

## Agriculture up 17 percent; Morrow County grosses 93.3 million

Oregon's agriculture made a strong showing in 1980 with total gross income from farm sales of a record \$1.74 billion, up 17 percent from 1979.

Last year's billion-dollar-plus sales figure made 1980 the seventh straight year that farm sales in Oregon have grossed over \$1 billion, according to Stan Miles, Oregon State University Extension agricultural economist.

Marion, Umatilla and Malheur counties topped \$100

million in farm sales in 1979. In 1980 these three were joined by Clackamas County which had total farm sales of just under \$101 million.

Credit for the state's continuing agricultural growth goes to the board diversity of farm commodities produced in Oregon, said Miles.

"Our great agricultural diversity is amply demonstrated by the fact that in 1980, Oregon had 82 commodities that grossed \$1 million or more in

sales," Miles pointed out.

Sales from all crops were \$1.135 billion, up 25.3 percent from last year, and sales from livestock and poultry products were \$607 million, up 3.2 percent from last year.

Miles was careful to point out that these figures reflect gross sales only and do not represent net income.

"Farmers and ranchers experienced a 12 percent increase in farm costs due to inflation in 1980," Miles noted.

Besides the record \$1.7 billion gross sales figure, a highlight of Oregon agriculture in 1980 was the record wheat crop of 78 million bushels. Total sales for wheat were over \$300 million with \$80 million of that coming from Umatilla County alone.

Favorable weather in eastern Oregon throughout 1980 went a long way in making the record wheat crop possible.

Concerning the effect of volcanic ash from Mount St. Helens on Oregon agriculture, Miles said that its only significant impact was in Washington County where it hurt some growers.

"Many crops were affected by the ash in Washington County but mostly the ash was a problem with wheat, small fruits and some vegetables," Substantial gains in grains,

hay and silage, field crops and specialty products were recorded for 1980. Sales were down for small fruits and berries, and cattle and calves.

Grain sales were up 46 percent due in large part to the excellent wheat crop in the Columbia Basin, which was 60 percent above 1979. The wheat crop in western Oregon was about the same as last year.

"Other factors that had an effect on grain sales and the price of grain were a smaller than expected feed grain crop nationwide, and the recently concluded China grain-trade agreement," said Miles.

Sales of hay and silage totaled \$91.6 million, up 88.5 percent from last year. The primary reasons for the dramatic increase were higher prices influenced by a poor hay crop in Canada last year and the spoilage of some of Washington's hay crop by Mount St. Helen's volcanic ash.

Grass and legume seeds remained fairly stable, increasing 2 percent over 1979 with sales of \$107.8 million.

Small fruits and berries was the only commodity group to show a significant decrease in sales from a year ago, showing a total \$30 million (down 21 percent from 1979).

According to Miles, the

cause for the decrease was a drastic drop in price caused by overproduction of raspberries and blackberries.

Field crops were up 29 percent with sales of \$153 million. The increase in this commodity group was caused largely by hops and potato sales and the high prices of these products brought in 1980.

Tree fruits and nuts remained stable, showing a modest increase of 2.4 percent with sales of \$107.8 million. "We had a record apple crop in 1980, but low prices absorbed much of the increases that apples might otherwise have brought," Miles comments.

Vegetable crop sales increased 11 percent with sales totaling \$102.5 million. "There was a generally favorable market for fresh vegetables in 1980," Miles said. "This year's excellent crop of peas and an improved onion crop rebounding from a poor year in 1979 also helped vegetable crop sales."

Sales of specialty products (nurseries, greenhouses, bulbs, Christmas trees, farm forestry) were up 22 percent with \$209.8 million in sales.

A strong market for Christmas trees and the continuing expansion of the nursery-greenhouse industry in the Willamette Valley were im-

## Justice Court

Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following cases during the past week.

Donald Lee Briggs, Heppner, 77 in 55 mph speed limit, \$34 fine.

Miguel Jose Cano, Echo, no turn signals, no stop light, \$12 fine.

