

Heptachlor public meet in Hermiston Sept. 12

The Oregon State Department of Agriculture will hold a meeting next Tuesday, Sept. 12, in Hermiston to discuss with area wheat growers new management approaches to the use of the seed-treating chemical heptachlor.

The meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. at the Pendleton Grain Growers Hermiston plant on Feedville Road.

Heptachlor, which is used by grain producers to ward off infestations of destructive wireworms, has been involved in a controversy, since it has been blamed for damage to wild goose colonies in parts of the Columbia Basin.

Chemical concentrations of varying degrees have been noted in several samples of Canada geese and other wildfowl in recent years, particularly in refuges in Umatilla County.

Wireworms, the pests for which the chemical is used to combat, have caused significant economic losses to area wheat and barley growers.

The state agriculture department is proposing to require that:

—All treated seed in transit be covered to eliminate spills.

—Treated seed spilled during drilling either be retrieved or covered over.

—All abandoned seed be disposed of in a way to keep it from serving as a food source for wild birds.

The department also plans to investigate a more selective approach to the use of heptachlor, which currently is under a federal phase-out rule—meaning that by 1982, the chemical will no longer be approved for agricultural use.

State agriculture officials hope that eventually, hepta-

chlor-treated seed will be used only where wireworm infestations are the most severe.

State interest in developing new management approaches to the chemical was sparked when government wildlife agencies discovered the heptachlor compounds have been found in significant concentrations in the fatty tissues of Columbia Basin geese, some-

times causing death to the birds when fat reserves are absorbed during winter months.

On the other side of the coin, wireworm infestations can quickly destroy a seeded grain field, and thus far, researchers haven't developed an alternative to heptachlor to fight the harmful grain pest.

Public asked for comment on 1979 feed grains

The public today was asked to submit ideas and comments on decisions that need to be made on the 1979 feed grains and soybean programs.

Decisions are expected to be made by Nov. 15 and comments are being asked concerning the following determinations to be made for the 1979 crops of corn, sorghum, barley and oats:

—Whether barley and oats should be included in the feed grains program.

—Whether there should be a set-aside requirement, and if so, the proportion of acreage to be set-aside.

—Whether there should be a land diversion program, and if so, the extent of such diversion and level of payment (if land diversion payments are made, producers will be required to devote to approved conservation uses an acreage of cropland equal to the amount of such land diversion).

—If a set-aside or land diversion program is required, whether a limitation should be placed on planted acreage.

—The amount of the 1979 national program acreage (the U.S. feed grain objective is set at 5.7 per cent of world feed grain consumption, an amount judged to be our "Fair share" of world feed grain

stocks. Estimates of the national program acreage required to meet this objective are requested, together with appropriate explanatory material).

—The reduction required, if any, from previous year's harvested acreage to guarantee target price protection on total 1979 planted acreage (If the national program acreage for 1979 is less than the national harvested acreage for 1978, producers will be required to reduce acreage in

Grand Squares start dance season Sept. 16

The Grand Squares will be starting their square dancing season on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 8 p.m. until midnight.

The group dances the first Saturday and third Friday of each month at the Heppner American Legion Hall on Chase Street. Visitors and spectators are always welcome.

Lessons will be starting the first of the year, notes Shirley McNary, secretary, and she urges anyone who might be interested in learning square dancing to drop by and get acquainted.

BMCC sponsors weaving class

Blue Mountain Community College will sponsor a two-day workshop on weaving on Sept. 30 and Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. each day.

The workshop will be held in the Morrow County School Board administration building at Lexington.

Students must be pre-regis-

tered for the workshop by Sept. 21. Total costs will be \$23, including a \$5 lab fee for materials.

Further information on the workshop may be obtained by contacting Nancy Brownfield, BMCC's field coordinator, at 676-5039.



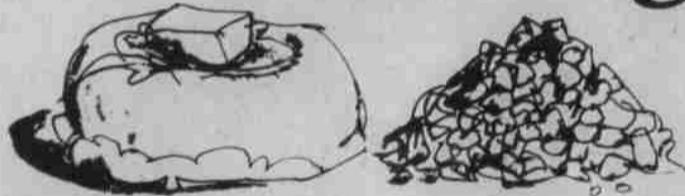
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