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### Ag outlook for 1986 not much changed, report says

Year-end tabulations show total 1985 sales of Oregon farm and ranch products little changed from 1984 figures. Sales of agricultural products in 1985 were shown 0.2 percent from the previous year, which statistically is a very slight decrease, according to Stan Miles, Oregon State University Extension economist.

The sales of all crops were up 1 percent from \$1.178 billion in 1984 to \$1.188 billion in 1985. Sales of all livestock and poultry products were down 2.2 percent from \$640 million in 1984 to \$626 million in 1985.

"Although the overall picture is little changed from a year ago, there were some dramatic changes for individual commodities," Miles said. "Tree fruits and nuts were up a whopping 45 percent in 1985 largely of a near record, and high quality, filbert crop. Sales of filberts earned \$8.1 million in 1984. In 1985 that figure rose to \$15.8 million."

Egg and poultry products recorded a 33 percent increase in sales in 1985. Much of the rise is due to increased consumer preference for poultry meat products because of lower prices in comparison of beef, Miles noted.

Grass and legume seed sales were up 27 percent, as shrinking carry-over stocks and lower than average production in 1985 boosted prices for all grass varieties except annual rye grass.

Marion, Umatilla, Clackamas, Malheur and Linn counties exceeded \$100 million in 1985 farm sales. Marion County was number one with total sales of \$225 million.

Sales of the state's two biggest agricultural commodities, cattle and wheat, were down. Cattle and calves sales were down 16 percent, and wheat was off almost 20 percent.

"Wheat acreage was down a bit in 1985 because of federal government acreage reduction programs," Miles noted. "Lower yields also contributed to reduced production, and high carryover stocks continue to

hold prices down. "Cow-calf operators are facing very depressed economic times in Oregon and throughout the west," said Miles.

"Many producers are reducing their herds in response to the situation, but even so, beef prices remain below the cost of production," Miles went on. "The price of fed cattle didn't increase in 1985 as many predicted it would."

Hay and silage sales were little changed from a year earlier. Field crops were down 7 percent.

Small fruits and berries were up 17 percent. Prices were up in 1985 for strawberries and the cranberry crops.

Vegetable crops were down 12 percent owing to a drop in onion prices. Miles said that onions are the most volatile crop group in Oregon in regard to fluctuating prices.

Specialty products (nursery and greenhouse products, bulbs, Christmas trees, farm forestry) were up 4.5 percent. The Christmas tree industry continues to experience moderate growth.

Dairy product sales were up 6.9 percent, due to some growth in cow numbers and increased milk production per cow.

"The overall impact of farm sales on Oregon's economy can be determined by using a multiplier of three," said Miles. "After adding in the value of processing, farm purchases, services to farmers, farm employment and family expenses, agriculture generated approximately \$5.4 billion in Oregon in 1985."

In tabulating farm and ranch sales by counties, Miles noted that sales in general were lower in Oregon east of the Cascades than in western Oregon.

"This is due to the greater agricultural diversity in western Oregon," Miles said. "Four of the most important agricultural commodities in eastern Oregon are cattle, wheat, potatoes and onions. This year, sales for all of these commodities were down."

Agricultural commodity sales by county were: Marion, \$225 million; Umatilla, \$142 million; Clackamas, \$134 million; Malheur, \$115 million; Linn, \$104 million; Washington, \$97 million; Morrow, \$96 million; Yamhill, \$83 million; Klamath, \$70 million; Lane, \$62 million; Tillamook, \$54 million; Polk, \$53 million.

Benton, \$48 million; Hood River, \$46 million; Jackson, \$45 million; Jefferson, \$38 million; Multnomah, \$36 million; Douglas, \$34 million; Lake, \$32 million; Wasco, \$28 million; Union, \$29 million; Crook, \$25 million; Deschutes, \$25 million; Coos, \$25 million; Baker, \$24 million; Baker, \$24 million; Harney, \$22 million; Sherman, \$19 million; Wallowa, \$19 million; Gilliam, \$17 million; Josephine, \$15 million; Columbia, \$14 million; Grant, \$12 million; Clatsop, \$9 million; Curry, \$8 million; Lincoln, \$5 million; Wheeler, \$4 million.

### Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the last week: Columbus A. Phillips, 87, Heppner - Failure to perform duties of a driver, \$185 fine, drivers license suspended for 90 days; DaisyBell I. Helsel, 58, Woodburn, illegal U-Turn, \$40 bail forfeited.

### Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past week:

Myrtle Marshall, Lexington - admitted December 23, discharged December 30; Ralph Marlatt, Heppner - admitted December 28, was still receiving care as of Monday.

### D.A.'s Report

(Editor's note: The District Attorney is on vacation this week.)



### Births

Rachel Cherie Palmer - a daughter, Rachel Cherie was born on December 26, 1985 to Karl and Cherri Palmer of Fresno, California. She weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. Grandparents are Roger and Shirley Palmer, Heppner, and Bobby and Verril Brannon of San Jose, California.

