

### Crop Outlook, State Market Prospects Listed by OSU Extension Economist

Oregon wheat, eggs, onions, lamb imports, fruit and nut crops hold the market spotlight this week, according to Stephen C. Marks, Oregon State university extension agricultural economist.

Oregon onion growers should pocket more money for their crop this fall and winter, due nationally. Marks says the late summer crop, which goes into storage to supply most of the onions marketed during fall and winter, looks like it will be down 11 percent from the

record 1965 crop. This may mean slightly higher grocery store prices for onions this winter.

Egg supplies this summer also have been smaller, according to the economist, leading to higher egg prices. However, he points out, higher feed prices and rising costs of wages, interest, taxes and equipment have soaked up the increased egg prices and left poultrymen in general no better off than a year ago.

#### Egg Price Drop Expected

He expects egg prices to head down as summer heat abates and the new, larger crop of pullets hatched earlier this year comes into full production.

Broiler production is up and prices have stayed a little ahead of last year, but increased costs of production offset the small price advantage. Turkey is a bargain buy at retail this summer, with supplies going to market during the first six months of 1966 a fourth larger than during the first half of 1965.

Marks says a total Oregon tree fruit and nut crop, a little larger than last year, is in the making. July's weather favored Oregon fall harvested fruit crops. However, strawberry production has been revised downward to 97-150,000 pounds. This is still well above the short crop delivered last year, he points out.

#### Lamb Imports Eyed

A sharp decline in lamb prices this year is bringing lamb imports into the limelight again, according to Marks.

Recently introduced legislation would add lamb imports to the off-shore meat import quota law approved by congress two years ago. Imports of some 8 million pounds of lamb during January-May this year were up 68 percent compared to the same months in 1965. Mutton imports for processing increased even more to a total of 26 million pounds. The total is equivalent to about three weeks of domestic lamb and mutton production.

Wheat dominated grain market news as prices moved toward two-year peaks and the secretary of agriculture announced another increase in 1967 wheat acreage allotments. So, more land will be seeded to wheat this fall, but there is doubt that the increase will equal the 30 percent boost in acreage allotments.

### Mike Pratt Undergoes Navy Basic Training

Seaman Recruit Michael A. Pratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Pratt of route 1, Nyssa, is undergoing nine weeks of basic training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego.

According to a Navy news release, he is receiving instruction in Naval customs, courtesies and organization, ordnance, gunnery, seamanship, damage control, first aid, swimming, survival, ship-board drills and sentry duty.

A program of physical fitness, military drill and inspections keeps the recruits mentally and physically alert during their training.

Pratt's Navy classification tests will determine whether he will be assigned to a school, shore station or ship after his graduation.



**CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS** at Malheur County Fair, 1966, are shown above. On the right is Jim Bishop and his Yorkshire sow who took grand champion showman honors in the FFA division. Jim is a son of the Mancel Bishops and a 1966 graduate of Nyssa high school. The young lady is Julie Hiral, displaying her champion market swine. At the fat stock auction Friday eve-

ning the top 4-H animal sold for \$55 per cwt. and brought \$114.40. Buyer was Ontario Meat company. Julie's parents are the Steve Hiral's of the Ridgeview community, route 1, Homedale. She is an active member of the Adrian Livestock club.

—Journal Photos.

### Potluck Dinner, Meeting Planned By Legion Groups

Members of Nyssa American Legion Post 79 and auxiliary will hold their first meetings of the season on Thursday, Sept. 1, it is announced by Commander Charles Steffens.

A potluck dinner is being planned at 7 p.m. and all interested veterans are urged to attend. Post members attending are asked to take a covered dish and own table service, and the women will assist in serving the meal.

During the business sessions, reports will be given by Laurel Beck and James Anderson, delegates to Girls' and Boys' State sessions during the summer months.

A tentative schedule of post activities in the community will be discussed during the Legionnaires' program.

#### VISITORS FROM BAKER

Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Leuck and son of Baker visited during the weekend with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson.

### Cow Hollow

By Helen Hoffman

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Durfee and family were Sunday dinner guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Durfee at Caldwell. The Irvin Durfee couple visited Saturday evening at the Emery Cameron home in Big Bend.

Mrs. Ed Foss and children of Seattle and Mrs. Betty Orr visited Friday afternoon with Mrs. Ed Bancroft at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Niccum. Mrs. Bancroft (Florence Niccum) and children are spending the summer here.

#### Howell Family Picnic Held

A Howell family picnic was held Sunday at Lake Owyhee. In attendance were Mrs. Bertha Laureston; her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Wiss of Newell, Iowa. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Howell and grandsons, Ricky and Russell Tennant; Mrs. Frank Graham, Mr. and Mrs. John Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Howell and children of Fruitland. Mrs. Laureston is a cousin of the Howells.

The group had a picnic supper at the Russell Howell residence that evening. Mr. and Mrs. Wiss and Mrs. Laureston visited last Thursday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham.

#### VISITORS FROM INDIANA

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner of LaPorte, Ind., were recent visitors of Mrs. Mabel Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Eales Sumpter. The visitors were enroute home following an extended vacation trip throughout the northwest.

#### RETURNS FROM BEND

Ray Wahlert returned last Thursday to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wahlert, after spending the summer on the Barry O'Connor ranch near Bend. Ray, Bill and Tone Wahlert made a business trip to northern Idaho during the weekend.

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