

Milk Production Dips; U. S. Dairy Report Reviewed

The supply of milk produced in Oregon is continuing its downward trend, reports Stephen C. Marks, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

As 1959 passed the half-way mark, milk production in Oregon trailed the same months of last year by 2 percent and was 7 percent under the 10-year average, as found from reports of the U. S. department of agriculture.

Production of cheese and butter in the state dropped at an even faster rate. However, more than average amounts of ice cream made in April helped hold the total drop in ice cream at the 2 percent level.

Cost of producing milk in the state continued to rise. The estimated average cost of producing grade A milk in the Willamette valley during July was 9 1/2 percent higher than last year.

Farm wage rates in Oregon are now at a record high. Alfalfa hay now costs 50 percent more than a year ago, and cost of concentrated feeds used by dairymen are also higher.

Over the nation, the amount of milk produced the first half of 1959 fell slightly below that of last year. This reflects a continued reduction in milk cow numbers during the present high level of beef-cattle prices and less favorable dairy pasture conditions, Marks explained.

Estimates on U. S. production of manufactured dairy products the first half of this year show cheese, butter, and dry milk output down much more from a year earlier than milk output. At the same time, national production of ice cream, sherbet, ice milk, and other frozen dairy products continued upward.

Looking at what people are eating, Marks found that use of cheese is holding near last year's record level, but use of butter appears to be slipping some more. The average person is also using slightly more fluid whole milk, and eating 4 percent more ice cream, ice milk, and sherbet.

VISIT IN EMMETT

Jerry and Kenny Wright spent from Thursday until Saturday with their grandmother Wright in Emmett. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Wright went after them Sunday and attended a family dinner.



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Local Boys Attend Youth Camp

Representing Malheur county at this year's Youth Range camp were Truman Cleaver of Nyssa, Dan Johnson and Byron D. Seaquist of Vale, and Walt Sather of Ontario. The camp was held Aug. 3 through 8 at the Lake Creek guard station, deep in the Malheur National forest in Grant county.

At the camp, Dan Johnson was elected "Head wrangler" of section 3. This placed him in charge of nearly one-fourth of the boys at the camp.

A total of 56 boys from 16 eastern and southern Oregon counties attended the camp. Those attending were selected through plant identification contests in their county, or on the basis of leadership, citizenship, and love of the outdoors.

Each boy at the camp received a \$30 scholarship to cover costs of attending the camp. Scholarships were provided by local sponsors in each county. Sponsors in Malheur county included the Malheur County Cattlemen's association, Malheur County Farm Bureau, Malheur County Pomona Grange, and Vale-Ontario branch of the U. S. National bank.

The camp is sponsored each year by the Pacific Northwest section of the American Society of Range Management. Main purpose of the camp is to give boys a chance to spend a week living out of doors in range country, giving them a better outlook on plant and animal life.

At the camp, boys slept out of doors under the stars, and all instruction was on out-of-door subjects. The guard station, surrounded by forested hills and valley grazing lands, gave the boys a large laboratory in which to study.

During study sessions, the boys learned to identify and describe various plants found on the range, studied soil and range judging, took part in discussions on conservation and wildlife management, and received instruction in photography, fishing, hunting, camping, and hiking. On the side, the boys managed to squeeze in a little swimming, horseshoes, and other camp games.

Around evening campfires, the boys learned more of the work of the range management society, held their speech contest, and even had a "tall tales" contest.

Major emphasis at the camp was set by the plant description contest held the first day. In this contest, and all during the camp, boys were urged to keep their eyes and ears open and to observe, appreciate, and remember what was going on around them.

Resource people at the camp included Chuck Waldron, USFA, John Day; Jim Yoakum, BLM, Vale; Robert Cole, USFS, John Day; Fred Greenfield, SCS, Bend; Bill Nelson, U. S. Fish and Wildlife service, Portland; Bill Farrell, Grant county extension agent; Andy Landforce, OSC extension wildlife specialist; and Barry Freeman, OSC range management specialist.

RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Ransom returned home Saturday after spending a week in Fresno, visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jaureque and family. They went to California by way of Reno and returned on highway 101 through the Redwoods. They also stopped at the ocean and came through Grants Pass, where they saw a large forest fire.