### Public Meetings

Monday, Jan. 6 - Heppner City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall; Heppner Fire Dept., 7:30 p.m., Fire Hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 - Morrow Co. Rodeo Committee, 7:30 p.m., Fairgrounds; Soil Conservation Service, 8 p.m., N. Morrow Annex; Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce, noon, Elks Club; Lone City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.

Wednesday, Jan. 8 - Port of Morrow Commission, 1 p.m., Port of Morrow office, No. 1 Marine Drive, Boardman; Morrow Co. Court, 9 a.m., Courthouse, Heppner.

Monday, Jan. 13 - Morrow Co. Fair Board, 8 p.m., Fairgrounds; Heppner Planning Commission, 8 p.m., City Hall; Heppner Fire Dept., 7:30 p.m., Fire Hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 14 - Lexington City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall; Lexington Fire Dept., 7:30 p.m., Fire Hall; Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce, noon, Elks Club.

Wednesday, Jan. 15 - Morrow Co. Court, 9 a.m., Courthouse, Heppner. Monday, Jan. 20 - Morrow Co. School Board, 8 p.m., Sam Boardman Elementary; Heppner Fire Dept., 7:30 p.m., Fire Hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 21 - Lone Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall; Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce, noon, Elks Club.

Wednesday, Jan. 22 - Morrow Co. Court, 9 a.m., Courthouse, Heppner; Heppner Library Board, 8 p.m., Heppner Library.

Thursday, Jan. 23 - Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board, 10 a.m., hospital.

Monday, Jan. 27 - Heppner Fire Dept., 7:30 p.m., Fire Hall, Morrow Co. Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 29 - Morrow Co. Court, 9 a.m., Morrow Co. Annex Building, Irrigon.

### Heppner Police Report

December 23 - citation issued for a dog complaint.

December 24 - report received on hit and run.

December 25 - assist fire department.

December 26 - burglary report; citation issued for expired vehicle license; violation of basic rule citation issued, 44 mph in a 25 mph zone.

December 27 - warrant arrest; two assists to sheriff department.



### School Lunch Menus

Monday, Jan. 6 - chicken patties with buns, tator sticks, buttered vegetables, pickles, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 - chili, corn bread, cheese sticks, celery sticks, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 8 - steamed wieners, scalloped potatoes, buttered bread, vegetables, fresh fruit, and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 9 - cowboy macaroni, hot rolls, buttered vegetables, tossed salad, dessert, and milk.

Friday, Jan. 10 - tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, pickles, crackers, dessert, and milk.

### Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling or dispatching the following business during the past week:

December 28 7:27 p.m. - the Heppner Fire Department and the Heppner Police Department responded to a fire behind the State Highway Department in Heppner.

December 26 11:48 a.m. - a Boardman Ambulance responded to a motor vehicle accident at mile post 156 on Interstate 84 and transported one male to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

1:36 p.m. - a Boardman Ambulance stopped at a motor vehicle accident half way between Depot Road and Patterson-Ferry roads on I-84. The ambulance was on the way back to Boardman from a previous accident. Two females and one male were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

December 27 2:30 a.m. - the Heppner Police Department arrested Kenneth L. Howard, 25, Pendleton, on a Pendleton Police Department warrant. The subject posted bail.

### Gourmet votes down unions

Gourmet Brands employees voted the unions down two to one in last Thursday's election.

The election was the fifth election held at the plant since 1975. The NLRB (National Labor Relations Board) held the election at the request of the employees.

The United Steelworkers of America and the United Food and Commercial workers unions were both on the ballot. The Steelworkers drew 23 percent of the vote and the Food and Commercial drew 7 percent of the vote.

Seventy percent of those voting opted to remain non-union.

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### Sifting through the Times

10 Years Ago  
January 1, 1976 - Area residents were invited to an open house in celebration of the completion of the children's room at the Heppner Library. Justine Weatherford was librarian. AAUW Children's Room Action Committee serving as hostesses and guides for the open house were Karne Beck, Colleen Fluke, Linda Johnson, Mary Pat Lande, Pat Edmundson, Pauline Bier, Cathy Peck, Judy Hirni, Rita Wolf and Justine Weatherford.

25 Years Ago  
January 5, 1961 - Mr. and Mrs. Dorr Mason of Burns announced their purchase of the Swanson's Grocery Store in Lone. Bert Mason, father of the new owner, built the store in 1918 and ran it until 1947. A.C. Swanson bought the building in 1947 and retains ownership of the real estate.

First baby of the year is Linda Ann Wyatt, born January 1, 1961, at 7:52

p.m. Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wyatt of Kinzua.

Outgoing Heppner City Mayor W.C. Collins was praised for his accomplishments by incoming Mayor Al Lamb.

50 Years Ago  
January 2, 1936 - Morrow County has been reported as the first county in the state to complete the signing up of wheat farmers for the new allotment contracts.

The election of Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent as vice-president of the Oregon State Teachers Association was announced to the Lions Club by E.F. Bloom, city school superintendent.

Mr. Charles Notson writes to the Gazette-Times, telling in detail of his escape from the "red Chinese invasion" of his mission district. He and his wife, Methodist missionaries, journeyed 600 miles down the Yellow River on an inflated goat skin pontoon.

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