

Christmas Tree Buying, Selling Planned By Grades

Corvallis — A new era in Christmas tree buying and selling may be just around the corner — easing that tedious chore of touring a Christmas tree lot, shaking out one tree after another, looking for just the right one.

For the first time, Christmas trees can be harvested and sold this year on the basis of federally standardized grades. This offers possibilities for better returns to growers for good quality trees, says Gary Sander, Oregon State college forest products marketing specialist.

Grading will be voluntary and inspection service will be provided for a moderate fee by the department of agriculture at all major shipping points and terminal markets. A big advantage of the grading system is that producers can now sell trees "sight unseen" but graded to distant markets. Such a system offers protection to both the producer and dealer, Sander explains.

Growers can now select trees that will bring better prices and leave the others for later harvest for the Christmas trade or other purposes.

Standards were developed by the USDA agricultural marketing service at the request of the National Christmas Tree Growers association and several state associations.

The three grades—U.S. Premium, U.S. No. 1, and U.S. No. 2—will be based on five factors: density, taper, balance, foliage, and freedom from deformities. Trees that can't qualify for any of these grades will be listed as culls.

U.S. Premium is the tree most shoppers consider "perfect"—straight, symmetrical, well-filled branches, evenly tapered, fresh, clean, and healthy. U.S. No. 1 allows more variation in shape. A U.S. No. 2 may have more sparse foliage and may be full on only two sides.

All trees carrying U.S. grades will be fresh. But a family that wants a tree to stand in a corner or against a wall where a flat or "thin" side won't show will be able to buy a No. 2 grade at lower cost.

More detailed information on grades may be obtained by writing to W. L. Close, federal inspector, state department of agriculture building, Salem.

Largest 4-H Achievement Held By Central Pointers

The largest 4-H achievement in Jackson County was held Tuesday evening at the Central Point Grange hall for the Central Point, Westside, Oak Grove, and Table Rock communities. It was reported. Over 150 4-H Club members received their cards and pins to signify a completion for another year in 4-H club work. Presentation of pins was made by Mr. Richard Isaacs, manager of the First National Bank of Portland, Central Point Branch, and Gene McCurley, agricultural field representative of the First National Bank of Portland, Medford branch. Mr. McCurley pointed out the aim of 4-H Club work is teaching boys and girls new skills and attitudes and new ideals as they work with livestock in the 4-H Clubs and with other people in their communities.

Club members receiving awards were as follows:
Tenth year: Gary Legler, Norman Barnes.

Ninth year: Dale Smith, Nancy Barnes.

Eighth year: Max Frederick, Joan Dobrot, Carl Skyrman, Leslie Kellow.

Seventh year: Carolee Brantley, Phyllis Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Glenna Mae Brown, Carol Meyers, Sandy Higginbotham.

Sixth year: Susan Wright, Craig Wright, Danny Gilman, Vernola Hutchison.

Fifth year: John Anhorn, David Foote, Bill Anhorn, Bill Charley, Patsy Charley, Jim Conger, Evelyn Niedermeyer, James Frink, Alice Thompson, John Caster, Alison Pinkham, Julie Ashton, Cheryl Swanson, Wayne Brown, Laurene Kellow, Mary Savage.

Fourth year: Todd Caster, Ricky Smith, Jeffrey Anhorn, Carol von der Hellen, Willie Debrick, Russell Frink, Bobby Kuest, Glenda Branch, Patty McCue, Sue Higginbotham, Colleen Franek.

Third year: Larry Ryerson, Clifford Pinkham, Carolee Kuest, Nancy McKay, Sharon Thompson, Patty Branch, Mary Head, Carolyn Leonard, Monte Cook, Marilyn Cordy, Marilyn Watson, Bonnie Brantley, Linda Gibson, Judy Gebhard, Mary Daniels, Doris Inman, Elaine McKay, Richard Russell.