SUNDAY DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Chard and boys of Boise were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Chard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farr. The Chards spent the evening visiting in Ontario with Mr. and Mrs. Doyn Price and family.

County Library

Handicraft books head the group of new volumes going into circulation Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Malheur county library.

"American Folk Art" by Ellen S. Sabine. Ideas, designs and step-by-step techniques for decorating your household articles with gay colorful patterns of traditional American folk art.

"Handbook of Early American Decoration" by Edith Craner. A practical workbook for home decorators, giving complete instructions, full scale patterns and many illustrative photographs.

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"The Quickest Way to Draw Well" by Frederic Taubes. Discusses both materials and techniques which lead the student to impressive and speedy results.

"Braiding and Knotting for Amateurs" by C. A. Belash. Gives directions for the fundamental steps

Brewer Family Lawn Picnic Honors Visitors

OWYHEE—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brewer of Ontario gave a picnic dinner on their lawn Sunday honoring their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bottecher and family of Cottage Grove, who have been visiting. Guests included Messrs. and Mmes. Howard Evans, Roger Watts and daughter of Parma, E. H. Barker, Eldon

with clear explanations, supplemented by carefully-planned illustrative diagrams.

Decorative Flower and Leaf Making by Frederick T. Day. Describes how authentic flowers and leaves in three dimensions may be made from colored paper.

Hawaii: Isle of Dreams by Jacques Chegaroy. Presents life on the Hawaiian Islands as it is today.

Before We Sleep by Hank Bloomgarden. States the incredible position of medical research as it exists in United States where more than \$2,300 is spent per person for defense but only 14 cents per person to defend the nation against illness and disease.

Barker and family, Don Brewer and sons, Darrell Williams, Keith Tallman and family, Homer Brewer and daughters, T. H. Brewer, and Mrs. Stanley Penn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Skinner of LaCrescenta, Calif., arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Skinner on Tuesday evening. On Friday the Lewis and Roy Skinners left for Madras, Ore., where they will spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crocker.

Mrs. Lee Strickland accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wood and Miss Claudia Parker to Boise on Saturday evening to visit with O. H. Schweizer at St. Alphonsus hospital. Mr. Schweizer underwent surgery Friday and is recovering nicely. He will remain at the hospital about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bosely were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zimdar at Parma.

Sunday evening callers at the M. Atagi home were Dr. and Mrs. Kiyooki Hori and family of Tacoma, Wash. Dr. and Mrs. Hori and family are spending a two weeks vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hori, Fred Klingback of Seattle, Wn., arrived at the Ken McDonald

home Saturday to spend the week end and to attend the 10th anniversary reunion of the Adrian graduating class of 1949.

Mrs. Opal Riddle and nephew of North Platte, Nebr., and Mrs. Troy Harrell of Nampa were Tuesday afternoon callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Culbertson.

Mrs. Pearl Brown of Willamette, Ore., was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of her grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deffer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Girard and Karen of Los Angeles, arrived at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Skinner and family Sunday to spend several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald drove to Boise Sunday evening to attend the Boise-Billings baseball game.

Miss Brenda Walters of Boise spent the week end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Holcomb and family were week end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morfitt at Owyhee dam.

Miss Wanda Peutz and Jimmy and Jerry Brewer returned Saturday from a 5-day camping trip at the 4-H Forestry camp in Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Clary and family of Parma and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Walters and Brenda of Boise were Sunday afternoon callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Strong and family spent Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Strong and family in New Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brewer returned Saturday after a two week vacation trip to Vancouver, B. C. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ditty and family at Warden, Wash., and with Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Brewer at Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walters and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Walters were Thursday evening guests at the Byrd Walters home for a salmon dinner.

Wm. Peutz, Sr., and Lawrence, who have been spending the summer at their cabin at McCall, Ida., were home over the week end.

Mrs. Bob Skinner of Corvallis, Ore., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Theil and the parents of her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Skinner.

Sunday afternoon callers at the Ellis Walters home were Mr. and Mrs. Rex Walters of Boise and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brammer of Nyssa.

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