

Farm Produce Report Presented By York County Agricultural Rep.

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It's a good idea to once in a while take a look at what is happening with farm products across the country. Here are a few facts that may help in making decisions this fall.

Cattle numbers increased two percent in 1963. Beef cows and heifers were responsible with a jump of 5% while dairy cattle declined slightly. Fed cattle marketings were higher this year and heavy marketings are expected to continue. As a result, prices will likely be lower.

Hogs going to market this summer were just slightly above last year, but heavy marketings are expected this fall. The increase forecast is 9% at around 138,000 per week. A 13% increase is in the books for the first half of 1964. Happily, a good market in the States is expected to keep pork imports low, but the average price for 1963 is expected to be lower than the \$27.00 figure set in 1962.

Sheep numbers are down all across the country, with the decrease from last year being 8%. Better prices are in prospect.

Milk production shows no change from the past two years. With consumption of dairy products up, the surplus situation looks brighter. Butter sales of 343 million pounds are forecast, while production is expected to be 352 million lbs. So butter continues to build up but more slowly.

Cheese production will be about 140 million pounds, up 23 million from last year. Cheese consumption will be about 105 million pounds.

For eggs, the number of hens is lower than it has been for several years, and prices should improve over last fall's 45 cent average. Broilers are plentiful, and lower beef and pork prices this fall will likely affect the broiler prices.

The wheat crop this year is nearly record breaking. At 694 million bushels, it is 23% higher than last year, and exceeded only in 1962 when the figure was 702 million bushels. The

oat crop is down, but with a big carryover from last year, the 600 million bushel supply is the largest since 1944. Barley and mixed grain supplies are good too, despite lower yields here in Ontario. Feed grain prices including corn, should be lower this fall.

The potato crop is variable this year but total yield will likely be about the same as last years, with prices similar or slightly higher.

And our hat is off this week to Elisabeth Barker of Gormley, crowned Queen of the Furrow at the International Plowing Match, and as well, a salute to Grant Wells of Stouffville who did so well in the World Class.

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PRACTISE TEACHING PROGRAM FOR T.S.A. NO. 3

Toronto Teachers' College students will be allowed to do practise teaching again this year in Markham Township School Area No. 3 schools, No. 4 and No. 5. This was a decision taken by the board members when they met recently with Inspector Maynard Hallman to discuss problems of the coming terms.

In discussing the advisability of such a program, Mr. Hallman said: "This is a two-way street. We hope that any teacher we hire would have had this training, and it keeps the critic teachers on the alert. I believe this is a bargain."

Chairman of Finance S. R. Patterson agreed: "We are part of a teaching program," he said, "and how else are students to learn?"

Chairman Arnold Mortson and other board members felt that a change of teachers is beneficial to children.

At Buttonville, No. 5, practise teaching will be done in the junior and intermediate rooms, and at No. 4 school on Leslie Street, students will practise in the primary and junior rooms. They will visit the area four times during the year, at suitable intervals.

At No. 7 school, north of Victoria Square, on Don Mills Road, the principal, Mrs. Larisa Myers, has found it necessary to resign at Christmas time, and the board agreed a student teaching program here would be inconvenient for a new principal.

Salary schedules for teachers were discussed, and Inspector Hallman urged the board to set forth their policy in this regard. It was agreed that a special committee meeting should be called for clarification and review of teachers' credentials and the salary schedule as it applies in T.S.A. No. 3.

Religious Education classes were considered for schools in T.S.A. 3 this year, but Mr. Mortson reported to the board that as yet no minister has been found with available time. Other ministers will be contacted in this regard. It was suggested by S. R. Patterson that religious history might be more valuable to pupils. This idea will be presented to the Dept. of Education.

The suggestion that oral French classes be introduced into T.S.R. No. 3 schools was given more thought and Mr. Hallman suggested the board should apply to the Dept. of Education through his office before such classes could be established. Any teacher of this subject would require qualifications not only as a teacher in Ontario, but qualifications in oral French. "Unless you have a fluent person, you are not going to gain much," said the Inspector. He suggested that another year the principals' supply teacher could be one qualified in French.

Richmond Hill has one French teacher and Markham Village is considering classes.

The estimated cost of transportation for 1963-64 school year is \$12,500.00.

The meeting was held at No. 7 school, with four members and the secretary present: Chairman Arnold Mortson; Secretary Harold Hill, M. Wellman, S. R. Patterson, and Wm. Hibbard, with Inspector Maynard Hallman. Upon adjournment the members went into committee to consider property and financial matters.

LEMONVILLE

(Oct. 17)

Lemonville is justly proud of the achievements of their plowboys during the past week at the International Match held at Caledon. Grant Wells brought great honour to Canada in the World Competition in placing third just one point out of the top spot. Yngve Mansson of Sweden was first, Eero Rautainen of Finland placed second. Grant plowed with the English Ramsomers plough; for many who watched Country Calendar on Sunday a good view of the stubble work was shown and an interview with Grant was also given. Toby Trimble the other Canadian representative from Portage La Prairie, Man., failed to complete his stubble land in the allotted time, and so placed thirty in the competition. After the match the contestants and their managers toured parts of the province. Sunday was spent at Niagara Falls, Thanksgiving Day on potato farms in the Guelph area. Tuesday, all day tour of the Agricultural College at Guelph. Wednesday dinner together and a trip home. The weather being so beautiful added greatly to the wonderful success of the whole match. Peter Gibbins also plowed well and on Friday he topped a class of 26 plowboys to receive the T. Eaton trophy and a cheque for \$100. Carl Timbers attempted plowing his way to success also. Congratulations boys we are indeed very proud of your accomplishments and wish you much continued success!

Mrs. Hans Hirsch, Susie and George enjoyed Saturday afternoon at the O'Keefe Centre for the performance of "Hansel and Gretel."

Mr. and Mrs. Odd, Phyllis and Jane of North Bay spent the Thanksgiving holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Price.

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Man. spent Wednesday evening with the Wells.

The Lemonville church is sponsoring a fire fund for Mr. and Mrs. A. Hartwick. Many friends have already contributed, if you would like to help contact Mrs. H. Hirsch, clerk of session. All efforts will be most gratefully appreciated.

Dr. and Mrs. Crouch spent several days, the beginning of the week, with an elderly aunt in Seaford.

Several ladies attended the Fall Rally for the U.C.W. group held in Unionville on Tuesday afternoon and evening. Mrs. G. Wells was in charge of the devotional which included a solo by Mrs. W. Koster and a duet by Mrs. Koster and Mrs. H. Hirsch.

Mr. Johnny Gibbins of Toronto spent the holiday weekend with the Wells family.

Mrs. J. Nauta and family had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. Oldham, Scarborough.

The church was beautifully decorated for Sunday service and Monday evening "Sacred Song" thanks to the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Burton.

Mrs. Charlie Preston celebrated her birthday Monday with the family calling during the day. Many happy returns Mrs. Preston.

Mrs. J. Nauta spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. A. Reesor of Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fisher, John and Elizabeth of Windsor and Miss Marie Paisley of Toronto were guests over Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Baker and Clarion.

Misses Dianne and Marlene Storry entertained the Youth Group to a social get-together on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Nesbitt and family visited at Uxbridge on Sunday.

Rev. Benson conducted a dedication service on Sunday morning when the twins David and Debra, children of Dr. and Mrs. Huston of Toronto and Eric, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rae were dedicated.

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