

Bulletin Published by OSU Stresses Importance of Oregon's Agriculture

"Oregon's Agriculture Is Everybody's Business" is the title of a new Oregon State university bulletin, which proves its point with these new statistics:

The processed value of Oregon farm commodities in 1963 was a record \$649 million, providing a "tremendous base for economic growth and development."

Farmers received and spent \$419 million that year.

At least 93,000 full-time jobs—or one out of every seven jobs in the state—were provided by agriculture in 1963.

Consumers benefited from agricultural advances as well. Food purchases took only 19 percent of the average Oregon family income during 1963; in 1951, it was 23½ percent.

The special report was prepared by Dr. Gerald E. Korzan, agricultural economist, to assess agriculture's role in the state's economy today. Copies are available from the OSU bulletin clerk or from County Extension offices.

Agriculture Touches Everyone
Agriculture extends far beyond the farms and ranches in touching the lives of everyone, the report emphasizes.

In addition to the 65,600 persons who work on farms and ranches, another 18,000 work at processing and handling farm commodities; 5200 work at supplying agricultural equipment, supplies and services; and 4500 work at transporting and exporting farm production, the report notes.

These 93,000 people, in turn, "spend most of their incomes in Oregon, providing jobs in retailing, commerce and the professions for many others," Korzan points out in the introduction.

Korzan's report focuses attention as never before on the value added by processing of Oregon farm commodities.

Processing Adds \$230 Million

Income received by farmers in 1963 totaled \$419 million, the report shows. The value added by processing was \$230 million, Korzan noted. This includes all the activities performed by processors or first handlers, such as meat packers, canners, freezers or simply cleaning, grading and sacking in the case of grass seeds. It does not include wholesaling or retailing.

In the case of vegetables, the farm production itself was valued at just under \$50 million. Value added by processing, including packaging materials, totaled \$84 million.

A breakdown of the \$649 million processed value of farm commodities showed \$256 million came from livestock products and \$393 million from crops. Meat animals provided \$125 million; dairy products, \$78 million; poultry and eggs, \$44 million; and other livestock products, \$8½ million.

Vegetables Total \$134 Million
Grain and hay crops totaled \$75 million; vegetables, \$134 million; fruits and nuts, \$92 million; and all other crops, \$92 million.

Korzan includes some other striking observations about Oregon's agriculture. They include: Oregon farmers and ranchers produce surplus feeder cattle that are fattened in other states. If economic conditions were "right," 150,000 to 200,000 of these cattle could be fattened here providing at least 7000 new jobs.

Production of turkey hatching eggs is a multi-million dollar industry in Oregon and its importance may increase.

Green Beans Major Crop

Green beans are king in Oregon, worth \$46 million when canned and frozen—enough to provide 50 million people with all the beans they want.

The state's vegetable production for processing (green beans, corn, peas, beets and carrots) has increased 32 percent in the last seven years.

Seed crops continue to increase in tonnage and value. In 1963, they were worth \$33 million when cleaned, graded and sacked.

Value of nursery and greenhouse products increased 62 percent in the last seven years. In 1963, it had become a \$20 million industry.

ARRIVES HOME ON LEAVE

U. S. Navy Seaman Terry Thompson arrived home Saturday to spend a five-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thompson and other relatives. He is a crew member of the USS Chemung which recently returned from the China seas and will report back to his home station at Long Beach, Calif.

Four FFA'ers Qualify For State Farmer Test

(From the Nyssa High Bulldog)

The boys, who qualified for the FFA State Farmer degree, are Terry Oft, Steven Jensen, Van and Vaughn Schulthies.

To qualify for the test, each boy must have held the degree of Chapter Farmer and had two years of instruction in vocational agriculture; be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the state association and national organization; be able to lead a group discussion for 40 minutes.

