

Oregon State Agricultural Economist Predicts Lower Prices for Livestock

Livestock prices in Oregon probably reached their peak for the year in March and should continue to drop somewhat during the rest of the year, according to Stephen C. Marks, Oregon State university extension agricultural economist.

Production of both red meat and poultry is increasing, Marks points out. This helps balance continued strong demand for meat. There are more cattle in feedlots being finished for market now than there were in 1965, and this also will hold prices down.

Feeders Caught in Squeeze

Falling prices mean that cattle feeders are getting caught in the squeeze between the prices they paid for feeder cattle that went into their lots this spring and the price being paid for cattle going to market now.

Feedlot operators in turn are not going to be willing to pay as

much for feeder cattle this summer and fall, according to the economist.

Widespread drought in the Western and Great Plains states is also having an effect on the cattle market by forcing ranchers short on feed supply to sell part of their herds. Unless rains come, more cattle will be sold off the ranges earlier than usual.

However, if the present greater-than-average supply of cattle in feedlots is cleaned up by the end of the year there could be some price relief then, Marks says.

Hog Prices Reach \$30.85

Hog prices will probably dip well under year-earlier levels this summer and fall, predicts Marks. Hog prices hit an 18-year high of \$30.85 in Portland last winter. They dropped off considerably, but then came back up some.

However, hog producers are raising even more pigs for summer and fall markets than they planned last March. The June pig crop report shows a 10 percent increase in this year's pig crop.

Lower feed grain prices and prospect of another record corn crop this year are likely to spur a further increase in hog production for market next spring and summer.

Thundereggs Embellish Journal Window



AMONG THE MANY THUNDEREGG displays at Nyssa business firms is this one by Maurice Corey. It occupies a good portion of the window space at the Journal office and includes stones from various beds in the area. Individual samples

are labeled as to where they were found. Other colorful "eggs" in the window are those furnished by Adolph Schroeder. They are pictured elsewhere in this issue of the Journal. —Staff Photo.

Outlook Mixed for Oregon Harvest; OSU Economist Reports Ups, Downs

Harvest prospects for many of Oregon's farm products are not as bright as last year, with the exception of some berry, tree fruit and vegetable crops.

Growers look for record crops in snap beans, strawberries and red raspberries, but Mrs. Elvera Horrell, Oregon State university extension agricultural economist, said the outlook is for smaller output of grains this season.

Wheat is expected to be down 20 percent, barley off 13 percent, corn down 15 percent and oats off as much as 30 percent. Rye output is expected to be down a fifth but still above the 1960 to 1964 average.

The state's hay crop is expected to fall more than 14 percent short of last year. Supplies are expected to be short, even though there was a larger carryover from last year.

Oregon's pastures continue to deteriorate this summer. July 1 condition was 76 percent of normal compared to 91 percent average for that date, Mrs. Horrell said.

Cattle, Sheep in Good Shape

Ranges are rated poor in the northeast section and only fair in other areas of the state. Cattle and sheep are still in good shape in most parts of Oregon, but only in the northwest corner are they rated better than last year.

The sugar crop is expected to dip slightly below last year and

remain 6 percent below average, the economist predicted.

In tree fruits, prospects are for more cherries and peaches, fewer apples and pears and about the same tonnage of prunes. Oregon also looks for more filberts and walnuts this year, although the walnut crop may drop below average.

Berry Production Up

Latest estimates place Oregon's strawberry crop fractionally higher than the record crop produced in 1964 and 70 percent above last year's small crop. Chances are good for a record red raspberry crop this year.

Black raspberries will dip below last year but remain above average; boysenberries and loganberries are expected to top last year. Growers are also harvesting a somewhat larger acreage of tame blackberries.

A record snap bean crop may also be in the offing, but processing peas may be down a fourth. Prospects look favorable for sweet corn; green lima beans and potato acreage is up slightly.

RETURN FROM PENDLETON

Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Chard returned home July 26 after spending two weeks in Pendleton with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Doyn Price and family. Mrs. Price recently underwent major surgery.

Parma's Fort Boise Celebration Includes Square Dance Events

One of the scheduled activities during Parma's Old Fort Boise Days celebration is a barbecue dinner for square dancers. The picnic will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, in the Parma city park.

Chicken, punch and coffee will be furnished by the club. Those attending are asked to take a covered dish and own table service.

Square dancing will follow at 9 p.m. in the Parma junior high gym. All square dancers, as well as spectators, are invited. Plenty of seating room will be available for spectators, with no admission charge.

The Skirts and Flirts of Parma will feature an appearance of the Treasure Valley Handicap club, the Whirling Wheelers. Their square dancing performance will be staged at approximately 10 o'clock.

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The famous phrase has a round, rolling rhythm: "The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth." But does the witness, having uttered the words, obey their command?

It is an old, old problem. Almost 2,400 years ago, Euripides said: "The tongue hath sworn, but the mind is unsworn."

How can we persuade a man's mind to deliver what his tongue has promised? In an earlier day, the law relied mainly on the witness' dread of immediate divine retribution. But few people nowadays are kept honest by the fear of a heavenly thunderbolt.

Accordingly, the law now seeks to harness the power of the witness' own conscience. To that end, the form of the oath may vary somewhat to fit the particular creed of the individual.

Thus, a Christian may swear on the Bible; a Jew on the Old Testament and a Mohammedan on the Koran. A Quaker, to whom swearing is abhorrent, may merely "affirm" that he will tell the truth.

The modern oath has a further use beyond engaging the conscience of the witness. It also serves to convert a lie into a crime. Lying under oath is the crime of perjury.

The witness who commits perjury not only offends his own conscience and breaks his own oath, he also, in the words of a federal court, "pollutes the stream of justice at its source."

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Miss Sager to Study At Whitworth College

Bonnie L. Sager has been admitted to Whitworth college for the 1966-67 academic year, according to Kenneth F. Proctor, admissions director.

The Nyssa student is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Sager and a 1965 graduate of Nyssa high school.

Proctor said the freshman class will be comprised of about 370 students, with selections made from an increased number of highly qualified applications.

The Presbyterian-related college of liberal arts and sciences in Spokane has a limited enrollment of 1250 students. Average GPA for entering freshmen will be approximately 3.2, Proctor concluded.

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