

Rain hampers wheat harvest again in 1979

Rain again this year interfered with the later stages of the wheat harvest for 1979, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Per acre yield for winter wheat is still 45 bushels placing the crop at 43.7 million bushels, 8 per cent below last year's crop. Spring wheat production is estimated at 8.8 million bushels, nearly double last year's crop. All wheat for Oregon is placed at 52 million bushels, one per cent larger than last year. Nationally, all wheat production is now estimated at 2.1 billion bushels, 18 per cent above the preceding year.

Oregon's barley crop is now placed at 8.2 million bushels, 12 per cent less than last year. The United States barley crop is estimated at 364 million bushels, 19 per cent below last year and 13 per cent less than 1977. Oats for grain production in Oregon is estimated at 3.6 million bushels, 13 per cent below last year. Nationally, oat production is now placed at 531 million bushels, 12 per cent below last year.

Oregon corn for grain crop is placed at 1,045,000 bushels, 15 per cent below last year. Nationally, corn for grain is estimated at 7.3 billion bushels, 3 per cent more than last year.

Other Oregon crops show sugar beet production at 174 thousand tons, 12 per cent less than last year; hop production now 8.8 million pounds, 8 per cent above last year; pepper mint for oil at 2.9 million pounds, 13 per cent less than 1978.

The Bartlett pear crop for Oregon is estimated at 77,000 tons, 39 per cent above last year. Oregon pears, other

Wheat sales to Russia supported

The sale to Russia of 367 million bushels of U.S. wheat over the next 14 months will help the U.S. economy, says Earl Pryor, Condon, President of the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

Pryor agreed with Winston Wilson, a Quana, Texas wheat producer and president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, by charging U.S. bakers with "perpetrating a hoax" on U.S. consumers with their charges that the Russian sales will be inflationary.

The statement was made recently by the heads of the American Bakers Association and the Independent Bakers Association. The statement denounced the decision by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to allow the sales to Russia.

"A better case can be made for the anti-inflationary impact of the sales," Pryor said, since they will boost U.S. export earnings by \$1.4 billion. The sales also will reduce taxpayer outlays under farm assistance programs, he said.

Pryor said bakers greatly distorted facts about U.S. wheat supplies to solicit public support for their drive to restrict export trade, "thus enlarging bakery profits at the expense of the American farmer."

U.S. wheat supplies are now the second largest in the nation's history, Pryor said, and a half-billion bushels greater than 1972-1973 stocks.

U.S. farmers have stored wheat for more than two years to meet demand situations such as that created by a short Russian crop, Pryor said. He said these supplies and the bumper 1979 crop brought the total U.S. inventory to 3,025 million bushels.

Pryor also commented that the National Association of Wheat Growers had made strong statements against the bakers' action and that Oregon wheat producers should respond just as strongly.

Intercity travel guide issued

Intercity bus riders in Oregon will now have information about bus, train, taxi and airport limousine services right at their fingertips.

The "Oregon Trip Guide," produced by the Public Transit Division of the Oregon Department of Transportation, is being distributed to bus stations and other bus ticket offices throughout Oregon. It lists transportation ser-

vices, and includes a map of intercity bus and rail routes, information about baggage allowances, and also serves as a convenient ticket holder.

The guide is part of a larger effort to heighten the awareness of, and improve intercity transportation services. The Legislative Emergency Board in June 1978 approved a five-part program supported by the State General Fund.

The guide's portion of the program cost \$17,300.

The first edition of the guide is a pilot project to test public acceptance and use, as well as to forecast printing and distribution needs. Continual changes in regulations and transit companies, such as local taxi cabs, as well as intercity bus routes, are anticipated.

"Silence is the virtue of fools."

Francis Bacon

Christian Women plan dessert meeting in October

The October meeting for the Heppner Christian Women's Club will be a "Dessert" meeting Oct. 1 at 6:45 p.m. in the West of Willow Restaurant. The meeting theme is "Country Pumpkin." Georgia Ball of Renton, Washington is the speaker. Birdine Tullis will present a special feature on "Wok Cookery" and special music will be by Renee Siminone. All area women are cordially invited. Reservations for be made by calling Lynda Crane at 676-5175. Baby sitting is provided.

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