

Farm and Garden

Largest Grade A Dairy Herd Found in Southern Oregon

Salem—The Willamette valley has more state-licensed grade A dairies than any other section of Oregon, but the largest herd—160 cows—is in southern Oregon. Eastern Oregon herd tie for the second largest individual herd, 130 cows.

These facts come to light in a survey made by Kenneth E. Carl, assistant chief of the state department of agriculture's division of foods and dairies. Carl compiled figures from material gathered by division fieldmen in 12 districts into which the state is divided for milk sanitation inspection purposes. The figures are for the year ending last April 1. This is the first department survey of this nature.

Under Inspection

The total number of dairies under state inspection was 913, including 801 grade A producers, 73 grade A producer-distributors and 39 grade B producer-distributors. Producer-distributors selling milk on the premises were 17 for grade A operations and 33 for grade B setups. The

grade B P-Ds are chiefly the so-called jug dairymen.

Statewide, here's the average size of these herds: for grade A dairymen, 35.6 cows; grade B producer-distributors, 13.6. Almost 25 per cent or 225 of all herds averaged under 25 cows; 244 averaged between 25 and 35 cows; 201 ranged from 35 to 50 cows; 83 from 50 to 75 cows; 33 from 75 to 100 cows; and 16 averaged over 100 cows.

State Divided

In this study, the state was divided into the Willamette valley, coast, southern Oregon and eastern Oregon areas.

By these sections, the operations look like this:

	Grade A Producers	Grade A Producer-Distributors	Grade B Producer-Distributors
W. Valley	325	11	2
Coast	126	19	1
S. Ore.	164	10	2
E. Ore.	176	13	5

The grade A producer-distributors selling milk on their premises were four in each area except the coast, where the number was five. Grade B P-Ds sell-

ing on the premises were concentrated in the Willamette valley (17) and southern Oregon (12) with one on the coast and three in eastern Oregon.

Area Breakdown

In the area breakdown, the coastal section led in the average size of herds milked by grade A producers, with 41.5 cows. Southern Oregon followed with 39; eastern Oregon with 38; and the Willamette valley with 30.8 cows.

The Willamette valley was number one in the under 25 cows per average herd, with 154; the coast and southern Oregon was second with 18. Eastern Oregon had 35 herds averaging under 25 cows.

At the other extreme, the coast and southern Oregon each had five herds averaging over 100 cows; the other two areas each had three in this bracket.

The survey showed these additional average size herds:

	25-35	35-50	50-75	75-100
W. Valley	91	62	19	7
Coast	39	30	17	1
S. Ore.	55	58	27	1
E. Ore.	59	51	20	8

Carl emphasizes that this survey includes only state-inspected herds, and not those inspected by cities having their own dairy inspection service.

Sectionally, the grade A P-Ds averaged 41 cows per herd in southern Oregon; 36.6 in the Willamette valley; 31 in eastern Oregon; and 27 on the coast. The grade B P-Ds averaged 26 cows on the coast; 15.5 in southern Oregon; 13.4 in the Willamette valley; and 7 in eastern Oregon.

4-H Summer Camp Work Day Tuesday

A work day is scheduled Tuesday July 9, on the Junior Chamber of Commerce camp site at Lake of the Woods, where Jackson county 4-H club members will hold their annual summer camping session July 15-20.

The work day will start at 8 a.m. and club leaders, parents and 4-H youths are invited to participate, according to Miss Marjorie Hattan and Glenn Klein, county 4-H agents. They have requested workers to bring brooms, mops, hammers, wrenches and other work tools.

Major Projects

Major projects of the day will include cleaning the mess hall and setting up the dock.

Club members will be required to have health cards before enrolling at the camp session. Arrangements have been made for campers to have examination at the Jackson county health department in the courthouse on Wednesday, July 10, from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Registration sheets and \$2 registration fees must be received at the county agents' office by July 10. Total cost for camp is \$15. The county agents explained there are a few partial camp scholarships available for those who need financial assistance.

Counselors Needed

Older 4-H members with camping experience are needed to work as camp counselors, and two qualified life guards are also needed. Applications for counselors and life guards are still being accepted at the county agents' office.

Transportation from the courthouse to the camp site will be provided by school bus. The bus will leave the courthouse at 9 a.m. Monday, July 15, and campers are advised to be at the courthouse by 8:30 a.m. Parents will be permitted to transport their youngsters to camp but are being requested not to arrive before 3 p.m. Sunday, July 14. Crews will still be working on camp preparations until that time.