Second year: Clint Gibson, Donna Debrick, Earl Van Hoy, Wallace Skyrman, Verne Pendleton Jr., Dennis Pfaff, Frank Mengel, Penny Sampert, Peggy Jones, Mary Jones, Katherine Straus, Aletta Myers, Anita

Pierce, Shirley Savage, Charla Jo Meyer, Pat Striplin, Michael Anhorn, Carol Fotte, Scott Eaton, Carolyn Sidener, Nikki Hammond, Mike Norton, Carolyn Barnes, Marsha Watson, Karen Renfrow, Sue Ann Ruthford, Elaine Young, Kathleen Frederick.

First year: Cecilia Fichtner, Billy Ullom, Mike Charley, Jack Peek, Ross Conger, Mary Chey, Bonnie Cheney, Mary Lou Van de Kamp, Charles LaGrone, Dennis Hile, Jerry Scarborough, Lorenzo Miller Jr., Donald Herzog, Marvin Hamilton, Carole Crenshaw, Steven Crenshaw, Marilyn Lathrop, Dan Burrell, Alan Brooks, Johnny Knox, Penny Van de Kamp, Tommy Abbott, Karen Allridge, Mark Schmidt, Gregg Schmidt, Sharon Forde, Marilyn Brewold, Sherri Lynn Burelson, Patricia Callender, Nancy Cavin, Terrie Lee King, Tari Lee Martin, Suzanne Monsey, Terry St. Germain, Virginia Rae Chadd, Sally Bailey, Kathy Thompson, Donna Bailey, Judy Frink, Julio Jones, Linda Johnson, Donna Hammond, Nancy Inman, Laine Donker, Jean Bonney, Judy Lewis, Barbara Rominger, Barbara Wheeler, Suzanne Flynn, Karen Hunter, Donna Meade, Carol Straus, Judy Patterson, Karen Griggs, Janet Pfaff.

State Seed Growers To Meet Dec. 5-7 Eye New Markets

Corvallis—New market possibilities for Oregon forage and turf seeds will highlight the Oregon Seed Growers League's 17th annual meeting, Dec. 5 to 7, at the Multnomah hotel, Portland.

Market expansion for Oregon forage grass and legume seed in Japan, Korea, and South America is "highly promising" through proper promotion, says Rex Warren, Oregon State college farm crops specialist and League secretary.

The league is investigating possible government assistance in market promotion under Public Law 480 designed to move surplus commodities into overseas markets. Discussion leader will be R. Wallace Rice, Grants Pass, manager of a Josephine county growers cooperative.

Major changes in U.S. seed crop uses based on a survey of agricultural agencies will be reviewed by William Youngman, foreign agricultural service, Washington, D.C. Trends in the key southern states' markets will be reported by Ray Teal, OSC seed marketing specialist.

Gager Vaughn, Chicago, head of one of the nation's largest sales organizations for turf seeds, will discuss trends in turf varieties for home lawns. Growers will have opportunities to tackle specific problems during committee meetings for turf seeds, legumes, cover crops, seed potatoes, and seed certification.

Possibilities of marketing assistance through state and federal programs will be reported by a committee appointed to investigate such programs during the past year.

"Challenge of Change," a report by Oregon State college extension service staff members, will trace recent changes in U.S. agriculture and the general economy in an attempt to help the seed industry chart long-range goals.

Secretary of State Mark Hatfield will speak at the December 6 evening banquet. Master of ceremonies will be Walter Leth, Polk county senator. Special events are planned for women attending.

Special meetings are scheduled during the convention for the Northwest Chewings and Creeping Red Fescue association and the two-year-old commission for fescue market promotion.

Study Launched To Broaden Decency Law

Washington — The U. S. Roman Catholic Hierarchy has launched a study which could broaden the Catholic-sponsored Legion of Decency's scrutiny of movies to cover radio and television programs.

The one-year study also could lead to establishment of a new agency similar to the Legion of Decency. The hierarchy said it will look into the "most suitable and acceptable means" of keeping a moral watch over broadcasting.

