

Land Ownership in State Shows Little Change

Farm Improvements Show Decided Increase During Past Year—Homes Get Attention.

There has been practically no change in the percentage of land and farm ownership in Nebraska during the past year as compared to the year previous, according to farm statistics for 1922 compiled by the state department of agriculture. Fifty-seven per cent of Nebraska land is occupied by owners, while of the total number of farms in the state 40.5 per cent are occupied by those who own the land. Part owners, or those who both own and rent, occupy 15.2 per cent of all farms while purely tenants operate 44.3 per cent of all farms. In this latter respect there has been a decrease of 1.1 per cent in the number of part owners with a corresponding increase in the number of tenants.

The greatest change revealed by the statistical data is the tendency shown in regard to the manner of drawing farm leases. The amount of land rented for cash is shown to have decreased from 34.8 per cent for last year to 30.6 per cent during the present year. This would go to show that the landlord and tenant were more equally sharing the risks, a condition which is borne out by the fact that the number of farms operated on a share basis increased from 65.2 per cent in 1921 to 69.4 per cent during the present year. On the other hand the part owners have displayed a greater tendency to lease for cash, 22.5 per cent of all tracts leased by this class of tenants having been on a cash basis as against 15.6 per cent for full tenants.

Despite the low price which has existed during the year for many farm products, there is shown a gradual increase in the number of farm improvements. Modern heating systems are now found on 7,511 farms, an increase of 2,210 since 1920, and 1,169 over last year. Lighting systems have shown about the same rate of increase, numbering 1,601 more than in 1921. Water supply systems were installed on 1,600 farms during the year, bringing the total number of farms on which this convenience is found up to 8,374.

Silos have shown a steady decrease since 1918, falling from a total of 5,068 in that year to 3,530 during 1922. Evidently more farm labor is being turned over each year to the gas engine, for these are more numerous by 300 since last year. The use of tractors has also shown a steady increase, indicating that farmers are substituting these for horses to a greater extent each year. This year's statistics show 10,866 tractors on Nebraska farms, an increase from 10,628 in 1921, and but 4,746 in 1918. Automobiles and trucks increased about 1,500 each during the year.

County Agent Re-Elected.

Aurora—At a special meeting of the precinct presidents comprising the Farm Bureau board, County Agent Camp was re-elected. An effort is being made to reduce the size of the budget to be asked from the county board from \$4,000 to \$3,500.

With County Agents

OTOE COUNTY.
Syracuse—(By A. P.)—Plans are going forward for a corn show and soils meeting at Nebraska City on Thursday, January 18, according to County Agricultural Agent A. H. De Long of Otoe county. J. H. Stewart, of the agronomy department of the University of Nebraska Agricultural college will judge the corn and soils and take up an interesting discussion of problems pertaining to soil depletion and fertility, the aim being to get land owners and renters thinking along lines of soil erosion and the possibilities that go with legume demonstrations.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.
Blair—Washington county is awakening to the value of sweet clover, once despised as a weed, according to County Agent Carl A. Olsen. The farm bureau is waging an extensive campaign for the exclusive use of clover, and variety tests are being introduced. Small amounts of other clover are being sowed, so that by comparison more interest may be aroused in sweet clover.

DAKOTA COUNTY.
Dakota City—Members of the Dakota County Baby Beef club, in organizing, have elected Charles Deerman, president; Paul Beacom, vice president; Francis Way, secretary; and Dorothy Leamer, treasurer. At the Elk Valley church on Friday evening, January 5, an organization meeting will be held for the purpose of selecting officers and committees for the coming year's farm bureau work. At this meeting, there will be discussed the best and cattle feeding experiments conducted at the Nebraska experiment station during the year. This year's presents were very interesting and helpful facts which should be of real value to all farmers.

DAWSON COUNTY.
Lexington—(By A. P.)—There is considerable demand for a Baby Beef club in Dawson county, according to A. R. Hecht, county agricultural agent, and the prospective members will meet in the county agent's office on Saturday, January 13, to perfect the organization. It is hoped that at least a carload of baby calves will be fed this year so that they may be taken to the state fair and sold at publication after being shown.

BUFFALO COUNTY.
Kearney—In Cherry Creek precinct, Buffalo county, the county extension agent and an engineer from the agricultural college conducted a very satisfactory gas engine school. The farmers from the surrounding neighborhood brought in 10 "crippled" engines, all of which were repaired so that they would run satisfactorily. All phases of gas engine care and operation which would be interesting to the man owning all one-cylinder engines were taken up in detail. It is planned to go back next year with a number of more advanced work on tractors and automobiles.

