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OREGON PRICE REPORT
(As of May 15, 1973)

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED INCREASES

The May 15 Index of Prices by Oregon farmers was 359, up 2 points from April 15, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. The Index was 41 percent above a year ago. The All Crops component of the Index increased 1 percent from last month while the Livestock and Livestock products component decreased less than one percent.

The All Crops Index at 308 was 52 percent above a year ago and the Livestock and Livestock Products Index at 444 was 29 percent above a year ago. All sub-groups of the Index remain above a year ago.

Some of the items that contributed to the increase in the Index were: Potatoes, barley, cattle, turkeys and lettuce. Partially off-setting were: Wheat, calves, lambs, eggs and hay.

Women Wanted

Women for Agriculture was organized August 1969 in the Willamette Valley by Mrs. Ralph Holzappel of Tangent, former extension agent, a young farmer's wife and mother. Alarmed by the misunderstandings and statewide shutdown of grass seed field burning, women in eight counties worked to gain time for farmers until research discovers acceptable alternatives and solutions to field burning; spoke to all available groups to educate the public about the "whys and hows" of their farm operations; helped raise funds for research on alternatives to

field burning and research and development in straw utilization; and attempted to improve the morale of a discouraged farm populace.

They are women who know agriculture best and speak with authority based upon up-to-date information and research plus personal knowledge and sincerity. They are seeking memberships out of the valley to take the problems of agriculture to all parts of the state.

Future study and action includes pesticides, fertilizers, pollution, farm labor and land utilization.

Farmers Need to Certify Acres

July 1 is the final date for those farmers participating in the 1973 Wheat and Feed Grain Programs to certify their compliance, according to David McLeod, ASCS Director.

At this time, probably most farms have only the acreage of crops permitted for harvest and no extra acres to dispose of. If this situation exists, the only other requirement to qualify for program payment is to certify at the ASCS office before July 1.

The wheat program requires no set-aside acres this year, and the feed grain program offered a choice of either 10 percent of the base set-aside or a zero option. The feed grain payments would be earned whether there is wheat certification or not, but the farm must be certified in compliance before July 1.

Some statistics here may provide an idea as to the wheat certificate to be determined by the difference between Parity as of July 1 and November 30 and the average National Net Market price received by the growers.

For purposes of the Wheat Certificate Program, the July 1, 1971 Parity was \$2.93; the July 1, 1972 Parity was \$3.02 (only .09 difference for the whole year).

For the 1972 certificates the July 1 Parity of \$3.02 was used, and the average National market price received by the growers was \$1.68 per bu. which resulted in the total Certificate value paid for the 1972 crop \$1.34 per bu. on wheat. When the national average price received was \$1.68 per bu., the average net market for Oregon was \$1.88 (not indicative of the Nation).

Parity fluctuates at different times, as does the market. For all of the year from July 1, 1971 to July 1, 1972 Parity advanced on \$.09.

Parity of July 1, 1972 was \$3.02, and the May 15-June 1, 1973 Parity was \$3.32 (a

difference of \$.30). The National average price received by growers as of May 15-June 1, 1973 was \$2.15, while the average for Oregon farmers was \$2.43 (again not indicative). While certificates will be determined on the average national price during July-November, these examples indicate what might be expected.

To be eligible for any of the Wheat or Feed Grain benefits the farm must be certified prior to July 1, 1973. Only about 30 percent of the eligible farms have certified to date. Check the local ASCS office for full information.

Coming Soon

May 15, 1973

Hi! Tamie.

Thank you very much for your letter and a picture of yourself.

On May 5 & 6 I and other students who will go to America this summer gathered in "Kowa". We introduced each host family one another, and we learned how to make Japanese paper doll. We all enjoyed and all looking forward this summer.

Last Saturday, I showed your letter and the picture to my friend of "Labo". They wanted to go to America as they saw them. My tutor of "Labo" will go to America this summer also. But she hasn't received a letter from her host family yet. She envied me very much.

I can't understand your father's work well. Would you explain it briefly?

I'm about 5 feet 4 inches tall. I'm short-sightedness. So I often put on glasses.

My birthday is Dec. 4. Our school is very strict. We often have tests. And from May 19, we'll have a term exam. It's important for my marks.

What Japanese dinner did you have on April 29? We Japanese like Japanese dinner, but we often have every kind of dishes in the world.

By the way, April 29 is Japanese emperor's birthday.

Just now, your card for my mother has reached. Thank you very much. My mother wants to write to you, but she doesn't know English. So I'll write you my mother's saying.

