

Morrow harvest value is set at \$67.5 million; wheat tops spuds

Farmers and ranchers in Morrow County in 1978 recorded preliminary gross sales of agricultural produce totaling nearly \$67.5 million, in sharp contrast to sales during the previous year's drought.

Farm income was up an estimated 19.4 per cent over figures for the dry year of 1977, when just over \$54 million worth of crops and livestock were produced. However, the increase in sales does not take into account an 11 per cent average increase in production costs, Morrow County Extension Agent Harold Kerr noted.

Wheat was the county's top agricultural moneymaker during 1978, taking the lead from potatoes, the county's prime source of farm income during 1977. The 1978 wheat crop in Morrow County was estimated to be worth \$25.5 million, compared with \$25.2 million for potatoes.

Potato acreage in the county increased by nearly 5,000 acres from 1977 to 1978, contributing to an average decrease in price of 65 cents per hundredweight during the year just ended. Production was high in other areas of the nation, adding to the current buyers' market situation. Potato yields in Morrow County dipped an average of 1.5 tons per acre during 1978.

The amount of land devoted to wheat production was also on the rise during 1978, with 6,000 acres added during 1978 to bring total Morrow County wheat acreage to the 200,000 mark.

Revenues from wheat more than doubled in Morrow County in 1978. The \$25.5 million wheat crop produced during the year just ended outshines the \$11.08 million worth of wheat sold during the 1977 drought year. Wheat yields averaged only 13 bushels per acre on dryland in 1977, compared with 30 bushels per acre of dryland in 1978. The 1978 crop marked only the ninth year since 1939 that dryland wheat yields averaged 30 bushels and above in the county, Kerr said. The last season that dryland yields topped the 30 bushel mark occurred in 1971, he noted.

Morrow County's 28,000 acres of irrigated wheat produced in 1978 averaged yields of about 90 bushels per acre.

Forage crops, including hay and alfalfa cubes, showed an increase in acreage in 1978, but a decrease in price. Sales dipped from \$5.5 million in 1977 to \$4.3 million in 1978, while acreage rose from 24,900 to 26,200 during the same period.

Income from beef cattle rose to nearly \$7.06 million in 1978 from \$5.29 million during the previous year.

Morrow County recorded the fifth highest farm income rate among Oregon counties, behind Marion, with \$136 million; Umatilla with 105 million; Malheur with \$103 million and Clackamas, with \$75 million. In 1975, Morrow

County recorded its best farm income record to date, when just under \$70 million worth of farm goods were produced.

Gilliam County showed the most drastic improvement in value of sales from 1977 to 1978, a whopping 92 per cent due primarily to improved wheat production and prices. But the \$15.7 million in farm

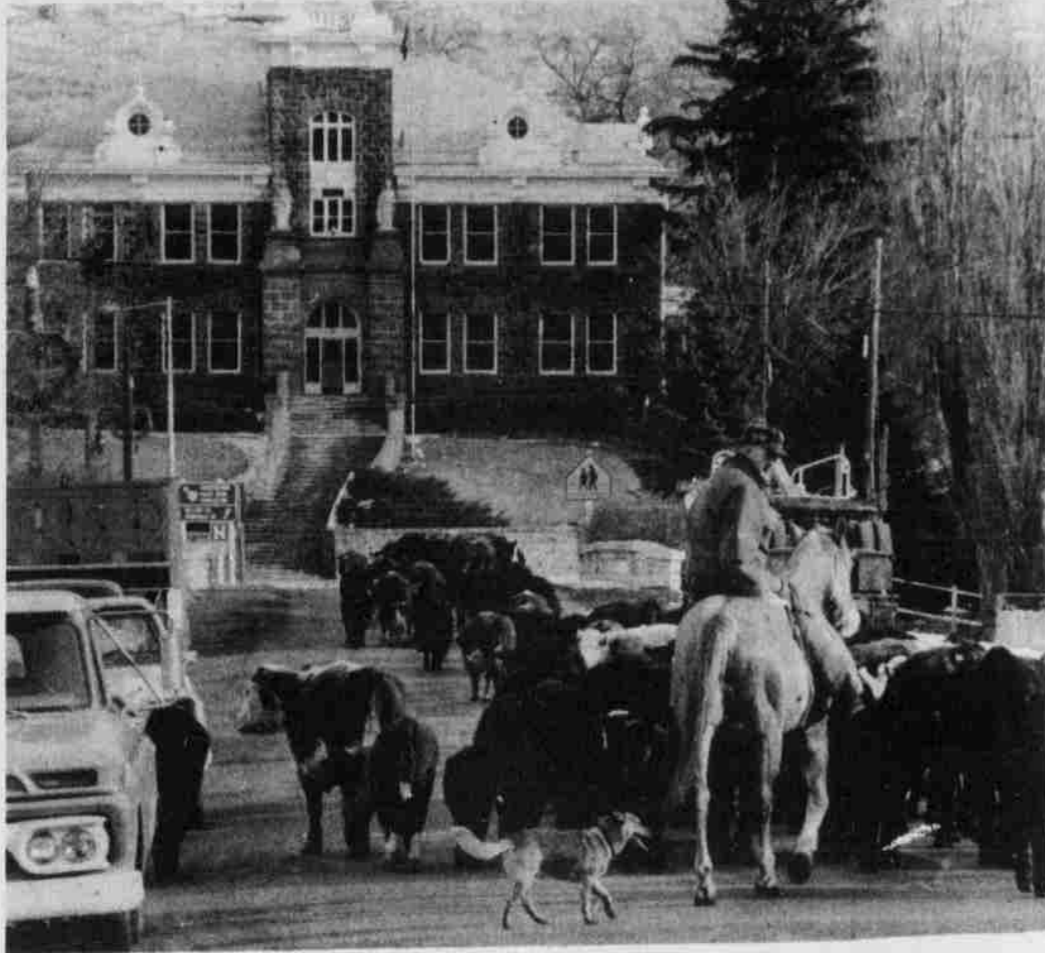
income reported in 1978 was only 13 per cent higher than income during 1976.