CHEYENNE COUNTY.
Snyder—On the farm of John Poppeneer, Snyder, Neb., 15 farmers, together with two engineers from the University of Nebraska Agricultural college and Extension Agent R. S. Scott of Cheyenne county worked out some of the fundamental principles of repairing rabbit bearings on tractors and gas engines. Most of those present decided that in the future they would try their hand at repairing rabbit bearings at home. Magnet trouble was also investigated, a number of magnets were dissected so that those present could have a look at the internal workings.

CASS COUNTY.
Weeping Water—(By A. P.)—L. R. Snipes, county extension agent of Cass county, announced that the Cass County Club of Eagle held an interesting judging demonstration last week. Eighteen girls were present and received instructions on judging sewing. The sewing bags, the first problem which the girls have finished, were on exhibition, and were judged as to first, second and third best.

"Keep Pigs Growing" State College Slogan

Good breeding stock, proper mating, and careful feeding of the brood sows are all important, but a point in hog raising that should receive more attention because it is often neglected, is the necessity of keeping the young pigs growing continuously from the moment of birth to maturity, say the animal husbandmen at the University of Nebraska Agricultural college.

At weaning time and afterward the pigs should have access to corn and proper protein supplements in self-feeders. Proper feeds and exercise furnished to vigorous pigs of proper type result in hogs of market weight at about eight months of age.

"The profitable pig is the one that never stops growing from farrowing to market," is a good slogan for every raiser.

Saunders County Poultry to Be Shown at Wahoo Jan. 15

Wahoo—The Saunders County Poultry and Pet Stock association will hold their annual show the week of January 15 at the quarters of the Wahoo Produce company. The Swedeburg Winners Pig club and the Swedeburg Cacklers Poultry club will hold their achievement program January 11. The meeting is held jointly with the Farmers' union and Homemakers' association of Swedeburg. A set of slides on farm slaughtering and handling of pork will be shown.

Hog Sanitation Project on Butler County Program

David City—The biggest program of work ever outlined will be attempted by the Butler County Farm bureau in their fiscal year just started.

"Hog Sanitation" will be the major project. This will be pushed in every township in the county, the present plan being to establish a "demonstration farm" in each township. Many of the other projects will be interlined with this one, which will be started in full swing the latter part of January.

Farmers' Union Notes

Clarkson—A dividend check for \$1,277.27 has been received by the Farmers Union shipping association here from the Omaha house of the Farmers Union Live-stock commission. This is 67.3 per cent of the commission paid on shipments in the year 1922. The Clarksons association has the honor of having the largest dividend check of the year, and the largest ever issued by the Omaha house up to this time. A number of individual farmers in the community who had full carloads of livestock and shipped them themselves, are also receiving dividend checks from the Omaha commission house.

Pay Dividends.

Maxwell—Net profits amounting to \$4,156.86, were made by the Farmers Union Co-operative association for the 12 months between the time it began business in July, 1921, and the close of the year, 1922. For the 12 months ending December 31, the profits were \$2,631.13. A dividend of \$ per cent will be paid on the capital stock of \$5,500. From the remaining profits, reserves of \$1,250.00 have been set aside, leaving an undivided profit of \$2,228.

Show Profit at Dix.

Dix—An operating profit of \$148.78 was shown by the Farmers Union Co-operative association for the year ending December 31, 1922. Although the year's operations resulted in an actual profit of this amount, the books show a loss of \$1,460.25, due to charging off bad accounts. The directors decided to clean the slate at the beginning of the new year. In the coming year, it is contemplated, the association, which handles groceries, dry goods and hardware, will give more attention to the drygoods line.

The Farmer's Wife

The Community Dinner—Every winter housewives of town or farm community are called upon to serve at least one meal to a large gathering as a church supper or grange meeting. Most women will find that the buffet service simplifies work, suggests Mary A. Dolve, extension specialist in foods.

The buffet service implies that linen, silver, dishes and food are placed on the tables before the guests are called to the meal. For this occasion, the menu should be simple and served in two courses only. In planning the amount of food required, decide on the quantity allowed each person and multiply that by the number present. Allow 1-2 cup creamed chicken per plate, and four servings, 3 quarts of butter, 1 tablespoonful jelly, 1-3 cup salad and 2 tablespoonfuls potatoes (mashed or scalloped) are required for each person.

Morrill Man Is President of Beet Growers' Body

Scottsbluff—Frank Thomas of Morrill was elected president of the Co-operative Beet Growers' Association of the North Platte Valley, when the board of directors met here. J. E. Ray, Minatare, was named vice president, and L. H. Leonard, Scottsbluff, secretary-treasurer.