The action was taken by 178 Catholic cardinals, archbishops and bishops during a three-day annual meeting here last week. It was announced Tuesday by Bishop William A. Scully, Albany, N.Y., chairman of the Episcopal Committee for Motion Pictures, Radio and Television.

ALMANAC OUT
Dublin, N. H.—The Old Farmers Almanac is out in its 166th consecutive annual edition. This is the oldest periodical in America which has been published continuously in the same name and format.

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Farm City Week Set For November 22-28

During the early 1900's the farmer and his wife raised and canned their own fruits and vegetables for the family table, went to town about once a week on Saturday night and seldom took a vacation, according to W. B. Tucker, county extension agent.

Today's farming scene has changed. The farmer is no longer behind the plow. He is in front of it riding a tractor that rivals the design, efficiency and often the price of the classiest autos on the market.

Reasons behind the change are explained by Oregon State College extension staff members who encourage better understanding between farm and city dwellers during farm-city week, Nov. 22-28.

Agriculture has had many growing pains during the past 30 or 40 years. If crops are destroyed by adverse weather or insect invasions, food shoppers pay higher prices at the market.

In addition to nature's hazards, increased marketing costs have reduced the farmer's share of the consumer's dollar. In 1945 farmers received an average of 53 cents of the food dollar. Today they receive 40 cents of each dollar spent for food.

Like the rest of us, extensionists continue, the farmer spends most of his income for food, clothing, heat, lights and other living expenses. He eats like everybody else, too. The farm diet isn't limited to what's raised on the farm. The farmer's wife shops for foods at the market just like the city housewife.

The farmer is interested in what the consumer wants. When consumers asked for leaner pork cuts, the farmer responded by providing a meat-type hog to replace the older lard-type hog. Consumers requested meatier poultry, and the farmer is now raising birds to satisfy this demand.



A 14-year old 4-H and FFA boy, helped by his 29-year-old mule, is U. S. corn growing champion for 1957. Linton Ratliff of Prentiss County, Mississippi, has harvested 250.85 bushels of corn from one acre of ground—the U. S. average is under 50.

Linton's brother, Lamar, set the world mark of 304.38 bushels two years ago. Their famous mule, Dolly, planted and cultivated both plots—in fact, she has been in on five U. S. records.

Keys to the Ratliff system are lots of fertilizer; a high-yielding adapted seed corn, Funk's G-711, planted thick; proper cultivation; and irrigation, if necessary.

Hunters Too Helpful In Southern Oregon

Salem—Deer hunters in southern Oregon are becoming too helpful. Following an intense program by the Oregon Cattlemen's association to teach sportsmen to close gates on the property they enter, Lake county ranchers complain that gates are being closed that are supposed to be open!

R. A. Long, of Fort Rock, cattleman and State Board of Agriculture member, stressed that it is very important to leave certain gates open to let cattle into water or into their fall ranges.

He added, "Next year the Oregon Cattlemen's association will have to switch their emphasis and instruct hunters to leave gates just as they find them."

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Hogs Win Prizes For Central Pointer In 4-H Program

Central Point — An up and coming young hog rancher is Willie Debrick, 13, Central Point 4-H club member.

Willie started with pigs by purchasing a registered Berkshire sow from A. T. Lathrop, Central Point, on Nov. 16, 1956. On March 12, 1957 she farrowed a litter of 12 pigs, raising 10. Average birth weight was 2½ pounds. At the age of 35 days they were weighed for production registry.

Willie kept five of the 10 pigs. He used one for a junior gilt, one for a single market hog and a pen of three for market hogs to be shown at the Jackson county 4-H fair.

Young Debrick won three first places with his sow and gilt. His sow took grand champion and the gilt, reserve champion. The pen of three took second place and Willie placed first in showmanship with his single market hog.

Two of the pen of three were inspected for meat certification. The object of this program is to produce leaner pork since there is no market for lard. To qualify under this program the litter must have been under production registry. This means the pigs must weigh 200 pounds at 180 days of age. Various other qualifications such as fatback thickness, length, loin area are included.