Thank you very much for the nice card for me. Your heart will be as beautiful as the flower of this card. I hope your mother and your families happy.

We also had the Mother's day on May 13. But we usually present for mother a kind of flower. Carnation. We have Father's day also, too. It isn't as popular as the Mother's day. Today was my father's birthday. I cooked today's dinner for him. As he was very glad, I became glad, too.

We don't have country western in Japan. We have a lot of folk songs. Many different places has a different folk song. It is usually played with Japanese instruments, and people dance to the music. When people dance, they put on Kimono generally.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Always YOur's,
Reiko Ito

P.S. Please tell me your these sizes as my mother will sew your Yukata.

Reiko is the Japanese student who will be in the Bob Laughlin home for three weeks this summer. She is from Chita-gun, Aichiken, Japan. This is the second letter the Laughlins have received.

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TAKE ANOTHER LOOK

Rising meat prices have served one very useful purpose. They have drawn public attention to the magnificent performance of the meat industry during the past 20 years. That performance is a testimonial to the free market and to the progressiveness of cattlemen and other elements of the industry.

As one Colorado rancher observes: "Many people think the price of beef is high, but in the last 20 years, the cost of operating our ranch has increased at least 150 percent. However, the price we're getting for our cattle and calves is just about what it was 20 years ago. In the meantime, we've more than doubled our production and improved... quality..." In 1951, the typical American consumed 44.3 pounds of beef per year. By 1971, this figure had risen to 83.8 pounds. The increasing efficiency of U. S. agriculture - of which the meat industry is a major part - has stepped up food production dramatically. As a result, U.S. citizens enjoy a greater abundance than ever before and at a lower comparative price. Today, we are spending less than 16 cents out of each take-home pay dollar for food. Only 2.4 cents out of that dollar currently goes for beef. Twenty years ago, consumers spent 23 cents out of every dollar for food - of which 2.6 cents went for beef.

The economic story of the meat industry from the standpoint of efficiency, low consumer cost and high productivity has few, if any, parallels.

Tibbles & Lowe take sheep to summer pasture

From Shuttler Station to Spotted Robe in less than 24 hours. That's what Bob Lowe and Dr. L. D. Tibbles did riding with five bands of sheep, four Basque sheep herders two of whom couldn't understand a word of English.

Kerbs Bros. ship their sheep to Mont. for summer grazing. On a recent Monday they loaded and were on their way at 10:55 a.m. from Shuttler Station near Arlington. The five bands were shipped in 33 double deck cars with 140 to 150 sheep per deck. Loading the sheep is quite a process. Sky and Glenn Kerbs are excused from school to help with the loading. Glenn holds the important position of leading the bell sheep into the car. Stopping low, he turns right as he enters the door and circles the car. He ties his lead sheep on the left of the door. Each sheep carries the horseshoe dot brand. Each band has the brand in a different location. All the sheep of one band are loaded as Henry Kerbs stands and counts each one. When the upper deck is filled Glenn unties his lead bell sheep and goes through the same process on the lower deck. This was repeated for the two decks of each of the 33 cars.

The bucks fill the upper deck of one car. Camp equipment, 15 sheep dogs, two Hondas and personal affects fill the lower deck. The dogs are tied separately because they fight each other.

Two Basques who couldn't understand English and two others and Bob and Dr. Tibbles rode in a special caboose. No need for beds. Dr. Tibbles and Bob sat in the cupola and talked all night. They were afraid they might miss something. Anyone knowing Bob knows that all of his time wasn't spent in the caboose.

The engine was a GP 9 and weighted 24,000 pounds. They made passenger train time. They went through a new 8-mile tunnel at Libby, Mont. When they got to White Fish, Mont.

they were stopped about three hours. It was pouring down rain when Bob left the caboose to find out why the delay. About daylight, they were on their way again to arrive at Spotted Robe, Mont. in a snow shower.

The sheep were unloaded band by band and the gear was stowed in the camp wagons along with salt troughs and two 10-gallon water cans. They started on their way before the next band was unloaded.

There were still many large snow drifts that had to be worked around. The Kerbs have a new home at the edge of the timber. It faces east towards Montana's Big Sky country.

Before returning home by way of Amtrack, Henry Kerbs took them sight seeing into Montana's Rockies to see Mountain Sheep and elk.

Game Regulations

Copies of Game Commission staff recommendations for big game regulations are available from Oregon State Game Commission, P.O. Box 3503, Portland, Oregon 97208.