During the coming week the association will hold meetings at every rural community in the county, seeking membership among the beet growers.

Pawnee County Breeders Organize Association

Pawnee City—The new organization of Pawnee county stockmen was christened the Pawnee County Breeders' association. The following officers were elected: President, Clyde

Record Bonuses Paid on School Land Lease

Alliance—That Box Butte farm land is increasing in value is attested by the amount of some of the bonuses paid for the lease of school lands at the annual auction. Eleven leases lapsed through expiration or forfeiture, and on eight bonuses were paid. The highest bonus paid, in proportion to the acreage, was \$650 for an 80-acre tract lying 12 miles from town. The second highest was \$350 for a quarter section. On one tract of 480 acres a bonus of \$800 was paid, while the others ranged from \$5 to \$150, on tracts containing from a quarter section to a whole section. These are the highest bonuses ever paid on school lands in Box Butte county. The leases run for 25 years, with an annual payment, aside from the bonuses of 6 per cent of the appraised value of the land.

Form Baby Beef Club.

Wahoo—County Agent W. F. Roberts of Saunders county is receiving enrollments for a Baby Beef Calf club, the first of its kind in the county. Each club member is to supply himself with a heifer calf of one of the beef breeds, born some time between January 1, 1922 and September 1, 1922.

Fillmore County Agent Reports on Year's Program

Geneva—(By A. P.)—In summarizing the work of the past year in Fillmore county, County Agent L. W. Thompson reports the following outstanding features:

Two women's extension clubs organized.

Fifty-five hog cholera vaccination demonstrations given with 256 farmers attending.

Thirty-five poultry culling demonstrations given, attended by 249 persons.

Two soy bean demonstrations and two corn variety demonstrations conducted. One wheat variety demonstration completed and a second started.

Attendance of 176 persons at three butchering demonstrations.

Eleven nutrition-health demonstrations.

Farmers Protest Damage Being Done by Beavers

Frontier and Red Willow counties, showing losses of from 50 to 1,200 trees, besides serious losses to crops, were introduced at a meeting of farmers and county agents held at Cambridge. The damage is being done by beavers. Resolutions were passed urging a change in the state law to permit farmers to protect their property from the animals.

Home Canning of Meats Is Meeting With Success

Canning of meats in the home is being done with much success, according to agricultural college extension workers who are holding meat canning demonstrations in many counties of Nebraska. This means of preserving meats is a great satisfaction to those who live in the more isolated places, where fresh meats are not often available, and to those who live in the warmer climates, where fresh meats may be kept only by means of ice. There are many varieties of meats that are available only at certain seasons of the year. During the seasons of plenty, the surplus may be canned for out-of-the-season use. This supplies greater variety to the diet.

Gas Engine Short Courses to Be Held in Thayer County

Hebron—(By A. P.)—Two short courses on gas engines will be given in Thayer county in January by D. C. Minsman, engineering specialist from the agricultural college. Thirty persons will be enrolled in each school. Those having gas engines not working satisfactorily will be allowed to take them to the school where they will be put in working order by the instructor.

Breeders Name Officers.

Red Cloud—The Poland China and Duroc Jersey breeders of Webster county have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Poland China association, president, J. W. Hamilton; vice president, George Amack; secretary-treasurer, Frank

Farmers Enter 194,000 Cows for Butter Fat Tests

Lincoln—Farmers last year entered over 194,000 cows in cow testing associations to determine their standing as butter fat producers through demonstrations by agricultural extension workers, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture. Over 9,450,000 pounds of meat cured, 22,500,000 pounds of lard, and 2,900,000 pounds of sausage made in 1921 in farm homes where none had been made before, are reported as the result of demonstrations in meat conservation by agricultural extension workers.

Scottsbluffs Water Works Makes \$10,000 Profit in 1922

Scottsbluff, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The city water department showed a profit of almost \$10,000 over running expenses during 1922, according to the annual report of the water commissioner, Winfield Evans. More than 155,000,000 gallons of water were pumped during the year.

Breeders Name Officers.

Red Cloud—The Poland China and Duroc Jersey breeders of Webster county have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Poland China association, president, J. W. Hamilton; vice president, George Amack; secretary-treasurer, Frank

Shake hands With health every day

MARY PICKFORD
"Jess of the Storm Country"

Now

RIALTO
DIRECTOR OF A.M. BLANK

VAUDEVILLE—PHOTOPLAYS

WORLD
NOW PLAYING

"DON"
Famous Canine Incubate

HARRY SEYMOUR
and his
"Queens From Movieland"

4 OTHER ACTS

ETHEL CLAYTON
in
"If I Were Queen"

Free Dance Tickets to Rustic Garden Tonight, Tues. and Wed.

