

4-H Club Roster Grows as Over 33,000 Youths Participate in State Program

Oregon's enrollment in 4-H clubs climbed to new heights this year with 33,456 boys and girls pledged to "make their best better," according to F. L. Ballard, associate director of Oregon State college extension service. He notes that membership in 4-H clubs is increasing at a faster rate than Oregon's present population growth rate.

Nearly twice as many girls as boys are enrolled in 4-H projects—22,212 girls and 11,263 boys—notes Burton Hutton, state 4-H leader. Youth's main interests appear to be in clothing, livestock and food, with 29,000 youth enrolled in at least one of these projects.

4-H seamstresses, 10,690 girls enrolled in clothing projects, made a total of 38,052 articles last year. Ruth Brasher state 4-H extension agent, reports that knitting was the fastest growing project with an increase of 984 members. Current fashion trends in easy-to-knit bulky sweaters and youth's normal bent toward creativeness may account for some of this growth.

Livestock Projects Popular

Cal Monroe, state 4-H agent, reports that nearly a third of all Oregon's club members are enrolled in livestock projects—beef, dairy, dairy goat, horse, rabbit, sheep, swine or dog clubs. A nation-wide movement of families from cities and farms into suburbs and parents' desires to provide youth experience in raising and caring for an animal are credited with some of the continued interest in livestock, suggests Monroe.

Food preparation, preservation and meal planning were practiced by 9,230 4-H youth in foods, food preservation and outdoor cookery projects. Beginning food manuals are being rewritten to include more on food buying, nutrition and experimental cookery, according to Lois Redman, state 4-H agent.

Other Popular Subjects Listed

Other popular projects are health with 3,715 members; horticultural projects (flower and veg-

etable growing), 1,761; forestry, 1,450; junior leadership, 1,209; photography, 622; entomology, 398; and poultry, 370. Altogether Oregon 4-H'ers enrolled in 48,265 projects during the year.

Projects are revised and new ones introduced to keep the program up-to-date and satisfy demand voiced by Oregon youth, reports the state 4-H staff. New child development, health and automotive projects will be offered this fall. Gun safety and archery, recent additions to the wildlife series, have stimulated enrollment of more than 400 more boys in the project.

A total of 5,300 adults served voluntarily as 4-H leaders last year. Hutton estimates that these leaders devoted more than one-half million hours to teaching, training and counseling 4-H members.

Minimum \$1.17 Corn Support Set in County

The price of 1960-crop corn in Malheur county will be supported at a minimum of \$1.17 per bushel, the Malheur ASC county committee announced this week.

The local rate is based on a minimum national average support of \$1.06 which has been determined under the requirements contained in the agricultural act of 1958.

This minimum is determined well in advance of harvest on the basis of preliminary information, so that the price support program can get under way promptly at harvest time. The minimum rate may be increased if final 1960-crop corn support price as determined in October is higher. It will not be reduced.

As in the past, the price support program for corn will be carried out through loans on farm or warehouse-stored corn and also through purchase agreements.

These will be available from harvest time through May 31, 1961, and will mature July 31, 1961.

To be eligible for support, corn must grade No. 3 or better except that corn grading No. 4 because of test weight only will also be eligible. Corn must meet certain moisture requirements and must also be in adequate storage. Detailed information is available at the county ASC office.

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Poultry, Garbage Rule Alterations Proposed by State

Anyone who wants a voice in proposed changes in state rules for feeding of garbage to swine and inspection of poultry and rabbits should make himself known before Sept. 15, the state department of agriculture advises.

The department is proposing amendments to both regulations.

Major change proposed in voluntary poultry inspection regulations would require two rooms for poultry slaughter. One room would be designed for bleeding, scalding and defeathering; the second for evisceration and packaging. No change is contemplated in the present one room approved for rabbit slaughter.

Another proposal would stipulate hot water for daily cleansing of all processing floors. A third change would add "leak proof" to the fly-tight container required for offal held on the premises. The proposals would also stipulate ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection procedures.

The move on garbage feeding rules entails a general tightening up on sanitation, drainage, cooking and construction requirements. Purpose: to reinforce protection of humans and animals against possible spread of disease through garbage feeding to swine.

Any opinions on the proposals should be addressed orally or in writing to J. F. Short, director, state department of agriculture, Salem.

Frosts Cause Potato Damage in Eastern Idaho, SW Oregon

Preliminary potato frost damage reports from the Klamath basin area and parts of eastern Idaho have been received at the Malheur county extension office. County Agent Fred Hagelstein reports that severe damage to vine growth has been reported in each of these areas.

Jack Waud, certified potato seed seed inspector, was in Malheur county this week and reported moderate to severe damage in the Klamath basin area. Many of the fields south and east of Klamath Falls are totally blackened due to recent frosts over a seven-day period.

Other fields in the area will have a 50 percent kill of top-growth and tuber growth in some fields are still below marketable size. Waud reports estimates of 30 percent decrease in yields throughout the Klamath basin.

Eastern Idaho damage is severe in certain areas, according to Kay Hart, manager of the Potato Marketing order at Payette. Bad vine frost damage is reported west of Blackfoot, Swan Valley, Grace and Roberts areas. Spotted damage is reported from Pocatello to Ashton and little or no damage reported between Twin Falls and Pocatello and south of those areas.

