

State Farm Prices Slip Last Month While Others Rise

Corvallis - Oregon farm prices slipped slightly last month while farm prices across the nation went up a notch, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

Lower prices for cattle, lambs, grain, and hay accounted for most of the drop in Oregon. Prices for broilers, eggs, milk, and hogs were up from a month earlier. Bunching the "ups and downs" of farm commodity prices, the Oregon price index was 3 per cent lower than the previous month.

On the brighter side, Oregon's general farm price index still topped the same period last year by one per cent.

Farm prices throughout the nation were bolstered by increases for dairy products, vegetables, potatoes, hogs, and cotton which more than balanced out declines for cattle, peaches, and wheat.

Wheat Prices Lower

Wheat price drops reflected lower prices and heavy marketings from the near-record crop.

Nationally, farm prices not only edged up but the cost of items needed in farm production sank to the lowest level since November, 1958. Farmers paid less for feeder livestock, feed, building materials, and automobiles. Wages paid by farmers also rose less than normal for the season.

These lower production costs more than offset higher prices for family farm living as prices pushed up for food, clothing, and auto supplies. All in all, the purchasing power of farm products came in for a slight boost in July, the economist explained.

NO PARACHUTE

Lockport, N.Y. - A pole-sitting raccoon may have set some kind of bail-out record when utility workers tried to rescue it from atop a 40-foot pole where it was perched. The raccoon merely jumped the 40 feet to the ground and waddled off, apparently none the worse for the leap.



ADJUSTS COMBINE—Curt Harris, a 16-year-old junior at Phoenix high school, makes a final adjustment to a rented combine as he prepares to combine a field of barley not far from his home. Since his father, J. Allen Harris does not own a farm, and FFA fair.



COMBINING BARLEY—Curt Harris, Phoenix FFA junior, drives the chapter tractor through a field of barley pulling a combine. His father, J. Allen Harris would much rather have his boy dragging a grain field than main street. As his farm project, Curt has leased the Lester Bowman nine acres of Barley for two years.

Eagle Point FFA Members Top Fair At Grants Pass

Grants Pass - Eagle Point FFA members took all except one first place in livestock and dairy judging contests at the Josephine county fair yesterday.

The boys judged two classes of beef, sheep and swine, one breeding class and one fat animal class in the livestock judging contest.

Team results were: Eagle Point, first with 1,575 points of a possible 1,800; Grants Pass, second, 1,449 points; Pacific at Port Orford, Ore., third, 1,374 points; Phoenix, fourth, 1,362 points; Crater, at Central Point, 1,312 points, and Illinois Valley, sixth, 1,044 points.

Boys on the Eagle Point team were: Steve Geren, first or high individual of the contest; Don Pestak, second high individual of the contest; and Elvin Hawkins. Elvin is the chapter president and last year's star farmer. Don is the chapter vice-president.

In the dairy judging division Crater was first, Eagle Point second; and Illinois Valley, third, and Grants Pass, fourth. Eagle Point team members were: Dale Vaughan, Victor Halsey, Marvin Cothrin and Ron Greb as alternate. Dale was third high individual of the contest. Crater team members were

Dennis Cornutt, Gary Evans and Bruce Martin. Todd Caster was acting as alternate with Tex Porter as team coach. Dennis Cornutt was high scoring man, but Gary Evans ran him a very close second.

Eagle Point and Phoenix FFA boys took a field trip to Corvallis on Aug. 9 by school bus. The 26 boys were accompanied by advisors, Jack Dube, Phoenix, and Nat Etzel, Eagle Point.

The group left Eagle Point at 8 p.m. Monday and drove to Eugene that evening. They left early the next morning for Corvallis to judge at the Oregon State college farm and returned late Tuesday evening.

The group included eight boys from the Phoenix FFA chapter and 18 boys from the Eagle Point chapter.

Bowles Announces Withdrawal Plan

Washington—Rep. Chester Bowles (D-Conn.) has announced he is withdrawing as a candidate for reelection to devote full time to the presidential campaign of Sen. John F. Kennedy.

Bowles, a former ambassador to India, has been serving as foreign policy advisor to Kennedy. He is serving his first term as a representative from Connecticut's 2nd district.

There has been speculation Bowles might be named secretary of State or ambassador to the United Nations if Kennedy wins election in November.

Adlai E. Stevenson, the party's two-time unsuccessful presidential nominee, also is a foreign policy adviser to Kennedy and likewise has been mentioned for the cabinet post.

Salt Causes Damage To Nation's Cars

Chicago—Corrosion damage because of salt spread to thaw snow and ice on highways last winter cost the nation's auto owner about \$10 million, the Rust-Oleum corporation estimated.

De-icer salt has been the major cause of rust damage, and is especially hard on chrome, mufflers and tail pipes, the company said.



OOOPI! TOO FULL—Butch Bowman, Phoenix FFA sophomore, and Curt Harris, right, pour grain into a sack. The boys are learning that even elementary farming practices take quite a knack. Curt will sell some of the barley grain from the land he has leased to Butch for feeding cattle and poultry.

Oysters Menaced By Foreign Weeds

Newport News, Va.—A weed of water milfoil, was first noticed in the Potomac river near Washington. Scientists say they don't know how it got into regional waters.

SWANS GROUNDED

Mineola, N.Y.—Fog was so thick on Long Island that two swans got lost and made a forced landing in a garden in a suburban development. Police kept them in custody overnight and released them on Hempstead lake.

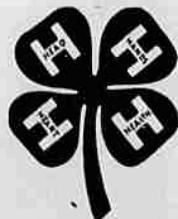
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