

USDA, FFA release new lesson plans just in time for school

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and the National FFA Organization have developed a new series of K-12 online learning tools and outreach kits to increase statistical literacy in the classroom through the exploration and use of current census of agriculture data.

"These lesson plans contain relevant information to give students a realistic view of statistical

processes used to track our nation's current and future food supply" explained Chris Mertz, director of the NASS Oregon Field Office. "The students will have a chance to focus on a variety of concepts including discovering new trends in population subsets and evaluating diversity among farmers."

The classroom-ready resources, which include lesson plans and supporting materials, are aligned with Oregon and

national curriculum standards for science, math and social studies. The materials use current Census of Agriculture data to teach a variety of concepts including discovering new trends in population subsets and evaluating diversity among farmers.

The materials are available online via the NASS website http://www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/index.asp and the FFA Learning Center <http://ffa.learn.com>.

USDA begins Conservation Loan Program

USDA Farm Service Agency State Executive Director, Lynn Voigt, announced the launch of a Conservation Loan (CL) program that will provide farm owners and farm-related business operators access to credit to implement conservation techniques that conserve natural resources.

"This will provide farmers, who want to implement conservation measures on their lands, a chance to do so by providing assistance with their up-front costs," said Voigt.

"In return, these producers will help reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and promote sustainable and organic agricultural practices."

Direct CLs can be obtained through local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices with loan limits up to \$300,000. Guaranteed CLs up to \$1,112,000 are available from lenders working with FSA.

CL funds can be used to implement conservation practices approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service

(NRCS), such as the installation of conservation structures; establishment of forest cover; installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; implementation of manure management; and the adaptation of other emerging or existing conservation practices, techniques or technologies.

For more information on the Conservation Loan program, contact a local FSA office or visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

CHECK OUT THESE Summer Real Estate Buys



\$230,000

Price Reduced

This spacious home comes with its own view of the lake. Sit in the living room or the deck and enjoy the view. Entertain guests in the large living room downstairs and even prepare the meal with the complete bonus kitchen located downstairs, off the patio and backyard. Plenty of room in this high-quality, stick-built Stratford modular home located at Lakeview Heights. Call for a showing today.



\$98,000

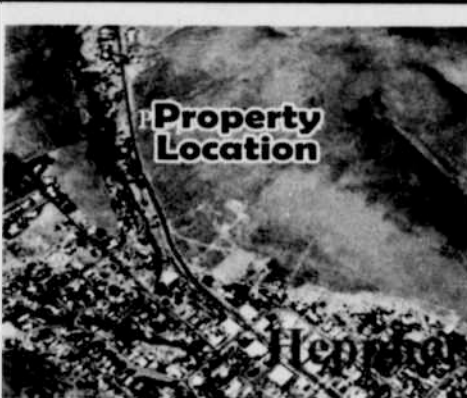
2 Bedroom near schools and downtown Heppner Just blocks from school and downtown shopping, this 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath charmer has a fenced yard for children and a separate small yard in the back. Enjoy your reading room, living room and kitchen with window looking out on the street.



Acreage for Sale

6 acre parcel (1/2 in city limits) If you are looking for some elbow room to build your home, here it is. 6 acres, m/l, half of it located within the city limits. Power and water nearby **\$39,000**

32 Acres inside Heppner city limits Has a good building spot and room for animal. Water and electricity located nearby. **\$49,000**



Diner and Bakery Located in Heppner, Oregon. Operating diner and bakery business with attached 3 bedroom home in the back. Includes all equipment to operate and run the business. Real property included. Including separate lot w/ large shop **\$225,000**



\$65,000

Spick & Span in Heppner. Cute 2 bedroom 1 bath home in Heppner. See pride of ownership in this newly remodeled home. New carpeting, linoleum, lighting and much more. Don't spend your time fixing things up, spend your time enjoying your home. Efficient to heat and easy to care for. Stop renting and start owning. Call today and have a look inside.



\$45,000

Two homes for the price of one. These two fixers are ready for the handy man to turn into lots of living space. The big house in front has 4 bedroom 2 bath and the back home has 2 bedroom 1 bath. Both need lots of work but the price is right. Have your own home and a rental, two rentals, or a place for the mother in law to live out back. The possibilities are there. Owner will carry contract.



