

State Ag Department Reports \$147.6 Million Net For Oregon Farmers

Crops and livestock produced on Oregon farms in 1967 grossed \$523.6 million but after deducting \$441.7 million in production costs farmers had a net income of only \$147.6 million, and this included an allowance for government payments, rents received and home farm products consumed.

These figures received by the State Department of Agriculture from the U. S. Department of Agriculture also showed that, while crops and livestock in Oregon in 1967 grossed \$13.7 million more than the previous year, production expenses increased so much that farmers' net income from crops and livestock in 1967 was \$7.7 million below the previous year.

Crops contributed 56.3 percent of the total gross or \$294,566,000. Gross income from livestock was \$229,077,000. With a gross income of \$135,612,000, meat animals made the largest contribution, 25.8 percent. However, the gross from meat animals was \$3,075,000 below 1966.

Dairy products showed a \$1,976,000 increase over the previous year for a 1967 gross of \$49,860,000. Poultry and eggs were down to \$33,018,000 from a gross in 1966 of \$36,622,000 and miscellaneous livestock declined from \$11,291,000 to \$10,587,000.

Gross income from food grains increased by \$6,943,000 for a 1967 total of \$46,345,000 but feed crop gross income dropped from \$33,402,000 in 1966 to \$26,511,000 in 1967.

Vegetables and fruits and nuts increased their gross incomes. The gross from vegetables in 1967 was \$70,647,000 compared with \$65,778,000 in 1966, while fruits and nuts went up to \$71,195,000 in 1967 from \$65,622,000 the previous year. The "all other crops" category increased its gross to \$79,868,000 in 1967. The previous year it was \$71,165,000.

Gross cash incomes from individual farm commodities in 1966 and 1967 were:

Cattle and calves	\$121,158,000	\$119,156,000
Hogs	\$9,019,000	\$8,535,000
Sheep and lambs	\$8,510,000	\$7,921,000
Milk wholesale	\$43,092,000	\$45,730,000
Milk retail	\$4,064,000	\$3,500,000
Butterfat	\$728,000	\$630,000
Eggs	\$16,500,000	\$13,972,000
Broilers	\$8,165,000	\$8,095,000
Turkeys	\$7,681,000	\$6,716,000
Farm chickens	\$512,000	\$391,000
Wool	\$2,747,000	\$1,894,000
Honey	\$605,000	\$412,000
Beeswax	\$24,000	\$29,000
Mohair	\$38,000	\$18,000
Other livestock	\$11,641,000	\$12,078,000
Wheat	\$38,983,000	\$46,074,000
Rye	\$419,000	\$271,000
Hay	\$14,352,000	\$13,557,000
Barley	\$15,767,000	\$9,990,000
Oats	\$2,730,000	\$2,362,000
Corn	\$553,000	\$602,000
Potatoes	\$18,285,000	\$22,182,000
Snap beans	\$14,818,000	\$14,964,000
Onions	\$8,838,000	\$10,542,000
Sweet corn	\$6,212,000	\$6,911,000
Green peas	\$4,492,000	\$5,599,000
Broccoli	\$1,269,000	\$1,574,000
Carrots	\$3,995,000	\$1,065,000
Cauliflower	\$619,000	\$856,000
Lettuce	\$713,000	\$775,000
Beets	\$694,000	\$689,000
Dry peas	\$809,000	\$515,000
Tomatoes	\$384,000	\$515,000
Asparagus	\$465,000	\$496,000
Watermelons	\$346,000	\$479,000
Misc. Vegetables	\$3,839,000	\$3,485,000
Fears	\$12,604,000	\$21,810,000
Cherries	\$13,666,000	\$15,235,000
Strawberries	\$16,825,000	\$12,915,000
Apples	\$3,974,000	\$5,299,000
Filberts	\$4,504,000	\$3,450,000
Plums and prunes	\$1,577,000	\$2,626,000
Cranberries	\$758,000	\$983,000
Peaches	\$1,160,000	\$845,000
Walnuts	\$1,544,000	\$791,000
Other fruits and nuts	\$9,010,000	\$7,241,000
Greenhouse and nursery	\$21,963,000	\$25,852,000
Mint	\$6,646,000	\$10,231,000
Ryegrass seed	\$8,919,000	\$8,193,000
Sugar beets	\$5,097,000	\$6,442,000
Forest products	\$4,346,000	\$4,054,000
Fescue seed	\$4,394,000	\$4,031,000
Hops	\$3,501,000	\$3,571,000
Alfalfa seed	\$2,630,000	\$3,554,000
Bentgrass seed	\$2,070,000	\$2,507,000
Crimson clover seed	\$1,135,000	\$1,255,000
Merion bluegrass seed	\$1,367,000	\$815,000
Red clover seed	\$666,000	\$704,000
Vetch seed	\$947,000	\$433,000
White clover seed	\$117,000	\$104,000
Miscellaneous crops	\$7,367,000	\$8,122,000