THREE MOON LAST TIME MORE WED.

NORMA TALMAGE
In "The Secret of the Storm Country"

Matinees, 20c Evenings, 25c Children, 10c

NEIGHBORHOOD THEATERS

HAMILTON - 40th and Hamilton
JAMES OLIVER CURWOOD'S
"THE GOLDEN LANCE"

VICTORIA - 24th and Fort
THOMAS MEIGHAN
"THE BATCHELOR DADDY"
HAROLD LLOYD in "LET'S GO"

GRAND - 16th and Binney
HAROLD LLOYD
in "GRANDMA'S BOY"

Orpheum
ORPHEUM CIRCUIT VAUDEVILLE

MATINEE DAILY EVERY NIGHT
At 2:15 P. M. At 8:15 P. M.
Now Playing

Albert - Leonora
LINDQUIST & ALLEN
The Eminent Tenor and Soprano
Theodore Bekkef & Co., Jack Benny

JACK NORTON & CO.
in "Recuperation"

Grace Dero - Larimer & Hudson
Topics of the Day - Acso's Fabrics
Paths News

BAILEY & COWAN
With Estelle Davis in "The Little Production"

MATINEES PLUS NIGHTS
15c to 50c U.S. Tax 15c to \$1.00

NET CONTENTS 2 LBS.

CALIFORNIA PRUNE

Sunsweet
PRUNES

GROWN & PACKED BY
CALIFORNIA PRUNE AND APRICOT GROWERS INC.
SAN JOSE, CAL.

MAIN OFFICE

here's how

new 2 lb. Carton

in the

Because this Sunsweet carton is so easy to identify, it insures your getting the finest prunes California produces—and not once, not occasionally in hit-or-miss fashion, but every time you buy prunes.

For each little carton holds a world of flavor and nutriment brought to you from the very heart of California's orchard country. It is here that California's wonderful sunshine gives Sunsweet Prunes their rich fruit sugar, tonic iron and other mineral and "vitamine" elements. It is here that they are packed by white-clad workers in large, sun-swept plants and whisked cross-country for your year-round health-enjoyment.

Today—ask your grocer for this 2-lb. carton of Sunsweet Prunes. You'll find it the handiest as well as the healthiest thing in the house. In three sizes of fruit—large, medium, small—but all Sunsweet pick-of-the-pack quality. And send for the new Sunsweet Recipe Packet—"60 ways to shake hands with Health every day"—it's free!

CALIFORNIA PRUNE AND APRICOT GROWERS ASSOCIATION · 200 MARKET STREET, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA · 11,000 GROWER-MEMBERS

ATTENTION GROCERS:—Attractive window trims will be installed for you if you will call JA cson 3106.

SUN
NOW

HAROLD LLOYD
In His Five-Part Masterpiece of Jinx
"DR. MICH"

Every lady attending matinees will receive a photo of Lloyd.
Pine for Framing

BRANDEIS Tonight TUES. & WED. Mat. Wednesday

Augustus Pitou Presents
ELSARYAN
BOTH TARKINGTON'S Greatest Comedies
THE INTIMATE STRANGERS
Eves, 50c to \$2; Mat., 50c to \$1.50

DRAMATIC ATTRACTION—NOT A PICTURE
BRANDEIS 3 Days Con. Jan. 11
MATINEES DAILY—LADIES ONLY

All Seats 50c. plus tax—No Children Admitted
EVENINGS 50c, 75c, \$1.00, plus tax
For Everyone Over Sixteen—Seats Now Selling

THE UNLOVED WIFE
STARTLING—AMAZING

EMPRESS
NOW PLAYING

GENE AND MIGNON
Dancing Stars of Tomorrow, in
"May Time Idylls"

Bernard & Erma in "At the Bookstand"
JOE MELVIN
"The Wizard of Manipulation"

STEVE GREEN (Omaha's Own)
"Vaudeville's Man O' War"

MILTON SILLS CLEO RIDGLEY
JACK MURHALL
in "The Fulghata Law"

Strand
18th & DOUGLAS

A picture so true to life it will remind you of somebody you know.

The Dangerous Age

OMAHA'S FUN CENTER
MAT. & NITE TODAY
PREMIUM PRICES
Broadcasting Cass Fun and Harpway

WILLIAMS RADIO GIRLS COLUMBIA
WITH BILLY GILBERT ("Oh, Charley!")
Unquestionably the most gorgeously gowned chorus of all time. Extra feature: CLEORA, Classic Beauty.

Ladies Tickets, 15c or 25c; Daily Mat., 25c