

OSU Agricultural Economist Reports Varied Outlook on Livestock Prices

Some improvement in prices from the August level is in prospect for Oregon slaughter steers later this year but odds are against sustained price strength into 1964, reports Stephen C. Marks, Oregon State university extension agricultural economist. Marks gives his views in the new Oregon Farm and Market Outlook. Copies of the circular are available from county extension offices or from the OSU bulletin clerk.

In the next five years, there is no indication of a price bust, assuming no widespread severe drought, but prices are more likely to work gradually lower than higher as cattle numbers continue to increase, Marks notes.

Supplies to Offset Demand

Although consumers are expected to have greater ability and willingness to spend for meat in the year ahead, prospects are that meat supplies will remain large enough to offset these price-boosting factors, the economist added.

In both the short and long-term outlook, national market supply of slaughter cattle and beef will be the most influential direct

force on any change in fed cattle prices. Changes in supplies of competing meats will exert a less direct influence, Marks writes.

While total U.S. beef output the rest of this year is expected to stay above the last half of 1962, some decline from the current large national supplies of grain-fed beef is indicated for the latter part of the fourth quarter.

Thus, a moderate upturn in prices for Oregon choice slaughter steers appears likely, Marks believes. Partly offsetting the decline in beef supplies are prospects for larger quantities of pork and poultry meat.

States Report Feedlot Increase

Market prospects for the first half of 1964 don't look so bright, Marks said, because an earlier lag in western feedlot placements was more than offset by sharp increases in placements in California, Arizona and Colorado during July.

Favorable range conditions in Oregon and other Pacific coast states and the Northern Plains should permit orderly marketings of feeder cattle in these areas this fall, he points out. However, producers in the Central and Southern Plains will be less fortunate unless late summer rains improve grass prospects and prevent early movement of feeder cattle.

In the long run, while further expansion in beef cattle numbers is encouraged by the optimistic outlook for beef, national increases much greater than in recent years could lead to price problems, Marks cautions.

Lamb Prices Expected to Rise

Lamb prices probably have reached their seasonal low for 1963, somewhat below the level of August 1962. Except for week-to-week variations, not much change in Oregon slaughter lamb prices seems likely until next spring, Marks said. Feeder lamb prices will likely make the usual summer to fall advance.

Increased domestic lamb output in 1960-62 was the chief factor in the depressed lamb prices during those years. By the same token, last year's recovery in prices was the result of a marked reduction in domestic lamb slaughter, he explained.

Oregon still produces more lamb than is consumed in the state but the surplus is expected to move readily to major lamb consuming population centers out of the state.

Pig Crop About the Same

Oregon hog prices between now and mid-1964 will be influenced mainly by the size of this year's pig crop, Marks said. Prospects are it will be about the same size as the one farrowed in 1962.

Prospects this fall are for a market supply of hogs slightly under the volume of fall, 1962. While hog prices this fall are expected to decline seasonally, the price level should not drop as low as last autumn, he added.

After the first of the year, it looks like the market supply of hogs may be no greater than a year earlier, Marks said. This is assuming hog farmers stay with their intentions to farrow a 1963 fall pig crop no bigger than the one in 1962.

LEAVE FOR PORTLAND

Mrs. Bill Wahlert, Michael, Johnny and Tone left Tuesday for Portland where Johnny will have an eye examination. From there they plan to go to Spokane to visit Mrs. Wahlert's sister, Sister Mary Rosetta. Tone will remain in Spokane and will enter Gonzaga university as a freshman.

RETURN TO ARIZONA

Miss Nancy Mieger of Phoenix, Ariz., left Aug. 27 for her home after spending two weeks as a house guest of the Carl Seburns. She will enter Arizona State college at Flagstaff.

Carl Seburn, Jr., also returned to Arizona where he will enroll as a third-year student at the State university in Tempe. He had spent the summer helping with work on his father's ranches in Treasure Valley.

Nyssa High School Calendar of Events

- Sept. 5—United States Employment Service interviews with seniors.
- Sept. 6—Frosh-Soph Olympics.
- Sept. 9—Drivers license examinations for driver education students.
- Sept. 10, 8 p.m.—FFA meeting.
- Sept. 12, 8 p.m.—PTA meeting.
- Sept. 13—Football at Weiser.
- Sept. 14—Freshman reception.

EAGLE BOWLERS TO MEET TONIGHT AT SUGAR BOWL

An organizational meeting will be held at 8 o'clock this evening at the Sugar Bowl for members of the Eagles and auxiliary desiring to bowl, according to Woody Seuell, president. The league will bowl at 9 o'clock the same evening, Seuell said.

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science; Mrs. Joan Soderstrom, eighth grade English, seventh grade math and English, girls' health.

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Gene Chester, principal; W. A. Barton, industrial arts; Mrs. Harriet Brumbach, library, guidance; Melvin Calhoun, English, driver's training; Donald Bates, speech, English; Jack Bowen, biology.

Stanley Sisson, vocational agriculture; Kinsey Keveren, history; Harry McGinley, mathematics; Robert Morford, physical education, world geography; Miss Margery Nihart, commercial; Mrs. Kay Fangen, mathematics; Mrs. Elaine Smith, English; Miss Jo-leen Reece, girls' physical education; Charles Quinowski, social studies.

Frank Turner, band; Mrs. Virginia Steffens, home economics; Clyde T. Swisher, English, journalism; Douglas Wilkerson, physics and chemistry, ninth grade science; Mrs. Alice Peterson, English and Spanish; Gary Clawson, mixed chorus (all grades and high school).

COLLEGE OFFICIALS REPORT ENROLLMENT OF NYSSANS

Dean R. Peterson and Donald B. Shaw have been accepted for enrollment at Treasure Valley Community college, according to college officials.

Peterson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen W. Peterson of route 2, Nyssa, and plans to major in the field of vocational agriculture during the fall term starting Sept. 19.

Shaw is a son of Mrs. James Shaw of 718 North First street, Nyssa, and plans to begin the fall term in the field of industrial arts.

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