

FARM REVIEW AND FORECAST

Oregon Livestock Value Totalled At 216 Million

The value of livestock counted on Oregon farms and ranches as of Jan. 1, 1962, totaled \$216 million, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist.

The value of Oregon livestock was up nearly 4 per cent from a year earlier. However, the state counted fewer milk cows, sheep, goats and chickens than at the same time in 1961, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture reports and other information.

The increase in beef cows offset the drop in milk cows, Mrs. Horrell noted, with total cattle and calf numbers holding unchanged at 1,435,000 head. Beef cows two years or older numbered 305,000, the highest on record. Milk cows two years or older totaled only 162,000 head on Jan. 1, lowest for that date since 1910.

Oregon counted 271,000 turkeys on Jan. 1, a seven per cent increase from a year earlier. Chicken numbers, not including broilers, were down to per cent, to approximately 3,056,000, the fewest since annual records started in 1924.

Sheep and lambs, numbered at 777,000, were down eight per cent to the lowest since 1933, while goats, at 138,000, were down six per cent, the lowest since 1938, Mrs. Horrell said.

Nationally, livestock trends Jan. 1 were only a little different, the economist noted. The nation counted more beef cattle, hogs and turkeys and fewer milk cows, sheep and chickens.

Milk Herds Smallest Since 1910

Oregon now has the smallest milk cow herd since 1910 as more dairymen quit the business during 1961, reports Stephen C. Mark, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist.

As 1961 began, Oregon dairy farmers counted 182,000 milk cows and heifers two years old or older, 45,000 one to two-year-old heifers and 58,000 dairy heifer calves, according to the annual livestock population census taken by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dairy heifers and calves kept for replacement are down 5,000 head from a year earlier, suggesting a further drop in milk cow numbers in 1962, Marks observed. Dairy replacement stock on farms and ranches is at the lowest ebb since the late 1920s. Oregon's milk cow herd has shrunk 44 per cent from the 1943 peak of 290,000 head, with most of the decline taking place in the last eight years, he said. The nation as a whole is also seeing a decline in milk cow numbers, he pointed out, with the nation's herd now the smallest since 1910.

Only one state, Wisconsin, showed slight increase in milk cow numbers at the first of this year. Only Arizona, California, Delaware, Hawaii and Nevada report no change in the number of milk cows from a year ago.

Oregon's 1962 milk production per cow was at record levels, but not high enough to offset the decline in animal numbers, Marks said. The state's milk production last year dropped three per cent below 1961 and the total of one billion, 87 million pounds was the smallest since 1925.

Nationally, dairymen produced a record flow of milk last year for a total of 125.9 billion pounds, the economist noted.

In 1962, U.S. cows averaged 7,325 pounds of milk. That's nearly 2,000 pounds more than their grandmothers produced just 10 years ago.

