OSC Station Swine Win Pl Stock Awards

A near clean sweep of championships in the market swine division of the recent Pacific International Livestock exposition, North Portland, was made with hogs bred and exhibited by the Oregon State college experiment station.

Barrows from the college's experimental Berkshire herd took five of six championships offered, losing only the light barrow top award, according to the animal husbandry department. Dr. J. E. Oldfield, head of the station swine experimental program, says entering animals in shows similar to Pacific International gives the college an opportunity to measure their results in comparison with top flight breeders.

He says goal of the research effort with swine is to assist Oregon producers, and college intention during the recent show was to exhibit a working type hog that was productive.

Major emphasis thus far in the experimental program has been devoted to gaining knowledge on supplemental effects of various B vitamins including vitamin B-12, minerals and antibiotics on local Oregon feedstuffs.

Results indicate a considerable difference in response to feed produced locally and that from the midwest. From the nutritional standpoint work has been directed toward reducing pig losses and toward keeping pigs gaining weight steadily after weaning.

The lone championship missed by the OSC market hog entries went to a Spotted Poland China. Animals exhibited by the college were shown by Tom Johnson, swine herdsman, and the station was complimented on the quality of its show entries by Guy McReynolds, Lincoln, Neb., the exposition's swine judge.

In addition to Berkshires, the station is now starting work with Yorkshires.

Billings Sale Sees Price Records Break

CHICAGO, —Still higher prices and averages marked the Montana shorthorn feeder sale at Billings, Mont. on October 19. The auction of 666 head upset world's record prices established earlier in the week at a Mobridge, S. D., feeder sale.

The price of $60 per hundred was paid for a choice load on 424 pound heifer calves, consigned by Rigler brother, Corwin Spring, Montana. They went to James E. Baker, of Morris, Ill. The price is the highest price ever paid for their kind in a straight auction sale.

The average of $50 for the 200 heifer calves in the sale is the highest ever recorded in the history of the cattle business in this country.

Approximately 400 head of steer calves went across the auction ring at an average of around $46 per hundred. Top steer calves, an offering of Yost farms, Billings, Mont. brought $51.80 per hundredweight from buyer Ernest Goecke, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Goecke, who was the sales' biggest buyer with 93 head purchased, took the second highest price load at $51 another Yost consignment.

Offerings of yearlings were small and went at prices of around $35.

Unprecedented demand far exceeding present numbers of shorthorn replacement cattle accounts for these high prices, according to Clinton K. Tomson, secretary of the American Shorthorn Breeders' association.

They are considerably higher than current prices being paid for replacement cattle of the other two major beef breeds.

Lake county's population in 1940 was 6293, and in 1950 it was 6637, according to the bureau of the census.

CHAMP BEEF — J. J. Prince Publican, a Hereford steer, won the title Grand Champion Steer and $1000 prize money at the American Royal stock and horse show in Kansas City. The 1065-pound champion is pictured with W. J. Largent, right, and C. W. Machemehl, who showed and managed him. The steer is owned by Johnston's Squarebuilt Herefords of Folsom, N.M.

Baker Scene Of Range Meet

BAKER, (AP)—The third annual meeting of the Northwest section of the American Society of Range Management will bring stockmen and range managers here Thursday and Friday.

Dan S. Fulton, Ismay, Mont., cattleman and president of the international society, will deliver the principal address at a Thursday night banquet.

Alan Rogers, Ellensburg, Wash., northwest section vice-president and program chairman, said other speakers will discuss grasses, irrigation, management and other range problems.

They include Bryan Chance and A. McDonald, Kamloops, B. C.; Fred Hanson, Ellensburg; Herman Oliver, John Day, Ore.; H. G. Avery, Union, Ore.; Charles R. Kyd and Newell Dixon, Washington State college; O.S. Weaver, Yakima, Wash.

Richard Hutchinson, Thorp, Wash., and Harold Kerr, Lakeview, will report on the range management camp they attended at Oregon's Hart Mountain wildlife refuge. Society members sponsored the camp.

Bulb Grader Built at OSC

A new machine which will grade Croft lily bulbs nearly six times faster than the old hand-grading method has been developed at Oregon State college.

The grader was invented by John A. McMullen, Corvallis, a former graduate student in agricultural engineering at OSC. Field tests have been successful, according to J. B. Rodgers, head of agricultural engineering at OSC.

Grading of bulbs for Oregon's $3,000,000 (M) Croft lily industry has been done by a slow, tedious hand method for many years. Average rate for hand-grading is four to five bulbs a minute.

With the new OSC machine, the average rate of grading can be increased to about 30 bulbs a minute, with a possible maximum of 45 bulbs, depending on the ability of the operator.

Although the machine has been tested and proved, plans will not be available for some time, according to Rodgers.

Lake County Farm Season Sets Record

LAKEVIEW—The longest irrigation season in the past four years ended October 1 with about 30,500 acre feet of water remaining in Drews reservoir, or about 6000 feet less than in any of the last four years, according to Tom Crawford manager of Lakeview Water Users, Inc., in his annual report to the water users. The season started April 23.

Crawford said that the amount of water delivered to users the past season was almost double that of the 1946 season.

Although 44,200 acre feet of water was used from the Drews and Cottonwood reservoirs, the amount delivered at farm headgates was 27,083 acre feet for a system efficiency of 61 percent. The manager reported that capacity of the canals was increased this year by 12 percent and that any additional increases in capacity will be small as the major bottlenecks have been removed.

An estimated 11,000 carloads of potatoes will be shipped commercially out of the Klamath basin this year.

Farm Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 3-11 National 4-H club achievement week
- 8 Tulelake grange No. 468 meets
- 15-16 Oregon reclamation congress, Bend
- 15 Weed and bug symposium, Tulelake
- 19-21 Pacific Supply Co-op annual meeting, Multnomah hotel, Portland
- 26-30 Oregon Farm Bureau federation convention, Salem

DECEMBER

- 6-8 Oregon wheat grower's league, Pendleton

JANUARY

- 7-9 Oregon seed grower's league, Portland

HUNTER FOUND

WALLA WALLA, (AP)—A search party located a Seattle elk hunter in the rugged Blue mountains Monday, some 24 hours afer he was reported missing. Three members of his hunting party and a Deputy sheriff found Ed Stickerler, 50, in a canyon in the Blacksnake ridge country.

Klamath's total rainfall for the stream year ending September 30 was 14.84 inches.

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