He must also have earned by his own efforts from farming or other agricultural works and deposited in a bank or productively invested at least \$500; show outstanding ability to be a leader, cooperative student, to be in community activities and make a written record of the achievement. Each boy was visited by two state officers, Vice President Chuck Sparks and Sentinel Roger Martin. These state officials contact all the counties in the state like this. Last year's project books of the boys were scored against other FFA members in the Snake River District. Their project books were checked during the last of December.



KNIMBLE KNITTERS MEET

Knimble Knitters 4-H club members met Feb. 4 at the home of Shanna Bishop with eight girls and their leaders in attendance. Roll call was answered by telling how many articles each one is making for the year.

Officers were reminded of a training meeting to be held Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Ontario high school.

Several girls received prizes as winners in a guessing game. Next meeting will be Feb. 18 at the home of Sherry Kurtz.

—Coleen Brown, Reporter.

4-H STITCHETTES MEET

Fifth meeting of the Stitchettes Sewing club was held Saturday afternoon at the home of Karry Cleaver, president.

Refreshments were served following a discussion concerning the 4-H officers' meeting to be held next Saturday at Ontario.

Next meeting of the group will be Saturday, Feb. 20, at the home of Joyce Cleaver.

—Joyce Cleaver, Reporter.

BROWERS RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brower returned home Feb. 3 after spending several days in Burley and Salt Lake visiting relatives and attending to business.

Nyssa's Son Serves Aboard USS Sylvania

Seaman Jerry W. Hall, USN, son of Mrs. Arthur P. Stedman of Nyssa, is serving aboard the combat stores ship USS Sylvania, operating out of Norfolk, Va., according to a recent Navy news release.

The Sylvania is the Navy's newest underway replenishment ship, designed to re-supply ships of the fleet at sea with fresh, frozen and dry provisions, general stores and aviation spare parts.

In addition to having the most modern design of trolley high-lifts to transfer her stores, Sylvania is also equipped with a flight deck, a helicopter hangar and two Boeing Ch-46 "Sea Knight" helicopters, capable of making replenishment transfers by air.

The ship is scheduled to deploy to the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean this spring. Crew members of the ship will have the opportunity of visiting Spanish, French and Italian ports while with the Sixth Fleet.

VISIT IN SCHOEN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schultz of Apple Valley were Sunday afternoon and evening visitors in the Bill Schoen residence.

Highly Effective New Weed Control Methods Outlined

Weed control research conducted by William O. Lee at Oregon State university is featured in the current issue of Agricultural Research magazine, published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Lee has developed a method of controlling weeds and volunteer crop plants without harming a new crop. To do this, he prepares a seedbed in change-over fields in the fall, bringing weed seeds to the soil surface and then kills the weeds and volunteer crop plants when they emerge by spraying with a non-residual herbicide.

Grass seeds for the new crop are planted very early in the spring, just below the surface of the soil, without further seedbed preparation. The new crop is able to grow rapidly, without competition, and produce a pure stand the first year.

Several herbicides have been tested. Paraquat and a combination of IPC plus 2,4-D have shown most promise. Timing of the herbicide applications has a marked effect on degree of success. December and January applications are more effective.

This method could be applied in other geographic areas, to save grass seed producers both time and money in completing a change-over of crops, it was noted. Growers could move quickly to take advantage of favorable prices, keep each field productive every year, and sell crops at least two years sooner than is possible under present methods.

Lee is a research agronomist with the Agricultural Research Service, USDA. The experimental work was done in cooperation with the OSU Agricultural Experiment station.

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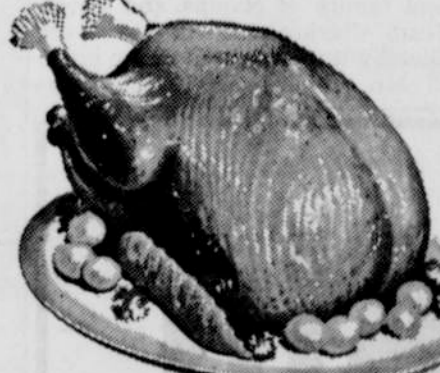
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