

Farmers favor grasshopper spraying

An overwhelming majority of landowners present at a special meeting Monday night voted to spray grasshoppers.

Sign up and payment of the 40 cents per acre required by the landowner will be held Thursday evening, June 7, at the County Extension Office in Heppner. Registration will begin at 7 p.m.

Landowners from the Umatilla County line through Butter Creek and Sand Hollow, south through Willow Creek and Hinton Creek, and west through Rhea Creek to the Gilliam County line indicated interest in the cooperative spray program and a steering committee composed of Merlin Hughes, Ned Clark, Dean Wright, Jean Bennett, Kite Healy, Bob McLaughlin and Don Robinson volunteered to contact landowners and sign up participants in the program.

The cooperative spray pro-

Livestock promising

Perspectives on the future as it appears in the coming decade of the 1980's was the subject by Oregon livestock leaders at the annual meeting of the Oregon Farm and Land Institute—a division of the National Association of Realtors in Baker, June 1.

Speaking for the cattle industry was Jordan Valley rancher Bill Ross, president of the 3,200 member Oregon Cattlemen's Association. Other speakers were Baker County rancher Ernie Davis, Harney County cattle producer Charley Otley and the executive vice president of the cattlemen's association, Donald Ostensoe.

The consensus of the speakers was that there are many favorable and promising aspects for the beef cattle industry in this country during the next ten years. However, they agreed that government policies—both domestic and foreign—could cause disruptions and problems and that the future of this nation's livestock industry was heavily dependent on well organized and industry-wide initiatives, both on a state and national level.

It was noted that there are considerably fewer, but larger, cattle operations and in order for the average cattle producer to exist, they will have to be better managers and marketers to succeed. Energy problems were viewed as one of the prominent factors all agriculture will have to contend with.

Ross said that cattle feeders have been in a better than average profit situation for a period of some time, but a less favorable period could lie ahead. This is because of the increased competition for fewer stocker-feeder cattle and higher replacement costs being a major stumbling block. However, Ross added, both feeders and producers will be operating in a climate in which the long range beef price trend is up.

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association president said the reduced numbers of slaughter cattle points to troublesome times for the beef packing industry. Combining the problem of reduced supplies with the fact that some plants are much more modern and efficient and it is possible to predict that some packers doubtless will drop out of business in the months and years immediately ahead. It is estimated that as many as 250 packing houses out of the present 1,200 throughout the nation could go down the tube within the next several years. Ross also indicated that it was quite possible, perhaps during the mid 1980's, that the cattle industry will probably go through another herd liquidation phase of the cattle cycle.

Ross said that the beef industry can produce more beef than it can sell at a profit in this country, and the cattle industry will be dependent in the future on foreign markets which are being developed.

gram requires participation of a minimum of 10,000 acres in a solid block. The State of Oregon pays one third of the cost and the Federal Government pays one third of the cost. The landowner pays the remaining one third of the cost.

Landowners should survey

their property to determine the extent of the grasshopper infestation. If interested, they should contact one of the above steering committee members.

Preliminary estimates indicate that as much as 200,000 acres could be included in the cooperative spray program in

Morrow County, reports Kerr and Nordheim, Morrow County Extension Agents.

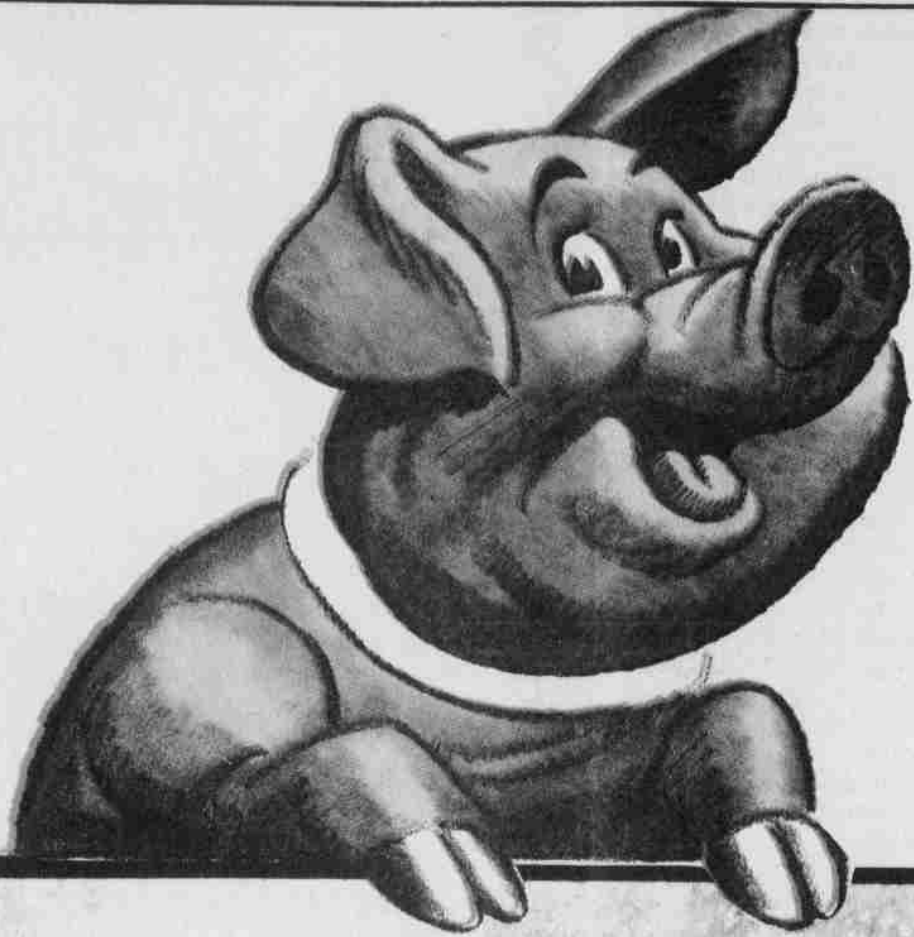
Forty-five landowners attended Monday night's session and were told by specialists, Dick Penrose and Ken Goeden of the State Dept. of Agriculture, that except for higher elevations, the infestation is

present locally. The spray used will be ULV Malathion which will be atomized to allow a finer concentration with eight ounces per acre. There will be no water or oil added, officials said.

Because the spray has been proven harmful to bees and fingerling trout in shallow

waters, persons with bee hives or fish in the spray area should advise the Extension office.

The spray can also taint car paint, specifically on GMC cars, but according to the officials, the problem can be solved by washing the vehicles.



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