Brief Views From Parnell Publication

(Ed's note: The following are excerpts from a position paper of Dale Parnell, State Sup't. of Public Instruction, appointed by Governor Tom McCall earlier this year and who is running for the office subject to the Nov. 5 general election.)

"Many Oregon schools today face what a businessman would call 'consumer revolt'. When school budgets are rejected time and time again, our consumers -- taxpayers and the community at large -- are trying to tell us something. We'd better find out what it is and take steps to correct this situation."

"Too often educators are overly sensitive to criticism regarding the operations of our schools. Some of this criticism may not be justified, but a lack of agreement should not cause us to tag the critic as an enemy of education. He might, in fact, be a true friend of quality education."

"Many people -- educators included -- have an upside-down view of education. They speak of 'up there in graduate school' and 'down there in the primary grades'. Actually it should be the other way around. We should have our best educators, our most talented teachers in the first three grades, for there is where students build a foundation for future education and for their lives."

"I believe in the 'Four Rs' -- the traditional 'reading, writing, and arithmetic' plus a fourth R - RESPONSIBILITY. The learning process must be conducted in an atmosphere that stresses personal and group responsibility."

"Vocational education must have a stronger role in our secondary schools and community colleges. While the percentage of those who go on to four-year colleges is rising, there are still many who cannot or will not enjoy the fruits of higher education. These youngsters must, however, develop marketable skills."

THANK YOU!

We take this opportunity to thank all those who gave clothing, household furnishings and money after fire destroyed the home of Millie Pinkston at Parma.

We sincerely appreciate all the many kindnesses. - Millie Pinkston and boys, the Jim Nichols family, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Raney.

German Club Taps Officers

Elected this year's German Club president was Anita Piercy, during the first meeting, Sept. 25 Susan Bratton will assist her as vice president. Secretary - treasurer for the year is Roxy Maxon.

Annie Crego and Joanne Jeffries will serve as activity chairmen. Leah Henigson was elected Student Council representative. - NHS Bulldog.

INFLATION SPIRAL OF FEDERAL SPENDING SEEN AS RUINOUS

As inflation continues to eat away at the value of our dollars and increased taxes fail to keep up with government spending, it is becoming increasingly evident that some new pattern must be found for the operation of our federal government. To many people that new pattern seems fairly evident. Sooner or later, federal spending programs, which have proven to be ineffective or no longer warranted by changed circumstances, must be discontinued and new programs or expansions of old ones should be carried on only as they prove capable of accomplishing the results intended. The U. S. Department of Agriculture's crop subsidy and control program provides an example of following such a path.

Thirty-five years ago, Congress provided that the U. S. Department of Agriculture should begin certain farm crops to support prices above the free market level and help farmers struggling in the depths of the depression years. The first 30 years of the program resulted in a \$10.6 billion loss to the Department of Agriculture in buying and selling wheat, feed grain and cotton. In just the last five years, USDA losses on these same crops have risen to \$12.4 billion! And the nation's farmers are still in trouble with some two million of them netting an average of \$1500 on their farm operations last year.

Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff from Connecticut in a Reader's Digest article, entitled "Needed: New Directions for Rural America," points out the deficiencies of our farm programs. He cites the President's Commission on Rural Poverty which reported that farm programs were far out of date, had failed to anticipate the advances in technology, and "... Instead of combating low incomes, these programs have helped to create wealthy landowners while largely bypassing the rural poor."

Senator Ribicoff charges that farm programs pick the consumers pockets by raising prices, and worst of all by raising them the most on staple food products used most heavily by low income people. He suggests means to encourage industry through such devices as tax incentives to locate and create jobs in rural unemployment areas, thus helping stem the flood to the cities. Secondly, it is urged that the more efficient farmers be enabled to return to the free market and that crop subsidies be terminated as rapidly as possible. This is in line with the frequently expressed wishes of the nation's largest agricultural organization, the American Farm Bureau Federation.

But, powerful forces work to perpetuate the system. Not the least of these is the 115,000-man U.S. Department of Agriculture itself, with agents in practically all of the nation's 3,139 counties. Congressmen are locked into support of farm subsidies because so many of the voters back home in agricultural areas have been persuaded that their livelihood depends on their continuation. It's a matter of condition that has been a generation in the making. The story of ineffective and inefficient spending in the farm subsidy program could undoubtedly be duplicated in hundreds of other federal programs and activities that need streamlining, redesigning, redirection or outright elimination. All of this is a familiar and often told story, and the political realists are correct in their assessment of the near insurmountable difficulties of really doing anything about it. But the rising pressure of inflation, many feel, could result in widespread public reappraisal of the role of government in the economic and social life of the nation. This remains to be seen, and it

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HERE'S GOOD NEWS FOR YOU who have been irked by separation of bonded fabrics. Elaine Carlson, Oregon State University Extension clothing specialist, says that beginning this fall, two major manufacturers will guarantee against debonding for the life of the garment.

One company guarantees that if at any time, even in 10 years, the bond fails before the fabric or garment does, the processor will buy it back in accordance with a warranty given to the cutter.

Another company says its guarantee will "cover the bonded fabric for the life of the garment regardless of the number of washings or dry cleanings."

So look for hang tags or labels on bonded fabrics that give assurance of secure bonding.

FRUADS GO ON AND ON. After the well-publicized report on harmful effects of cigarette smoking, a rash of smoking cures appeared. Quacks have profited from sale of worthless pills as a substitute for will power to quit smoking.

We're not an expert on the subject, but the National Better Business Bureau says, "No pills or liquids have been found that, in themselves, do any good towards curing the smoking habit."

CLEANING THE FIRE-PLACE is an easy job to put off because it's hard work no matter how smart your method. For a stone fireplace, add four ounces of yellow laundry soap to enough hot water to

make a quart of soft soap. Then heat until the soap dissolves. Cool, stir in one-half pound of powdered pumice stone and one-half cup of household ammonia. Mix thoroughly.

Before you start the scrubbing job, cover the hearth or floor with newspapers. Brush off as much smoky deposit as possible. Then rub on a coat of the soapy mixture with another brush. After this stands 15 to 30 minutes, scrub it off with a brush and warm water. Finish by sponging with plenty of warm water to get off every trace of residue.

MEND SMALL HOLES IN KNITWEAR with iron-on sock patches. They're handy too for reinforcing thin elbows of sweaters and much easier than sewing on pieces of cloth. Sock patches stretch because

PERSONAL

Mrs. Willis Bertram returned home Oct. 7 from taking her daughter, Lucille to Portland where she enrolled as a freshman at Lewis and Clark college. While in the Rose City, Mrs. Bertram attended a two-day parent preview session at the college. She also visited an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jamison at Oregon City.

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