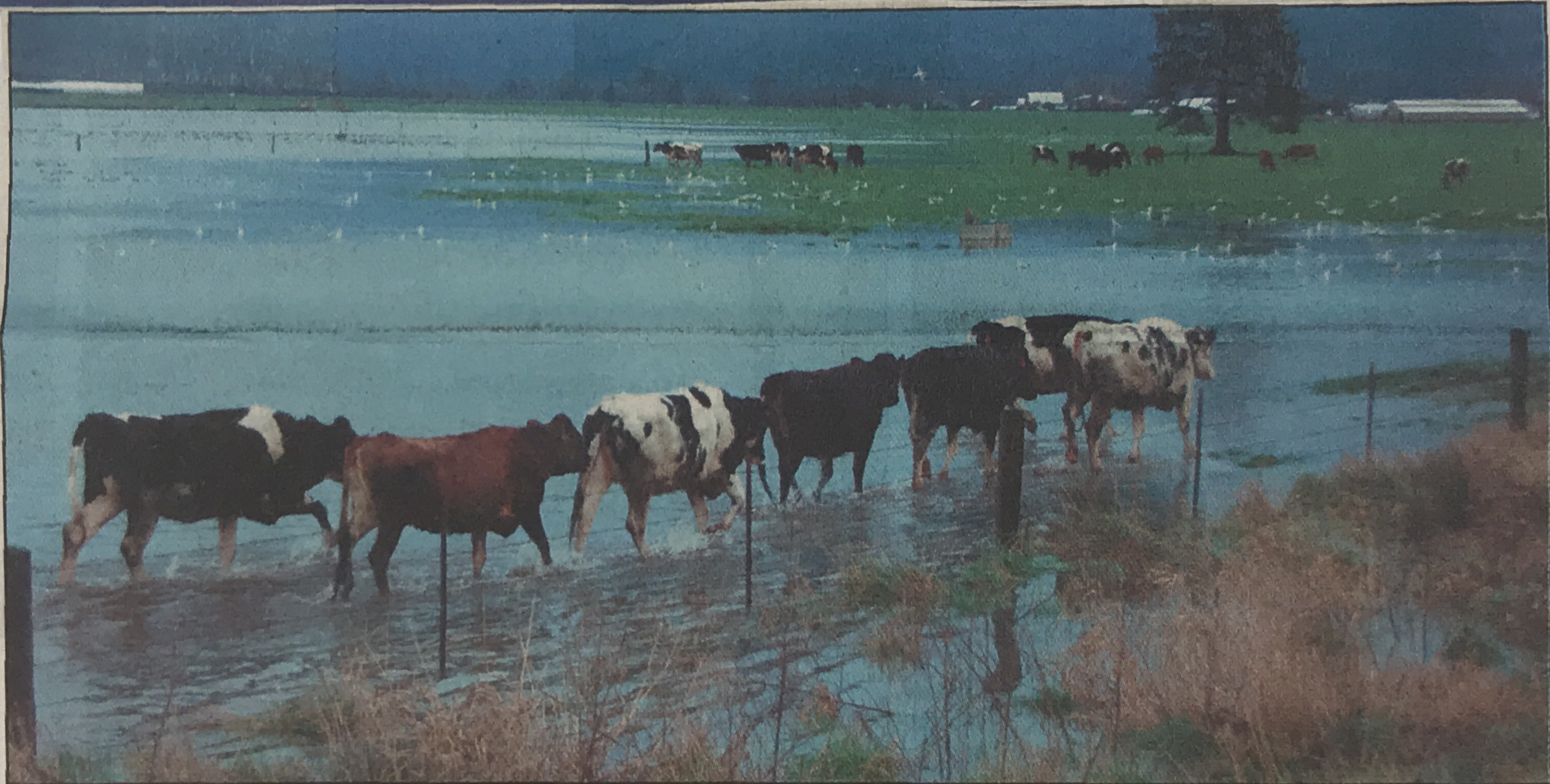


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Cows head for higher, drier ground in a flooded pasture along U.S. 101 in Tillamook last week.



As county surveys flooding, it looks like ...

## Mitigation matters

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TILLAMOOK — Three back-to-back storms and practically nonstop rain over three days led to memorable flooding conditions in Tillamook County over Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of last week.

In addition to those con-

ditions Jan. 8, 9 and 10, "we also had some high tide situations all week, which didn't help," said county Emergency Management Director Tom Manning.

At its peak, the Wilson River crested at 15.8 feet, with 12 feet being flood stage, he said, adding that the Wilson crested at 21

feet in 1999 and 19 feet in 1996, both peak flooding years in Tillamook County.

Manning was heartened that "a lot of mitigation measures were working to lessen the effect" of the flooding. Among these, he said, included Rosenberg Builders Supply's ring levy

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