ESTIMATED AGRICULTURAL INCOME Klamath Basin - 1962			
	1962	1961	1960
LIVESTOCK			
Beef - 106,000 head	\$11,017,500	\$8,740,000	
10,000 cows @ \$156.00			\$1,560,000
850 bulls @ \$250.00			212,500
36,000 calves @ \$110.00			3,960,000
10,500 finished @ \$210.00			2,205,000
20,000 feeders @ \$104.00			2,080,000
Sheep - 48,000 head	1,376,400	1,212,000	
Wool - 380,000 lbs. @ 68¢			258,400
Lambs - 53,000 @ \$19.			1,007,000
Ewes - 6,000 @ \$4.50			27,000
Feeders - 7,000 @ \$12.00			84,000
Dairy - 3,000 cows	831,000	891,000	
Milk - 10,000,000 lbs. @ \$5.85 cwt.			585,000
Milk - 3,000,000 lbs. @ \$3.00 cwt.			90,000
Fat - 80,000 lbs. @ 6¢			48,000
Milk - 3,000,000 lbs. @ \$3.60 cwt.			108,000
Hogs - 550 sows	212,100	176,000	
5400 market hogs @ \$36.50			197,100
300 sows @ \$50.00			15,000
Poultry - 65,000 hens	440,000	603,500	
1,000,000 doz. eggs @ 40¢			400,000
10,000 fryers @ 60¢			6,000
40,000 turkeys @ 50¢			20,000
2,000 turkeys @ \$5.50			11,000
Ducks & geese			3,000
Miscellaneous - Bees, furs, horses, rabbits, etc.	200,000	180,000	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK INCOME	\$14,077,000	\$11,802,500	
FARM CROPS			
Hay - 42,000 a.	4,960,300	4,964,532	
Alfalfa - 11,000 a.			\$4,056,800
Grain - 11,000 a.			247,500
Other - 29,000 a.			656,000
82,000 a.			241,900 tons
Grain - 80,000 a.	10,068,435	9,651,204	
Barley - 42,000 a.			\$5,596,800
Oats - 42,000 a.			\$4,056,800
Wheat & Durum - 19,600 a.			\$1,921,753
Rye - 2,400 a.			\$6,190
144,300 a.			4,402,495 cwt.
Seed Crops - 2,400 a.	387,550	788,188	
Grass - 500 a.			\$295,200
Clover - 300 a.			\$18,350
Peas - 300 a.			\$13,150
Misc. - 100 a.			10,000
3,300 a.			
Field Crops - 24,700 a.	8,748,818	7,882,441	
Potatoes - 24,700 a.			\$7,587,840
Onions - 1,612 a.			\$1,096,160
Horseradish - 63 a.			\$25,200
Garlic - 53 a.			\$39,618
26,428 a.			
Misc. Fruits & Vegetables - 1,000 a.	150,000	180,000	
Irrigated pastures - 122,000 a.			
Idle fallow - soil building, flooded & not harvested 10,195 a.			
Total Crop Lands - 389,223 a.	24,315,103	23,486,365	
TOTAL CROP INCOME	14,077,000	11,802,500	
TOTAL LIVESTOCK INCOME	\$38,392,103	\$35,288,865	
TOTAL INCOME - CROPS AND LIVESTOCK			

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MERRILL SHEEP CLUB

At the fourth meeting of the Merrill Sheep Club, president Charlie Britton called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. There were sixteen members present and one new member, Carolyn Eagle. There were also six visitors. They were Mrs. Fairfield, Chet Haskins, Mrs. Kusler, Mrs. Haskins, Mrs. Alter and Denise Fotheringham.

Bobby Trotman read a report about sheep. Then we talked about who had breeding stock. Six people are having breeding stock this year.

Our assistant leader, Joe Fotheringham, told us about thick and thin woolled sheep and which one has better meat.

Mike Tedrick, Bobby Trotman and Tommy Britton were caught talking.

The meeting was adjourned by the president.

At the fifth meeting of the Merrill Sheep Club, president Charlie Britton called the meeting to order. Susan Haskins read the minutes for the last meeting. There were 17 members present, and two absent. Mrs. Kusler, Mrs. Fairfield, and Mrs. Alter were visitors. We discussed kinds of feed and what it would do to the lamb's stomach if the lamb ate too much.

There were four reports. Ginger McCollam's report dealt with how to determine the age of a sheep. She told us that before the sheep becomes 4 years old, you can tell the sheep's age by the teeth.

Nora Murphy read a report about Hampshire sheep. She said that the Hampshire is one of the outstanding mutton breeds and they are one of the largest breeds of sheep.

Connie Kusler told about the control of worms. She said in general, stomach worms and associated intestinal worms cause more trouble than all the other worms put together.

Robin Alter told about the food the lambs eat. She named many different kinds of food.

The meeting was adjourned by the president.

Yolanda Fotheringham, News Reporter.

GEARHART BEEF CLUB

The Gearhart Beef Club met on March 18 at Gregory Davis' home. It was decided to send \$2 to IFYE. Mary Hyde suggested getting club sweat-shirts for the fair. The club will get new shirts this year, they will be turquoise. A committee will check at Dru's for suitable shirts.

A food sale will be held on April 12 to raise money for the treasury. A suggestion to have candy sales in school was made. We will work out of the beef advancement books at the next meeting.

