

## Rural Roads Have Most Fatalities, Farm Safety Writer Tells Public

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Salem—This is National Farm Safety Week, the time when emphasis should be put on farm safety programs throughout the state of Oregon.

Purpose of the week, set up by the National Farm Safety Council is to encourage people to begin a year of safety-mindedness which will be of benefit to them personally. So many farm accidents are caused by carelessness and fatigue. The only cure for such accident-indicators is for the individual to keep in mind that accidents can happen under such conditions.

It may come as a surprise to many people to know that more automobile accidents of a fatal nature happen on rural roads rather than on our better highways which are equipped to handle traffic. Blind corners, sharp curves in the road and loose gravel are primary causes of such accidents.

## Troubles Seen In Poultry Program

Salem—Crossbred chickens continue to hold the spotlight in broiler production in Oregon while the white leghorn, historically the eating egg producer, sits at the bottom of a five-year slide.

This is the general trend in the Oregon poultry industry and one that says in pretty plain words, according to Earl Reitsma, the program supervisor, that the poultry industry here is shrinking. He says the decreased number of leghorns (42,125 last year compared with 102,153 five years ago) reflects the slow export demand for egg-type chicks and hatching eggs. On the other hand, the hatcheryman is getting more mileage from breeder hens by using their egg production over a 12-month period rather than during a three-month run as in years past.

## 318 Cattle Sold At Midway Yard At Friday Sale

One hundred consignors sold 318 cattle, 17 hogs and 30 sheep during the regular Friday sale at Midway Auction yard.

The majority of flocks supplying hatcheries in Oregon are enrolled in this voluntary program, which aims at control of pullorum and typhoid and also the improvement of meat and egg quality. The past year saw 10 pullorum breaks involving five Oregon and two out-of-state hatcheries, which accounted for the highest percentage of reactors in 15 years—but still well under two-tenths of one percent. Flocks in which blood testing reveals pullorum disease are re-tested or sent to market.

Owner-Manager Bill Bray reported the market active. It was stronger on good quality feeders and slaughter cows. It was uneven to weak on poor quality and mixed breed stockers and feeders.

The Oregon program, with a similar one for the National Plans with like objectives. Reitsma, who was poultry delegate to the National Plans conference in Minneapolis last month, says a number of program changes—some used in Oregon for years—were recommended. One, effective July 1, 1963, will prohibit use of common feeders or waterers for tested and untested flocks. Another would require a three-week interval between the use of some drugs and a blood test or autopsy which could affect a pullorum or typhoid classification.

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Our better cows with calves sold from \$190 to \$202.50 per pair and the medium kind went from \$161 to \$181 per pair. Bray added.

The bull market was steady to strong with 12 slaughter bulls to sell. Bray reported. "We got from \$20.10 to \$21.20 for the heavy, lean bulls and from \$18.10 to \$19.80 for light bulls. One big fat bull sold for \$18.10."

The veal market was steady. Choice calves sold for \$24 to \$26.30. Medium calves brought \$22 to \$23.90. Young, fat cows sold for \$15.50 to \$16.90. Utility cows brought \$14.10 to \$15.40 and cutters, \$12 to \$13.90.

A few plain quality grass-fat steers sold from \$18.50 to \$21 and several good grass-fat heifers went from \$18 to \$22.40.

Fat lambs sold for \$18.10. Feeder lambs brought \$15.50. Fat hogs sold for \$18.10 to \$19.10. Sows sold for \$14.20, 60 to 70 pound feeder pigs brought \$11 to \$14 per head and weaner pigs brought \$7 to \$11 per head.

"I feel I should encourage cattlemen to sell good quality feeders weighing over 600 pounds as soon as possible," Bray advised. "This market is very hungry for them at this time and there is a very strong possibility that they will be considerably lower this fall when a large supply of cattle hit the market."

"We can see of getting prices as good or better than those quoted above. If we had a lot of them in one sale we could get more," he concluded.



IRRIGATION DITCH—It's obvious to most people that the deep, swift-flowing waters of an irrigation ditch do not provide a safe swimming hole for youngsters. However, some parents still let their youngsters swim in irrigation ditches. The public health department also notes that some diseases can be picked up such as dysentery and perhaps even typhoid.

## Grasshoppers Hit Local Range Lands

A grasshopper survey is now being made of range lands in Jackson county to determine how serious is the infestation reported by a number of ranchers. Gene Winters, county agent reported.

Early surveys show grasshoppers averaging eight to 10 per square yard, Winters said. Over five per square yard is considered serious, Winters explained.

## Market Steady At Rogue Yard On Saturday

Phoenix—The market was steady to active on all classes of cattle with 228 head sold, according to Manager Bob Rever.

Common cattle, white for a dollar higher. White face baby calves sold at \$35 to \$43 per head. Holstein calves sold at \$20 to \$35 per head. Jersey and Guernsey calves sold at \$10 to \$17 per head. Good quality steer calves sold at \$24 to \$25.10 per hundredweight. Light good quality heifer calves sold at \$22.50 to \$23.70 per hundredweight.

Yearling steers sold at \$22 to \$23.70 per hundredweight. Yearling heifers sold at \$21 to \$22.60 per hundredweight. Holstein light steers at 300 to 500 pounds sold at \$21 to \$22. Heavy Holstein steers in the 700 to 900 pound class sold at \$17.50 to \$20 per hundredweight.

Light, common cross dairy type steers in the 400 to 600 pound class sold at \$16.50 to \$19 per hundredweight. Slaughter cows were steady with the young cows selling at \$17.10 to \$19.30. Utility cows sold at \$14.50 to \$15.40 and canners and cutters sold at \$13.50 to \$14.70. A few yellow cows sold down to \$10 per hundredweight.

## Beef Roasts Good Buy In Late July, August

Corvallis—Beef roasts, lamb, turkey and eggs are likely to be bargain-priced in Oregon markets in late July and August, advise Oregon State University extension food marketing specialists.

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Fresh fruits in season are apricots, bananas, blackberries, boysenberries, loganberries, raspberries, cantaloupes, cherries, grapes, honeydew melons, lemons, nectarines, peaches, plums-prunes, and watermelons.

"Cattle numbers are getting short in California and their run is almost over. We have had many calls from buyers there and look for a strong market on all classes of cattle. If you are going to send cattle to the sale, please call and let me know so I can tell the buyers when they call," Bever advised.

A record pack of more than 100 million gallons of frozen orange concentrate makes orange juice a good buy during these months, they continue. A large U.S. peach crop is also expected, about 18 per cent above average.

Fishery products that will furnish most of the money include cod, fish sticks, flounder, halibut, rockfish, salmon, scallops and shrimp.

Very little feed is wasted when salt—in the form of a high salt, protein supplement—is given the job of doling out rations.

## Anti-Mosquito Chemical Ready

A new formulation of the insecticide, Dibrom, has been developed by the Ortho division of California Chemical company specifically for use in adult mosquito abatement projects.

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