Mailing Address

The county agents said parents and friends may correspond with campers by addressing their mail in care of the 4-H Camp, Lake of the Woods, Ore. Visitors will be welcome at camp, they said.

Meat Regulation Hearing Monday At Grants Pass

Salem—Grants Pass and Eugene will be lower western Oregon points for hearings on the proposed regulations under full-time state compulsory meat inspection. This word comes from Robert J. Steward, director of the state department of agriculture.

At Grants Pass, the hearing will be Tuesday July 9, at 7:30 p.m., in the Redwood Grange hall on Highway 199, one mile south of the junction with Highway 69.

The hearing at Eugene will be Monday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the Lane county courthouse (room 1).

Other Hearings

Hearings are also scheduled this week at Redmond July 10 and Baker July 11. Two other hearings were held in Salem and Portland July 1 and 2.

Steward urges everyone interested to attend one of the hearings to express his or her views. He said the ultimate success of the state meat inspection program is tied closely to the regulations which will be adopted as result of the hearings.

The proposed regulations cover exemptions and farm slaughter, as well as post mortem and ante mortem inspection, condemnation procedures, labels and stamps, operators' inspection costs, the operation, complaints, and other relevant matters.

Other Discussions

The hearings will be conducted by M. E. Knickerbocker, chief of the department's division of animal industry, or another staff member from Salem.

In addition to the proposed regulations under the new full-time meat inspection program, representatives of the department's division of foods and dairies will attend the hearings to open talks for discussion purposes only, on hamburger and fresh sausage standards at the retail or butcher shop level. These two meat products will be the subject of a hearing later, with regulations to be drawn under the Oregon Food Act.

Eagle Point Jersey Herd High Producers

An average production of 9,221 pounds milk containing 530 pounds butterfat per cow is the accomplishment of the registered Jersey herd La Pine Jersey farm owned by W. D. Mongold, route 1, Eagle Point. The herd of 22 Jerseys recently completed a 12-month test period on Herd Improvement Registry. The official test was made under the supervision of Oregon State College in cooperation with The American Jersey Cattle club, breed organization located at Columbus, Ohio.

Talent 4-H Prefair Draws 250 People

4-H club members throughout Jackson county took part in the Talent Community 4-H Prefair Saturday, June 29.

The event was held at the Talent city hall. Approximately 250 people attended the all-day event. Ed Griggs, vocational agriculture instructor at Crater High school, and Jack Dube, vocational agriculture instructor at Phoenix High school, were judges for the livestock judging and showmanship contests.

Miss Marjorie Hattan, 4-H agent, met with home economics club members to discuss their projects.

Results of the livestock activities are as follows:

Swine Showmanship

Senior swine showman, (1) James Reneau, Talent, (2) Josie Clayton, Reese Creek; intermediate swine showman, (1) Gerald Reneau, Talent, (2) Steve Stewart, Sis-Q, (3) Clint Gibson, Westside; junior or beginner swine showman, (1) David Hampton, Talent, (2) Dean McDowell, Talent, (3) Gary Cook, Talent.

Senior sheep showmanship, (1) Joyce Kerr, Sis-Q, (2) Nelda Chapman, Sis-Q; intermediate sheep showmanship, (1) Betty Kerr, Sis-Q, (2) Fay Chapman, Sis-Q, (3) Nancy Lusk, Sis-Q; (4) Jerry Moore, Reese Creek, (5) Carole Barnes, Westside, (6) Ronald Willock, Phoenix; junior and beginners sheep showmanship, (1) Cathy Zapell, Talent, (2) Steve Chapman, Sis-Q, (3) Mary Lou Van der Kamp, Westside, (4) Judy Bagley, Talent, (5) Kay Stevenson, Reese Creek, (6) Cathy Hernlein, Sis-Q, (7) Christy Elrod, Talent.

Beef Fitting

Beginners beef fitting contest, (1) Bonnie Jo Silva, Talent, (2) Greg Goodrich, Talent; intermediate beef fitting contest, (1) John James, Talent, (2) Nancy Lusk, Sis-Q, (3) Steve Stewart, Sis-Q; senior beef fitting contest, (1) Joyce Kerr, Sis-Q, (2) Kenny Stewart, Sis-Q.

Advanced beef showmanship, (1) Joyce Kerr, Sis-Q, (2) Pat Charley, Central Point, (3) Bill Anhorn, Central Point, (4) Anne Carter, Sis-Q, (5) Kenny Stewart, Sis-Q; intermediate beef showmanship, (1) Ronnie Anderson, Antelope, (2) John James, Talent, (3) Steve Stewart, Sis-Q, (4) Nancy Lusk, Sis-Q; beginning beef showmanship, (1) Jan Calloway, (2) Kathy Zapell, Talent, (3) Kay Stephens, (4) Bonnie Silva, Talent, (5) Virginia Chadd, (6) Gregg Goodrich, Talent, (7) Jan Glidden, Talent.