Lee Ann Rente and Margaret Obenchain were absent. From now on, members will give the club pledge at each meeting.

There were nine members present. The date of the next meeting is set for April 12, at Jack and Patty Patzke's home.

Lorna Rente, Secretary.

MERRILL GRUNTERS

The Merrill Grunters held a meeting on March 29 at the Recreation Hall. There were seven guests present and we all enjoyed the Alber's farm movie on the selecting and feeding of stock. Members decided to sell pop bottles to raise money for our club. So far we have raised \$11.30. Most of the members have decided on what type of hog to choose for the fair.

Our next meeting is set for April 17 at the Recreation Hall.

Bobby Britton, News Reporter.

MERRILL DAIRY CLUB

The March meeting of the Merrill Dairy Club was held at the home of Ray Hobson in Merrill. Allen Hobson called the meeting to order on March 29. A report was given by Charles Whitmore on different types of dairy feed found in this area. New and old business was discussed. The meeting was adjourned and several members took a test. This test was in the Oregon 4-H Dairy Advancement Program, Step 1, Calf Raiser. Those who pass Step 1 may go on to Step II, Junior herdsman.

The next meeting will be held at Ray Hobson's on April 17.

Brenda Stewart, News Reporter.

MENTAL HEALTH REPORT

WASHINGTON (UPI) — If you live with a spouse, chances are you are mentally healthier than the person who lives alone.

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Agricultural Report Shows \$3 Million Gain

Income from agriculture showed a gain of more than \$3 million in 1962 when compared with the previous year's figures, it was reported by County Agent Walt Jendrzewski.

Income from livestock at \$14,077,000 was estimated \$2,274,500 greater than in 1961 for several reasons.

Prices of beef cattle and calves averaged higher in 1962. Also an attempt was made this year to obtain a better record of gains made on itinerant cattle which come into the area for summer grazing.

Income from sheep was up from 1961 also, because of better lamb prices. Income from hogs increased slightly, while income from poultry and dairy decreased.

In spite of reduced acreage and production of grain hay and

'Jug Dairies' License Needed

Farmers, who keep only enough milk cows or goats for family use during most of the year, may find they have a milk surplus as green pastures increase the production.

The State Department of Agriculture reminded this week that dairymen bottling this surplus and selling it as raw milk are operating "jug dairies" and must be licensed to legally operate.

Farmers with only one cow or three dairy goats are the only ones exempt under the law.

This exemption, however, means that they are not subject to sanitation inspections and their animals are not required to have brucellosis and tuberculosis tests as often as licensed raw milk dairies.

Kenneth Carl, chief of the Dairy and Consumer Services Division for the department, points out that because of the lack of controls on the one-cow or three-goat dairy those who secure their milk from these sources do so at their own risk.

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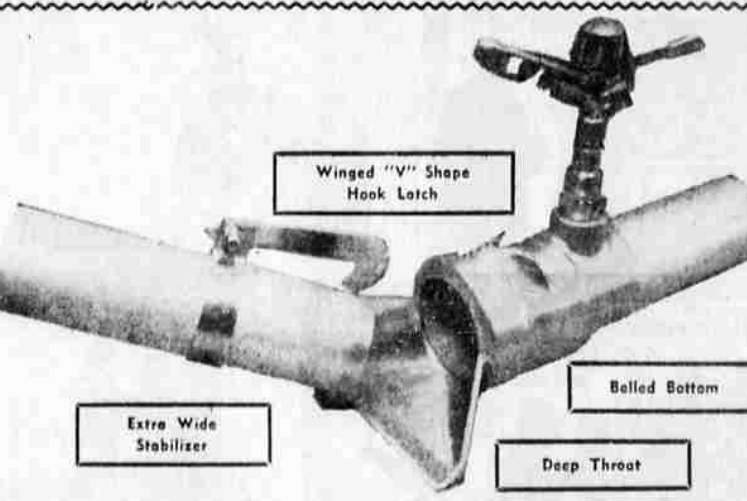
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