities, and lots of fun for all are in store for the 9 through 12 year old 4-H members choosing to attend 4-H Camp at Cutsforth Park June 24 to 27th. Pre-registration slips must be returned to the County Extension Office by June 13th. Any 4-H member in this age group who did not receive a notice and pre-registration form should contact the county extension office immediately.

Work days are under way at the camp, with many improvements being made. Merlin Cantin, Bell Telephone employee at Heppner, is donating his vacation time to 4-H to make changes and improvements in the kitchen. New sinks, re-arrangement of the area and more refrigeration will add to the convenience and safety of campers as well as cooks! Parents and leaders gathered at the camp Sunday, June 3, for painting and fix up duties.

"Camping is one of the educational experiences offered 4-H members, allowing young people an opportunity to live out of doors, share experiences, learn to live and work together in a natural environment. It is really one of the best opportunities for personal growth and development of responsibility we offer, and it is fun! Younger 4-H members really look forward to camp!" said Birdine Tullis, Ext. Aide. Boys and girls broaden their knowledge

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