SILVIES RIVER

At Ullman's suggestion that the water in Silvies River be impounded in a canyon south of Burns should have the support of Harney County people. It would be a progressive move to hold some of Malheur Lake's water above the valley floor until needed for irrigation. Every county in Eastern Oregon has sites for impoundments that are equally desirable, but on account of inflation, are stymied by the "cost benefit rates" figures. With increasing demands and the shortage of energy straining our economy, progress will be slow.

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Different Name But Same Good Work

Oregon Lung Association will be the new name of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association.

The name change will become effective June 1, 1973, at the Association's 58th annual meeting in Portland. The adoption of the new name is in conjunction with the change by the National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association to the American Lung Association.

In announcing the change, Association President Al Starns, Burns, explained that "Oregon Lung Association bet-

ter identifies the purpose of the voluntary health association, which is to prevent and control lung diseases.

It is hoped that the shorter and simpler name will be more easily recognized and remembered, so Oregonians requiring information or assistance will find it easier to contact the association.

Mrs. John Rose, Pendleton, is chairman of the Eastern Region Council of OTRDA. Leo Adler, Baker, and Mrs. Dean Puckett, Cove, serve on the State Association's volunteer board of directors.

The Eastern Region Council is composed of nine counties including Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler, and is served by Anthony Haberlach, Association Regional Director. His office is in La Grande, at 1802-4th Street.

Apart from Tuberculosis, other lung diseases have been increasing at alarming rates. Emphysema and bronchitis, the fastest-rising causes of death in the U.S., rank fifth in cause and death in Oregon, compared to a tenth ranking in 1960.

Chronic lung diseases caused 622 deaths in Oregon in 1972, while approximately one-third that number were recorded in 1960.

"So in addition to TB, our association is waging a broad-based fight against lung diseases and their major causes, cigarette smoking and air pollution," Starns said.

"Although TB has not yet been eliminated," Starns said, "great advances have been achieved in its prevention, cure and control."

TB deaths in Oregon last year totaled 30, compared to 287 deaths in 1916, one year after the Oregon association was founded.

Kenneth C. Ross, Portland, is currently executive secretary of the association, which has 21 full-time employees and is directed by a 49-member voluntary board of directors.

Association offices are located in Coos Bay, Eugene, La Grande, Medford and Portland. Affiliated associations are located in Astoria and Salem.

As the Oregon Lung Association, the renamed health agency will retain its widely-known symbol, the double-barred cross. The trademark is featured in the annual Christmas Seal campaign, which provides the major portion of the association's income to finance its year-round program activities.

Summer School Draws 4-H'ers

By BIRDINE TULLIS, Morrow Co. Extension Aide

First-hand experiences of living in the college scene are in store for older 4-H members chosen as delegates to 4-H Summer School, June 11

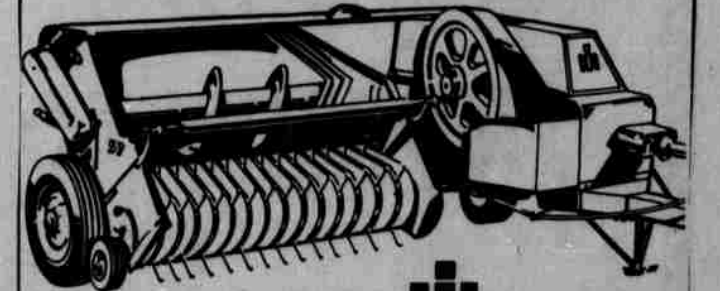
through 16. Twenty-three members boarded the bus, accompanied by Mike Howell 4-H Extension Agent, and Marge Shade, chaperone. Bus driver Leonard Munkers again joined the group for the week's activities.

Members attended summer school on scholarships provided by local businesses, organizations and individuals. Delegates attending are Tami Brannon, Sandy Bennett, Lisa Collins, Chris Evans, Rhonda Sargent, Charlie Sumner, Peggy Schlichting, Cheryl Turner, Tom Wolff, Lori Dunlap, Mary Healy, all of Heppner; Lori Bergstrom, Barb Palmer, Ione; Suzanne Cutsforth, Debbie and Millie Yocom, Lexington; Peggy Brandt, Greta LaBlanc, Karen and Robert Richards, Vicki Sullivan, Donna Ziemer, Irrigon; and Denise Henkle, Boardman.

Peggy Schlichting and Charlie Sumner were chosen by the group to serve as county representatives.

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