

United States Department of Agriculture
War Food Administration

ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL
Extension Farm Labor Program
Federal Extension Service

Office of the Director - M. L. Wilson

Farm Labor Program - Under the general administrative direction of the Deputy Administrator of the War Food Administration, In Charge of Farm Labor, to have general administration and supervision of those phases of the farm labor program which are assigned to the Cooperative Extension Service of the Department and the State Agricultural Colleges.

Personnel - Meredith C. Wilson, Deputy Director of Extension, In Charge, Farm Labor Program.
H. M. Dixon, Assistant Deputy Director of Extension, Farm Labor Program.
F. B. Knight, Consultant, VFV Program (On loan part time from Purdue University).

Recruitment and Placement Division

Functions - Develop and put into operation plans, policies, and procedures to be followed in the mobilization and recruitment of sources of labor for year-round, summer-month, and short-period farm work; and in the placement of persons available for farm work. The establishment and maintenance of farm placement centers in counties with registers of available workers where all orders from farmers for workers will be received and filled.

Personnel - Barnard Joy, Chief.
Russel W. Oberlin, Assistant Chief.
C. C. Randall, Senior Agriculturist (Field station, Little Rock, Ark.)
C. W. E. Pittman, Senior Agriculturist.

Women's Land Army Division

Functions - Develop plans, policies, and procedures for the organization and operation, in cooperation with other Federal and State agencies and women's organizations, of a Nation-wide program for utilizing women of towns and cities for appropriate kinds of farm work.

Personnel - Florence L. Hall, Chief.
Constance Roach, Senior Agriculturist.

Victory Farm Volunteers Division

Functions - Promote a national program for the recruitment, training, placement, and supervision of nonfarm youth of high school age, for summer vacation and crop-season farm labor. Cooperative relationships with the U. S. Office of Education, the public schools, other governmental agencies, and private organizations interested in youth will be maintained.

Personnel - Irvin H. Schmitt, Chief.
Kenneth W. Ingwalson, Senior Agriculturist.
Anne Blaine, Assistant Specialist.
Melvin G. Davis, Agricultural Adviser) Temporary -
B. L. Dodds, Agricultural Adviser) three summer
J. Roy Leevy, Agricultural Adviser) months.

Subject Matter Division - J. L. Boatman, Chief.

Labor Utilization Section

Functions - Outline plans and procedures to be followed in obtaining the fullest possible utilization of the labor on farms, or which may be made available to farmers, in order to reduce to a minimum the necessity of bringing in labor from a distance. This involves community cooperation in use of labor and machinery, the application to agriculture of techniques used in wartime industry, and arrangements for the training of inexperienced farm workers under the Rural War Production Training Program of the U. S. Office of Education and otherwise.

Personnel - L. M. Vaughan, In Charge
C. Herman Welch, Jr., Agriculturist. (As of August 29)

Division of Extension Information - Lester A. Schlup, Chief.

Functions - For the most part, publications, visual material, and farm labor news will be handled by the regular staff of this division. One new staff member has been added to give special attention to the farm labor program.

Personnel - Carl Hancock, Senior Information Specialist.

Division of Business Administration - W. H. Conway, Chief.

Functions - To plan, coordinate, and facilitate personnel and business procedures including the examination of expenditures of Federal farm labor funds by State extension services.

Personnel - Additional staff members will be added as required.

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