

Wheat growers change USDA with favoritism

The disastrous decline of wheat prices caused three Oregon wheat growers to call on USDA officials to either confirm or deny charges of "favoritism" on the other classes of wheat exported from the United States.

The wheat group called on Paul Dickerson, general sales manager of the USDA Commodity Credit Corporation, who coordinates PL480, Export Enhancement Program (EEP), and other USDA credit sales.

Members of the group were Wesley Grilley, executive vice president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL), Don Peterson, lone farmer and past president of the OWGL and Ben Holdman, Pendleton farmer and chair of the National Association of Wheat Growers Futures Marketing Committee.

According to the wheat group, Dickerson stated, "without reservation, there is no preference placed on any class of wheat by the USDA." Dickerson also explained that the market drop that has occurred in the PNW was from "pure market reaction" stating that India had a bumper

crop last year and is anticipating another good crop.

The USDA official also stated that Pakistan has a USDA credit authorized for \$40 million for the purchase of wheat that is equivalent to some 250,000 metric tons, which they have not used.

Grilley said they called on the Embassy of Pakistan and confirmed the USDA credit. Pakistani officials said they were waiting the outlook of their own wheat crop before they utilized the purchase credit. The harvest estimate in Pakistan could likely be in April, according to Grilley.

Egypt is also a large white wheat

buyer, but they are in arrears from previous allocations. Additional allocations from the United States are not available until the credit problem is resolved.

"It's frustrating," said Grilley, "but we returned from Washington, D.C., convinced that market forces are actually working and that the USDA is fully aware of our precipitous market situation."

Oregon produces soft white wheat used in Asian countries for noodles, cookies, and baked products. In Egypt and other countries, Oregon's soft white wheat is used for non-leavened breads, such as pocket bread.

Proper maintenance helps septic system

Proper maintenance, including regular pumping, is the best way to insure your septic system works properly, points out Carol Bennett, OSU Extension agent in Morrow County.

Some people have purchased expensive biological or chemical additives to use in their septic systems to aid or accelerate decomposition of solids in the septic tank, but the additives aren't necessary and don't eliminate the need for pumping.

The septic tank is only one part of an on-site wastewater system. The tank removes and stores solids to

protect the soil absorption system. Garbage disposals aren't recommended because of the additional soil loads they put on the system. Their use requires more frequent pumping of the septic tank.

To keep a septic system working properly solids must be removed periodically from the septic tank to protect the soil absorption or leaching field. This means pumping every 1 to 5 years depending on use, tank size and number of people in the household.

To help people understand how

their septic system works and how the system should be cared for, Extension water quality specialists have prepared a series of four publications with support from a Farmer Home Administration grant.

Persons interested may contact the Morrow County Extension Service at 676-9642 for any one or all four of the publications called "Why Do Septic Systems Fail?", EC1340; "Septic Tank-Soil Absorption Systems", EC1341; "Holding Tanks", EC1342, and "Septic Tank Maintenance," EC1343.

Baker to be site of photography weekend

Baker County will be the site of the 1990 4-H Family Photography Weekend April 20, 21 and 22 according to Bill Broderick, Oregon State University Extension agent in Morrow County.

This is the first time the weekend has been held in Eastern Oregon and the first time it has been held away from the Oregon 4-H Center, adds Lyla Houglum, OSU Extension 4-H and youth specialist.

"We hope the move will encourage participation by 4-H members and their families who live east of the Cascades and introduce Western Oregon 4-H families to a part of the state with which they may not be familiar," Houglum said. "Baker County 4-H members and their leaders have planned an exciting weekend for everyone attending."

Although many attending the weekend will be enrolled in 4-H Photography projects, the event is open to all 4-H members and their families with an interest in photography, Broderick stresses.

Instructors will work with participants on such topics as wildlife photography, action photos, landscape photography, special effects, and video. Heart of the program will be a tour of the Sumpter Valley on Saturday.

A special feature will be two sessions taught by Joan Wood, Foster, for parents and leaders. She will introduce them to basic photography terms and techniques as well as acquaint the adults with the resources available to help with 4-H photography projects.

John Pickett, Canby, is chairing the weekend. Bill Shumway, Bridgeport, Oregon's 1989 delegate to National 4-H Congress in photography, is in charge of local arrangements.

Instructors, many of them professional photographers and teachers will be Jim Mischel, Amity; Jay Carr, Don Mires and Bill Pickens, all of Baker City; Janie Tippitt, Joseph; Ed Barton LaGrande; Scott Webb, Salem; Glenn Barber, Tillamook; Shumway and Wood.

Serving on the planning committee with Pickett and Shumway are Diane Smith, Corvallis, state 4-H program assistant; Yvonne Yeager, Lebanon; Keith Falkenberg, Oregon City; Patty Logan, Sublimity; Mischel, Barber and Webb.


Cost for those attending the full weekend which will be headquartered in the Baker County office of the OSU Extension Service, 2610 Grove St. Baker City, is \$30 per person for the weekend or \$25 for those attending Saturday only.

Copies of the complete program, plus registration information, is available from the Morrow County Extension office in Heppner.

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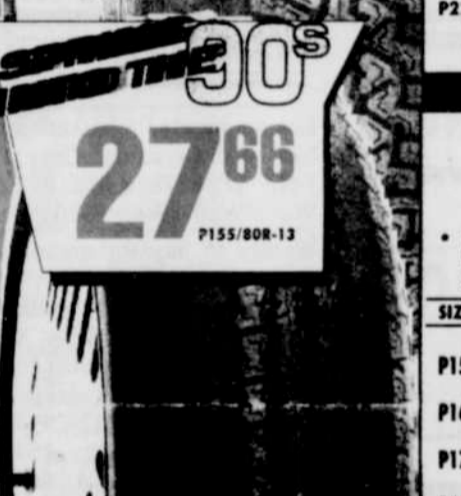
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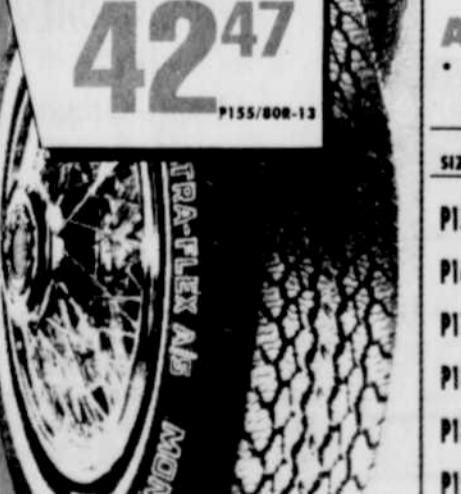
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