

DAFFY DRIVERS

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Nevada Stock Given Feed

More cattle are being fed this season in Nevada than in the average of recent years, George A. Scott, livestock statistician for the United States department of agriculture, announced this week through the University of Nevada agricultural extension service.

On feed on December 1 in the state were 30,000 head, Scott reports, compared with an average of 23,000 head during the years 1933 through 1936. The cattle on feed this year exceed in numbers also those of the years 1928 through 1932, for which the average figure was 26,000. Before 1925, however, feeding operations in Nevada were more extensive than in more recent seasons.

Several influences are evident in the increased cattle feeding operations in Nevada this season, according to Scott.

One of the most important, he said, is that cattle feeding was profitable during the 1935-37 season. In addition, very few lambs were taken on by Nevada feeders this year, leaving room for expansion in cattle operations.

While hay prices in Nevada have been considerably higher than usual, coupled with relatively high costs of feeder cattle, these factors, which ordinarily would reduce the number of cattle fed, have not been operative this season.

Most of the cattle fed in Nevada, according to Scott's report, are raised on the ranges of this state, but a few are imported from other states. This condition is reflected in the feed lots of the state this season.

A large percentage of the cattle fed in Nevada this year are owned by California packers who purchase the hay and other feeds from Nevada growers on a "fed" basis.

Concentrates are being more freely used in the fattening rations now than was the case several years ago, when operations were almost entirely on straight hay feeding basis, according to the statistician.

Some of the cattle being fed in Nevada at present are of exceptionally high quality, comparing favorably with the best cattle in the west, Scott believes.

Nevada Said Wine Producer

Nevada ranks twenty-ninth in the production of wine among the nation's 33 states in which the business of fermenting fruit vinous beverages has been an active industry, a Washington dispatch says. The treasury's internal revenue department disclosed the picture of American wine-making in its annual report on the industry, made public recently.

Nevada's two bonded winemakers turned out 703 gallons of still wine, including the wine so removed for use as material in distilling brandy, during the last fiscal year, the bureau reported.

During the same period, 43,078 gallons of still wine were withdrawn from stock on hand for sale, leaving at the end of the year 10,820 gallons as a backlog against future orders. During the same time, 1028 gallons were listed as losses from spoiling, improper fermentation, or other cause.

In twenty-ninth place in the still wine industry, Nevada heads Idaho, Kentucky, Tennessee and Massachusetts. California leads the entire nation in this industry with a production of 115,338,166 gallons of wine, 95 per cent of the United States total.

Of the gallonage of wine withdrawn from the fermenting vats and on which federal taxes were paid, Nevada wineries had 29,324 gallons of spirits not over 14 per cent of alcoholic content, and 13,724 gallons of wine more than 14 per cent alcohol. No wine in Nevada was listed above the 21 per cent strength.

While the production of champagne and other sparkling wines was increased some millions of units during the year, none of this production was shared by Nevada.

Total United States production of still wines amounted to 122,045,121 gallons last year, a 29 per cent decrease from 1936.

Shipments averaging about 40 carloads of 50-60 tons each are being maintained by Nevada Silica Sand company, Mrs. Mayme Stocker, Las Vegas, Nev., owner and operator, to Los Angeles glass manufacturing plants. Since first car of silica sand was shipped in January, 1936, production has grown until cash outlay of company for payroll and supplies now runs between \$4,000 and \$4,500 per month. Three hundred ton mill is equipped with trommel screen, Dorr classifier, five washers, rotary scrubber and dewatering belt. About \$80,000 has been invested in mill and mining equipment. Plant is about 61 miles from Las Vegas. Harold Stocker, son of Mrs. Stocker, is manager. From 14 to 20 men are employed.

HARD BUT WORTH IT

Democratic self-government is the only satisfactory way of life for a people who cherish their freedom. But it is the most strenuous and difficult system of conducting a nation's existence. It requires more of the individual. It involves continuous readjustments, which means that we are forever in the midst of critical problems. But the enduring benefits of democracy far outweigh the costs entailed.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Northern Bank Pays Dividends

A fifth dividend of 5 per cent, amounting to \$70,749.20, will be paid to holders of receivers certificates in the closed First National bank of Winnemucca, it was announced recently by Carroll Henderson, receiver.

Henderson received authorization to pay the dividend from the comptroller of currency. Schedules and checks for payment of the dividends are now being prepared in Receiver Henderson's office and when completed they will be forwarded to the comptroller's office in Washington for auditing and signing.

Henderson anticipates that the checks will be ready for delivery the latter part of February and will announce later the exact date that the checks will be ready for distribution.

The planned 5 per cent dividend will make a total of 60 per cent paid to depositors of the First National bank of Winnemucca. The first dividend of 15 per cent was paid on Dec. 20, 1933; a second dividend of 20 per cent on April 25, 1934; a third dividend of 10 per cent on August 29, 1935, and a fourth dividend of 10 per cent on August 31, 1937.

The total dividends paid by the institution so far amount to \$779,007.86. The proposed dividend will amount to \$70,749.20.

Henderson stated that he favored a payment of a smaller percentage at this time instead of forcing de-

Nye County In Good Shape

Members of the Nye county board of county commissioners indicated today that the county will be able to carry out the old age assistance program without the issuance of special bonds.

It was pointed out that by the careful examination of the indigent rolls the county has been able to curtail much of this expense, the saving of which in turn is added to the appropriation for the county participation in the state old age assistance act.

Depositors to wait until he had added collections to pay a larger dividend.

The total liabilities of the institution for which receivers certificates have been issued amount to \$1,414,868.14.

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"Whenever I look at you, Maggie, I think of Ginger Rogers."

"Do you, George?"

"But it's no use; a chap like me has to be content."—Providence Journal.

A quarter-million dollars in exhibits will be presented at the 1939 World's Fair on Treasure Island in San Francisco bay by the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads. They will feature western travel attractions.

NEW SAFETY SHIFT



The young lady pictured above is smiling her appreciation of Pontiac's new safety shift gear control, a fool-proof shifting device located on the steering column so that it can be operated with the right hand only a few inches from the steering wheel. Pontiac officials declare that after ten minutes driving in traffic with the new safety shift gear control no motorist will willingly go back to the old conventional "wiggly-stick" type of shifting.