Prospective State Fair Exhibitors Should Get Books

Salem—A special invitation is being extended to southern Oregon residents to enter exhibits in the 92nd annual state fair, to be held in Salem Aug. 31 to Sept. 7.

The invitation comes from the new fair commission, under chairmanship of Jack Travis, and Howard Maple, fair manager.

Obtain Premium Book

Now is the time for exhibitors to start making plans for the fair, they emphasized. Whether exhibitors are thinking of entering a sewing or weaving exhibit, bouquet of flowers or dairy cattle, the first thing to do is to obtain a premium book. Premium books are available from the state fair in Salem or from the county extension agent's office.

The premium book lists 13 departments in which exhibits can be entered, including dairy cattle, dual purpose cattle, beef cattle, draft horses, sheep and goats, swine, poultry, pigeons and rabbits, honey bees, land products, including fruits and grain, floral and gardens, art, foods and textiles.

Study Rules

Exhibitors, whether amateur or commercial, are urged to carefully study rules for entering each division, fair officials said. In some departments there is a small entry fee. Others require no fee. Entry blanks can be secured without charge from the state fair. Exhibitors in the textile department must be Oregon residents. The last day for filing entries varies with different departments, but it is about the middle of August.

Exhibitors who win prizes are given ribbons and cash awards, which vary from 50 cents to \$200. All exhibits will be returned to the owner at the end of the fair, it was explained.

Seed Crop Harvest Gets Under Way

Harvest of grain, vetch, barley, merion bluegrass, pennsylvania fescue and other seed crops got under way Monday in Jackson county.

County Agents W. B. Tucker and Earle Jossy reported the crops this year are about average size. There is some reduction in acreage now as compared with other years because of lower prices.

Rain Monday night in some areas of the county was not sufficient to materially interfere with the harvest, according to the agents.

Growers of certified seed crops were also reminded to file applications at the county agent's office to have their fields inspected by the Oregon State college extension service specialist.

but they are requested to let camp officials know in advance when they plan to arrive.

The camp is located on the southeast end of Lake of the Woods, about one-half mile past the Lake of the Woods resort as entrance is made from the Ashland-Dead Indian direction.

55th REUNION

South Hadley, Mass. — A secretary of labor in the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's cabinet was among alumni returning to Mt. Holyoke for a commencement exercises this year. Frances Perkins celebrated her 55th class reunion.

Water and fluids comprise about 70 per cent of the human body.

Oregon Selected For Lepto Survey

Salem—Oregon is one of 13 states selected for a new informational and educational survey on leptospirosis, Dr. A. G. Beagle and Dr. K. J. Peterson announced today. These veterinarians head the livestock disease control work for the federal and state departments of agriculture, respectively, in Oregon.

In the survey, to be started soon, tests will be made of blood samples from 1 per cent of the herds in every county in Oregon to determine the extent of the leptospirosis incidence in this state. The samples will be selected from the thousands of blood samples taken each month in the federal-state brucellosis control program.

This survey follows a random sampling made four years ago. Since that time considerable leptospirosis testing has been done at the state diagnostic laboratory at Oregon State college on individual cattle and of herds in which a veterinarian suspected the disease.

The new survey will be merely informational in nature. No quarantines, no restrictions or other official action will be taken against the herds in which the disease may be found. Instead, veterinarians will visit herds to discuss the situation with owners and to attempt to determine if there is a disease problem in the herd.

Young Farmers Discuss Fair Plans

The Jackson county Young Farmers organization at a meeting Monday night discussed plans for purchase of a steer at the 4-H and Future Farmers of America fair Aug. 19-24.

The steer will subsequently be sold and proceeds will go into the organization's fund to provide a college scholarship next year for a 4-H club member or FFA member planning to study agriculture.

Plans for operation of food booths at the fair were also discussed and Ray Hubbell was placed in charge of this project.

Stan Zapell was appointed to meet with members of the Medford Kiwanis club to coordinate activities sponsored by the Young Farmers at the fair and activities planned by the Kiwanians at their Home Show Aug. 20-25.

Grange Notes

Pamona Grange

The Jackson County Grange council will meet Saturday, July 13, at 8:30 p.m. in the Shady Cove Grange hall. Those attending are asked to bring sandwiches and cookies. All officers are invited.

Ralph James, Secretary-Treasurer

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