Statewide, cattle and calves were the major farm income producers during 1978, worth \$239.5 million—up 44 per cent

from 1977. Grain sales were the second biggest income generator, totaling \$187.8 mil-

lion, followed by specialty crops, worth \$139.3 million.

All agricultural income in Oregon totaled a record \$1.25 billion—marking the fifth consecutive year that farm sales surpassed billion mark in the state. All Oregon counties reported increases in farm income during 1978.



With the Morrow County Courthouse as a backdrop, Floyd Jones' crew took a herd of cattle through town recently. Statewide, cattle proved to be the major farm income producers and in Morrow County income from cattle took a significant jump over the previous year.

Rehearsals are set for community orchestra

Rehearsals for the College-Community Orchestra and Band will begin Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. at Blue Mountain Com-

Doctor Search panel slates Jan. 16 for meeting

A meeting of the Doctor Search Committee will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1979, at the Courthouse.

The meeting will deal with the election of new officers.

Doherty, Thompson on OSU honor roll

Two Morrow County women are among Oregon State University students to make the fall term honor roll.

Maintaining grade point averages higher than 3.5 were Shelley L. Thompson of Heppner and Susan M. Doherty of Irrigon. Shelley is a freshman majoring in science and Susan is a senior majoring in agriculture.

munity College in the McCrae Center rehearsal hall.

"The groups are open to all string and wind people in the area who would like to come," according to John Weddle, instrumental music instruc-

tor. Junior high age students on up to adults are invited.

For more information about the College-Community Orchestra and Band, call Weddle at the college, 276-1260, ext. 306.

Hospital Notes

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial Hospital the past week and still receiving treatment are Bessie Butler, Spray; Lee Wagenblast, Lexington; and Eddie Thorpe, Carol Campbell, Linda Bond, Maynard Struthers and Patricia Brannon, all of Heppner.

Patients admitted and later discharged the past week were Florence McMillan, Lyle Cox and Frank Robinson, all of Lexington; Bonnie Palmateer, Ione; Elvyn Bell and Bonnie Nix, both of Heppner; Barbara Watkins, Heppner, was transferred to Good Shepherd Hospital, Hermiston.

The United Methodist Church
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Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available)

Story hours resume at Library

Mothers of preschool children are invited to bring their youngsters to the Heppner Public Library this morning, Jan. 11, and on each following Thursday at that time for a children's story hour.

The weekly events were discontinued during the holidays, but are now ready to resume again. Stories are

specially selected and are often embellished with special effects such as music, puppets and other extras.

Parents and other relatives of preschoolers who may be interested in attending or assisting in the presentation of stories are urged to contact Chloe Pearson at 676-5035 or Joy Krein at 676-9956.

Imunization survey for schoolchildren is scheduled for March 14 deadline

A new deadline of March 14 has been set for completion of a statewide LIGHT program survey to determine the immunization needs of Oregon children in grades two through 12.

According to Kristine Gebbie, State Health Division

Administrator, the survey timetable has been revised due to experience gained during Oregon's recent measles epidemic.

"It is apparent that problems can arise when local health departments, schools and private physicians are

suddenly besieged by requests to supply immunization histories. Instead of asking that all of the approximately 450,000 survey forms be completed and returned to classrooms by January 10, we are now giving two months advance notice to be ready to

supply the desired information by March 14," Mrs Gebbie said.

Junior and senior high school students may fill out their own survey forms.

Parents and teachers are urged to use their own family immunization records for the purpose of completing the LIGHT questionnaires.

County Court amends policy on mobile home registration

Judge D.O. Nelson announced today that the Morrow County Court has changed the administrative procedures for the registration on mobile homes being located in Morrow County.

As of this date, persons moving mobile homes into Morrow County will be required to state the make, model, year of manufacture, and owner of record on land that the unit will be placed.

Registration must be obtained at the County Planning Dept. in Heppner on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, or in Irrigon at the County Office Building on Tuesday or Thursday. For further information, call 676-5030 or 922-4624.

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Willow Creek Country Club sets Jan. 18 for annual meeting

Willow Creek Country Club will hold its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 at the West of Willow in Heppner.

Agenda items include election of officers, adoption of a budget, a report on finances,

and the presentation of awards. Members will also vote on a proposed change in dues.

All members are urged to attend. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

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