

Capitol News - Agriculture in Key Point On State, National Level

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The Nebraska Press Association LINCOLN—The Census Bureau has reported that many Nebraskans already know—there are less farms and they are bigger. The bureau said in 1959 Nebraska had 90,475 farms, compared with the 1954 total of 100,846. Additionally, the bureau reported the average size of the farms in 1959 was 327 acres as against 470 acres five years earlier. And, as expected, the farms were worth more.

The average value per farm in 1959 was \$47,804 as against \$34,494 in 1954. Farms, the plight of them and what can be done to help the tillers of the soil who man the state's biggest business—agriculture—have been the subject of much talk this year.

Agriculture is one of the key talking points for public office seekers at the national and even at the statehouse levels.

The over-balance of agriculture in Nebraska has been the subject of state and legislative concern for more than a decade. It caused creation of the State Resources Division.

This is an agency of state government whose sole function is to try to lure industry, and thus payrolls, into the state to balance the economy.

There is a Constitutional amendment on the Nov. 8 ballot to permit cities and counties to take steps to try to make their localities attractive to industry.

Both candidates for governor, Republican John Cooper of Humboldt and Democrat Frank Morrison of Lincoln, are plugging industry in Nebraska.

It is expected this economy balancing idea will be continued in the next decade.

Road Building

The State Highway Department plans a lot of road building in the next two years. It reckons that there will be \$110 million worth of new construction, of which \$71 million would come from the federal government and the remainder from cash receipts such as the levy on gasoline and license fees.

How the money will be spent and where will be decided later this fall by the Advisory State Highway Commission. The commission now is holding area meetings getting sentiment of citizens on road needs.

But the final determination will be made on the basis of the department's system for rating roads to determine which get priority.

Overall, the highway department expects to spend nearly \$143 million the next two years, including administrative costs, road maintenance and operation of truck weighing stations.

This would compare with about \$137 million for the past two years.

Budget Requests

Gov. Dwight Burney has issued a directive to state department heads regarding state spending. Burney says if they want to lower budget requests for the next two years they should note why such cuts cannot be made now.

All the major department heads are Democrats. Burney is a Republican. He is classified as a conservative and an advocate of the same type of policy in spending.

One of his favorite subjects is the state sales tax. He says he isn't going to change his regard for that type of taxation just because he is governor. Nebraska's property tax system is a "definite deterrent to attracting new industry to the state," he said.

Swimming Pools

The State Board of Health is going to the 1961 Legislature with the problem of swimming pools that don't meet health standards. The board directed T. A. Filipi, state sanitation engineer, to draw up proposed legislation. Filipi said in some cases four years or more of urging have failed to bring desired improvements to some pools.

To be sought will be authority to close pools that do not comply with health department regulation.

Inspections show, Filipi said, only 48 per cent of the pools carry the proper amount of chlorine. Meanwhile, the board asked for a 47 per cent boost in state tax funds for the next two years, covering just about all phases of work by the health department.

The Board, whose members are appointed, sets policy and this is carried out by the State Department of Health.

Lands And Funds

The new chairman of the State Board of Educational Lands and Funds is Harry Garber of Imperial.

Garber, besides presiding over monthly board meetings, will lead its annual tour of state-owned school land which is leased. The board will meet with lease holders and other interested groups Oct. 11 at Broken Bow and Oct. 12 at Valentine.

The board is expected to emphasize stepped up soil and water conservation development on the state land.

Newport News

By Mrs. Oliver Gilg

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fuller and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Lane were Sunday evening callers in the Fanny Fuller home at Stuart. John Hasch spent the weekend with home folks from his work at Pender.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Swanson of Bassett were Wednesday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Everingham. They were on their way to Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Armstrong of Bassett were Sunday dinner guests of Ann Schneider. Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Hutton were Friday afternoon callers.

Mrs. Joe Koenig of Bassett was a Wednesday visitor with Mrs. Harry Stahl.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown and Kate Bishop of Long Pine spent Sunday afternoon and were supper guests in the Elmer Christensen home.

William Kaul of Grand Island spent from Monday till Friday

in the Leonard Bendig home. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Woods of Kansas City, Mo. are spending this week in the Jim Jacox home. Other guests Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Art Lureen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jacox of Long Pine.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Schlink and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Henry were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Farr.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stahl and Marcia were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ernst and Velda of O'Neill and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Connell and family were Sunday guests in the Charles Connell home.

Miss Deloris McMillan spent the weekend with home folks from her studies in an Omaha college.

Mr. and Mrs. Arno Armstrong of Aurora, were Sunday evening callers in the E. Anderson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson and family of Petersburg spent the weekend in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pickenpaugh of Orin, Wyo. visited relatives in and around Newport last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pickert of Lincoln spent the weekend in the Harold Myers and Henry Kaborg home north of Newport.

Hertha Bahr, Hilda Ampoker and Harold Myers were Neigh visitors Monday.

Mrs. Albert McKenney and Rick, Leonard Anderson and Mrs. Gene Sidak and Cindy of Long Pine were Friday to Monday visitors with relatives in Riverton, Wyo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vogel and family were Tuesday evening dinner guests in the Fred Vogel home at Stuart. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vogel and sons of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gettert of O'Neill.

Mrs. Bob Gilg spent Wednesday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. O. W. Walcott near Bassett.

Sunday dinner guests in the Don Kaup home were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hyscock and family of Stuart. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Wakt Kaup and daughter of Stuart.

Mrs. Oliver Gilg, Sophia Lashmett and Monnia Stolpart were Ainsworth business visitors Wednesday afternoon. They also called on Anna Keebaugh in the Rest Home at Long Pine.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and Janelle and LaVeta Clements of Stuart were Sunday visitors in the Paul Johnson home.

Members of the Newport Legion gathered Sunday at the Legion Hall for a "pot luck" dinner and the men shingled the hall. There were around 20 attending the dinner.

Newport Women's Society of Christian Service met Friday afternoon in the church parlor. Plans were completed for their annual chicken dinner to be held Thursday evening, September 22 in the church parlor.

The Pitch and Prattle card club met Friday evening in the Newport gym to help Mr. and Mrs. Del Martin celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, also the 25th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Greenfield which was September 19. Gifts of money were given both couples.

Mrs. Clifford Stahl and children, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fox and family were Sunday dinner guests in the Harry Stahl home.

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