Price Reduced

\$210,000

Beautiful home overlooking Willow Creek Lake Impressive 3 bedroom 2 bath home set on hill overlooking Willow Creek Lake. Entertain guests in front of the fireplace in the Great Room just off of the dining room and kitchen. Lots of extras including diamond premier cabinets, lazy susan turntables, tile look laminated flooring and under cabinet lighting. Enjoy the recessed can light throughout the home with 9 foot ceilings. There is a two-car garage, underground sprinklers and an immaculate kept yard. Washer, Dryer & Refrigerator Included.



\$260,000

Reduced Price

Top of the world view Or at least top of the town. Great view of Heppner from the exciting 4 bedroom 2.1 bath home on the hill overlooking the fairgrounds. Visit with friends and family while preparing meals in your beautiful open kitchen. Enjoy the expansive carpeted living room in this one of a kind home. Must see to fully appreciate, call for an appointment today.



\$160,000

3 bedroom 1 bath on 1.6 acres in Lexington You'll enjoy this cozy 3 bedroom home snuggled beneath pine trees on 1.6 acres inside the city limits. Has a barn for horses and a large shop with cement floor. Comes with 2 tons hay and 2 cord of firewood. New siding and windows. 1.6 acres fenced for animals. Seller says will pump septic before moving. Refrigerator, washer & Dryer, freezer included.



Three bedroom one bath home in Lexington. 1520 square foot home built in 1946. Good roof and foundation. Wood stove and propane heat. Aluminum siding. **\$72,500**



3 Bedroom 2 bath near downtown This two story home is close to grade school and has fenced back yard. Central A/C and Electric F/A. Carpet, laundry room and large family room downstairs. Dishwasher refrigerator and stove included. **\$120,000**



\$410,000

Price Reduced

Highway frontage Commercial Property with rental income in Power City, Oregon 4.52 acres of commercial highway frontage property in Power City between Hermiston and Umatilla, Oregon. Several businesses providing rental income. Includes bare land and .62 acres of residential zoned property. Owner will carry contract. Call me for financial details and potential for this property. **Make an offer, price reduced motivated seller.**



\$45,000

Three Bedroom 2 bath in Fossil This fixer upper is priced right. 1220 square foot home with a small shop building. Do some work and have a nice little place to live or rent out.



Major Price Reduction!

\$96,000

160 acres with home site - Heppner 160 acres of rolling native grasses - deer, chukars, quail, 4 LOP tags, 3 miles to town, level home site with power and DEQ approved, fully fenced and separate pasture with small horse corral and year round spring, raise 1-10 animals year round and drive your golf cart to Willow Creek County Club. Good view of the valley. School bus runs on county road through the property. Owner will consider carrying contract. Call for details.



Reduced Price! \$130,000

2 bedroom 2 bath in Heppner This nice 2007 Marlatt home is in excellent condition. Everything was done right when this home was put in. It has a deck, cyclone fenced yard and a 18 X 31 garage. Ceiling fans, along with the energy package will keep you warm in the winter and cool in the summer. There is a den/office, living room and lots of extras. Must see inside this one. Call and schedule an appointment today.



City building lot 2 adjoining city lots make up 10,250 sq ft. Overlooks town on Chase Street. City water, sewer and power all there. Owner will carry contract. **\$15,000**



3 Bedroom 2 bath home in Lexington This home has metal roof, cement foundation & propane F/A. 128 X 121.66 lot. 2465 sq ft home has full basement and large fenced yard with apple, nectarine and cherry trees. Garage. **\$116,000**



\$89,500

2 apartments and shop building for Sale in Lexington On the bottom floor is a former auto body shop and a 1 bedroom apartment newly remodeled renting for \$350. Upstairs is a 2 bedroom apartment that has been completely redone renting for \$375. Building has a good roof and owner says the shop has been completely rewired.



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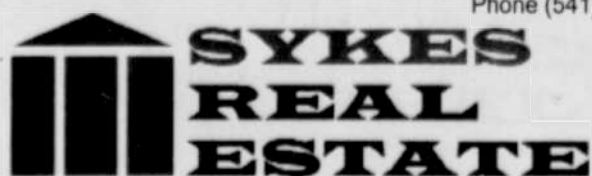
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\$59,000

4 bedroom home in Heppner This large older Victorian home has a new furnace and a new deck. Large living room and lots of quaint features like old style hand railings, dormers and indoor transoms. Call me for an appointment to look at this unique home.



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