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Hog, Cattle, Sheep Price Outlook Told For Oregon Market; Beef Decline Seen

Oregon market prospects are better for hogs than for cattle and sheep in the year ahead, but the long-term outlook remains favorable for all parts of the state's meat animal industry, say Oregon State college economists.

Record large beef supplies now in the making throughout the country point to gradual decline in beef prices for the next three or four years.

Supply of beef per person in the U.S. next year appears certain to pass the 1956 record of 85.4 pounds, reports M. D. Thomas, OSC extension agricultural economist. However, beef prices in 1961 are not likely to drop as low as in 1956, the economist explains. Less pork on the market, plus willingness and ability of food buyers to spend more money for beef in recent years, will probably keep prices above 1956 levels.

Slaughter Lambs Bring Less

Lamb prices are headed down along with beef. Slaughter lambs and steers at Portland have been bringing about \$3 a hundred-weight less than last summer.

Oregon hog prices, now in a seasonal decline, should be followed by a rise this winter to levels possibly above recent July peaks, the economist believes. By next summer, swine breeding stock should be higher and some of the highest market hog prices could be past for a while, Thomas adds.

Taking a longer look at market prospects for Oregon livestock, the economist points out that local cattle and hog raisers are located near the west coast's "fastest growing group of highly paid meat eaters" in the country.

Population, Income Increase
Oregon, Washington and California populations have increased

more than one-third in the past decade and the gain is expected to continue nearly as fast in the next 10 years. Per capita income also has increased rapidly and is well above average.

Detailed discussion of Oregon's livestock outlook is included in the current issue of the Oregon Farm and Market Outlook circular published by OSC extension service. Also included are reports on seed crops, grain, hay and the general economic outlook. Free copies are available at county extension offices.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Max Christensen and family of Kearns, Utah, were recent Wednesday dinner guests of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burningham and family.

Mrs. Patricia Badten, Mark and Rhonda of Snoqualmie, Wash., spent a recent week with her father, Adolph Schroeder, while her husband and a friend were hunting in Canada.

Lamont, Duane, Candy and Brian Worden of Richland, Wash., returned Sunday to their home after spending two weeks at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Fife. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Worden, were on vacation in California.

OSC Study Shows Food Treatment Kills Dog Fleas

Dog's best friend may have thrown a monkey wrench into the time-honored pastime of flea-scratching.

An Oregon State college scientist has concocted a chemical treatment for dog food that promises to leave a pooch foot-loose and flea-free.

Here's how it worked in OSC trials. Light dosages of chemicals mixed with dog food went into the dog's bloodstream without noticeable injury to the dog. But the chemicals played havoc with fleas that nipped the dog.

It all resulted as an offshoot of work by R. L. Goulding, OSC Agricultural experiment station entomologist. His experiments with chemicals to control insects that bite cattle suggested the idea.

Dogs were fed chemically treated food, then exposed to fleas—all carefully counted—for four days. A recount at the end of the trial found 85 to 95 percent of the fleas dead.

Further proof that every dog has his day came with a bonus effect of the treatment. Veterinarians discovered that the chemicals sharply reduced stomach worms in the lucky pups.

Dr. D. H. Smith, veterinarian, and Dr. S. E. Knapp, parasitologist with the OSC department of veterinary medicine, assisted the entomologist with the project.

Goulding emphasized that his findings are only preliminary. Many angles need investigating by researchers and dog food producers before a flea-proofing food could be perfected and marketed.

Unanswered questions: How much chemical could a dog take

Prune Marketing Regulations Set

Regulations for prunes to be shipped from western Idaho and Malheur county as recommended by the Idaho-Oregon Prune committee became effective Aug. 21, according to Ralph McDonald, manager of the group.

The committee recommended and the secretary of agriculture approved regulations which require that all prunes shipped to fresh market shall be "mature" as defined in the United States standards for fresh prunes.

The regulations exempt from the above requirements individual shipment of prunes which in the aggregate does not exceed 150 pounds net weight.

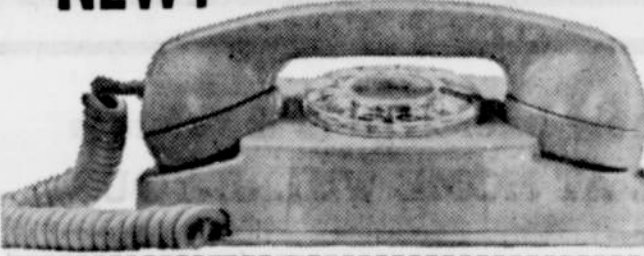
Any questions regarding the regulations should be directed to the committee office in Parma, Idaho, telephone 2-2281, McDonald concluded.

for long periods without damage? How much chemical is needed to keep a dog flea-free? What would the food cost and how long could it be stored?

Meanwhile, the researchers see deep implications in the findings. Most rodents carry fleas of various types frequently infected with disease. A flea toxicant could give scientists a tool for their world-wide fight against plagues and diseases spread by fleas carried on rodents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertram camped and fished four days last week at Cascade and Payette lakes. They also spent some time at Fourth of July creek near Council.

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