In September a letter from Willard D. Britton, secretary of the American Berkshire association informed Willie that his litter had complied with the qualifications of the lean meat certification.

This was the 13-year-old boy's fourth year in a 4-H swine project and his first year with breeding stock. His other project is raising registered Guernseys in a 4-H dairy project.

Figures Released On All Predators Caught In State

Salem — Coyotes again were Oregon's most destructive predatory animal, according to figures released by Mel Smith, district agent for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service, and M. E. Knickerbocker, animal division chief of the Oregon department of agriculture.

Almost half of the 1162 livestock and poultry losses reported from July 1 to Oct. 5 were attributed to coyotes. Foxes, bears, racoons, bobcats, dogs, badgers, mountain lions, opossums, skunks, and eagles, in that order, were responsible for the other losses.

Linn county poultrymen reported foxes had destroyed 130 chickens, 12 turkeys and 3 guinea hens in their area. Curry county was also hit especially hard by predatory beasts—coyotes destroyed 67 of the 91 sheep lost in September.

Total Losses
Total losses due to predatory animals discovered by the federal-state hunters were 524 sheep, 6 goats, 14 calves, 27 pigs, 405 chickens, 4 geese, 100 turkeys, 35 ducks, 3 guinea hens, 3 sage hens, 17 deer, 10 house cats and 16 beehives.

As for the other side of the story, 45 federal-state predatory hunters caught 769 coyotes during a 27-day period, Aug. 25-Sept. 21.

Of the 35 counties covered, Malheur hunters turned in the most catches — including 89 coyotes and 74 of the 292 bop cats taken in the state. Harney county accounted for 78 of the coyotes and Crook's total for this predator was 77.

Ten of the 56 bears trapped throughout Oregon were reported in Clatsop county. Douglas and Curry county hunters were each responsible for eight. Tied at 13 each, Linn and Clackamas counties had the largest totals for foxes.

About one-half the total area of North Carolina is forested.

The Medical Roundup

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HEART SURGERY

Quite a few people ask about the advisability of having their heart operated on after an attack of coronary sclerosis.



Dr. Alvarez

I cannot possibly answer because I have no idea from their letters if they need an operation, or if they could stand it. All I can say is that if I had a heart attack and had recovered well from it, so that I could walk quickly along the street without ever getting pain, I would certainly not think of having any surgery.

I would think of an operation only if I could hardly move around without getting severe anginal pain in my chest. I might be getting pain even when I tried to lie flat in bed. The coming of angina under such conditions would indicate that "my rope was short," and I didn't have enough blood supply to my heart muscle.

Several types of operation have been devised with the idea of throwing more blood into the heart muscle but so far as I can learn, none of them has as yet won the confidence of all heart surgeons. If I should have to have my heart operated on, I would go to a good heart surgeon and take his advice.

Boeck's Sarcoid
Some persons want to know what is Boeck's Sarcoid. It is a chronic disease which attacks many parts of the body, much as tuberculosis does. There are some physicians who think it is a form of tuberculosis, and there are many others who are sure that it has nothing to do with tuberculosis. The tubercles that form in the body are different from those of typical tuberculosis; also, if one injects material from a sarcoid tubercle

into a guinea pig—which is extremely susceptible to tuberculosis—nothing happens.

Until recent years, there was no definite treatment for the disease, and hence for some patients it was a serious affair. Today, some patients can be greatly helped or cured with the use of some of the less-well-known antibiotics.

Shingles
Hundreds of people ask me what to do for shingles. Much depends on whether the patient is young or old. If he is young, there isn't much need for treatment, because the little blisters

will soon dry up, and that will probably be the end of the trouble. If the person is old, that makes things much more serious. Many old people, after an attack, will go for months suffering terribly from burning pain.

Some write me that they have been helped by vaccination with cowpox; some say that they have been helped by injections of gamma globulin some by injections of Protamide; some by the application of a vibrator, or by the local injection of some procaine; of spraying of the affected skin with a pain-numbing freezing substance.

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