

New phones at DMV Office

The Motor Vehicles Division office in Heppner has made it easy for customers to find out when the office is temporarily closed.

Manager Rose McCoy says the office has a phone that allows callers to be given a recorded message if the office is closed. If McCoy is out on a

drive test, in some other town to give drive tests, or is ill or on vacation, the message tells callers the office is closed and when the manager will be back.

The messages save people from making a trip to the

office, particularly if they live out of town, only to find it closed.

The phones have been installed in all one person DMV offices in the state.

The phone number in Heppner is 676-5165.

New regulation

No fires in forests

A forest-wide fire regulation prohibiting certain potential fire risk activities has been issued by the Umatilla National Forest.

According to Mac McCurdy, Umatilla Fire Management staff officer, the use of an outdoor fire of any kind except for those in constructed fireplaces in a designated

developed campground, any use of charcoal briquets, smoking while traveling except in a closed motor vehicle, all firewood cutting as well as all welding and acetylene or other torches with an open flame are prohibited.

The order is effective now and will continue until further notice.

Producers

may get wheat reserves

Producers may continue to redeem wheat from the farmer owned grain reserve at least through Aug. 31, it was announced today, but the authorization to remove corn and sorghum from the reserve was withdrawn. Storage will continue for any reserve sorghum or corn loans not repaid during the release period.

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland said that although the mid-month prices for corn and sorghum reported by the Economics, Statistics and Cooperative Service (ESCS) are above the release levels—\$2.73 per bushel for corn and \$4.69 per hundredweight for sorghum—market prices for the two feed grains have been on a downturn since mid-July.

In addition, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) daily average adjusted prices on July 30 were below the release level for both corn and sorghum. The \$2.44 5-day moving average price for corn was 6 cents per bushel below the \$2.50 release level while the \$4.21 sorghum price was 3 cents under the \$4.24 per hundredweight release level.

There is one exception in which a producer may redeem corn and sorghum from the reserve without penalty. No penalty will be assessed if a farmer, before being notified that release is initiated, has negotiated a forward sales contract which calls for delivery within 90 days. However, storage will stop for these loans on July 31.

For wheat, both the AMS and ESCS prices are above the \$3.29 per bushel release level. The AMS daily average adjusted price on July 30 was \$3.57 and the ESCS mid-month price was \$3.95. Storage earning stopped for reserve wheat loans on June 30 in all states.

Since wheat was released from the reserve May 16, producers have redeemed 133.9 million bushels, 32.4 percent of the 432 million which were then in the reserve. Corn was released June 19 and 89.3 million bushels (12.2 percent) of the 732 million bushels have been taken out. For sorghum, released June 22, producers have removed 11.9 million hundredweight (26.8 percent) of the 44.3 million hundredweight.

Fat Stock

sale set

for Tues.

Morrow County Livestock Growers Association is sponsoring the 4-H and Future Farmers of America Livestock Sale again this year, according to Bob VanSchoiack, president. The sale will be Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 9 p.m., in the show barn at the Heppner fairgrounds.

VanSchoiack expressed appreciation for the public's support of the sale in past years and asked similar support for the exhibitors this year.

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