Lester Henry Clayton, Tacoma, parking in prohibited area, \$17 fine.

Suzanne Celeste Douglas, expired license, \$24.

Charles Conrad Spomer, Pendleton, failure to drive on the right hand side of the road, \$29.

Keith Warren Wilkens, Pen-

leton, inadequate fire extinguisher, \$24.

John Henry Luciani, Echo, vehicle license expired, \$6.

Wayne Donald Carey, Heppner, vehicle license expired, \$6.

Edwin Harvey Hiller, Jr., Heppner, 65 in a 55 mph speed limit, \$12.

George McKinley Wilson, Tacoma, driving under the influence of intoxicants, \$207.

Donald Wayne Carey, Heppner, driving under the influence of intoxicants, \$207.

Tony Calvisky, Hermiston, 68 in a 55 mph speed limit, \$17.

Alan Orval Mathews, Weed, CA, 44 in a 25 mph designated speed, \$29.

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## Ione JVs return with 2nd win of weekend

by Michelle LaRue

The Ione JV boys traveled to Condon on Saturday, January 17, and returned with their second win of the weekend, 49-39.

The Cardinals took the lead in the first quarter, 10-4. The Cards opened up their lead to 10 as they went to the locker room with the score of 22-12 in their favor.

The Blue Devils came out after half, burning as they put in 18 third-quarter points. The Cards' lead was cut to 1 to start the fourth quarter.

The Cards came back in the

last quarter and outscored the Blue Devils, 18-9. The final score was 49-39 for the Cardinals.

Graig Gutierrez was again high scorer as he netted 20 points for the Cards.

Condon 39: Durham, 7-2-3-16; Brehaut, 4-1-7-9; Boughton, 3-0-0-6; Thompson, 2-0-3-4; Aarnold, 1-0-0-2; Buras, 1-0-0-2; Hamlin.

Ione 49: Gutierrez, 7-6-9-20; Morter, 3-5-10-11; Starr, 4-2-2-10; Taylor, 2-0-1-4; Leavitt, 1-0-0-2; Rietmann, 1-0-0-2; Hams, Padberg, McElligott, Colvard, Childers, Douglass.

## Ione JVs victorious over Honkers, 48-41

by Michelle LaRue

The Ione JV boys hosted Arlington on Friday, January 17. The Cardinals were victorious, 48-41.

The Cards took an early lead over the Honkers as the Cards had a 12-2 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Honkers came back in the second quarter to close the margin to 18-12 at the half.

The Cards were again outscored in the third quarter, Ione had a two-point lead at the end of the third quarter, 30-28.

The Cards started to roll in

the last quarter as they put in 20 fourth-quarter points, and held the Honkers to 13. The final score was 48-41 with the Cards on top.

Graig Gutierrez paced the Cardinals with 22 points in the game.

Arlington 41: Hughes, 6-2-4-14; Ozment, 3-0-0-6; Budick, 3-0-0-6; Bittenger, 2-0-0-4; West, 1-1-1-3; Borghese, 1-1-2-3; Holt, 1-1-2-3; Pemberton, 1-0-0-2.

Ione, 48: Gutierrez, 9-4-4-22; Starr, 4-0-0-8; Hams, 3-0-0-6; Taylor, 3-0-0-6; Morter, 1-4-5-6; Leavitt, Padberg, McElligott, Colvard, Childers, Douglass.

## Willow Creek C.C. to hold annual meeting

Willow Creek Country Club will hold its annual meeting Thursday, January 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Columbia Basin Board Room.

Purpose of the meeting will

be to review the budget, meet new officers and award trophies and prizes for the 1980 season. All golfers are encouraged to attend.

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## Marriage licenses

PENDLETON—Marriage licenses have been issued at the Umatilla County Clerk's office to:

Ricky Allen Worthington, 25, Brinson, Ga., and Deborah Dawn Carlson, 18, Boardman.

Eli Lale Ena, 24, and Shelley Jo Zabransky, 20, both of Stanfield.

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