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For your information
and appropriate action

TO STATE EXTENSION DIRECTORS:

Subjects: Current Developments

Corn Prospects Nose Dive Further

Yesterday's special midmonth report on the prospective corn crop, issued by BAE's Crop Reporting Board on the basis of field reports as of August 15, showed a drop of 223 bushels below August 1. The estimate now is 2,437,000,000 bushels--the smallest production since 1936. Because of its significance, not only in Corn Belt States but in all States where the short corn crop will affect feed supplies, a copy of the report is enclosed. Various Extension Service plans for assuring adequate feed supplies are no doubt under way in the respective States, depending on the local situation. We understand that the development of a practical farm corn drier is being pushed by agricultural engineers meeting at Purdue for this purpose.

Draft of ITO Charter Nears Completion

Reports from Geneva, Switzerland (where FAO will begin its annual conference on Monday), are that the ITO Preparatory Commission has practically completed the details of an International Trade Organization charter. It is reported to be perhaps the most complicated of international documents written under the general framework of the United Nations. Although the charter deals with matters of international trade, its final adoption, at a conference of nations to be called for ratification later, will have an important bearing on future agricultural policy.

U. S. Farm Economists On Way to Totnes Conference

On Wednesday a group of United States agricultural economists expected to sail from New York in the America, bound for the International Conference of Agricultural Economists to be held at Dartington Hall, Totnes, South Devon, England, August 28 to September 8. USDA's representative is Sherman Johnson, BAE's assistant chief in charge of production economics. Accompanying him are about 19 agricultural economists from leading land-grant institutions. (Note: Reports this morning are that the America and her passengers are still in New York Harbor, where the sailing is being delayed by the International Longshoremen's Association dock workers' strike.)

The International Conference of Agricultural Economists was founded by Leonard Elmhirst. The last previous meeting was held at MacDonald College, Quebec, in 1938.

The coming of World War II disrupted the organization's activities. This year's meeting will be in the form of a planning session at which those present will evaluate the situation in the world with reference to the 19 countries to be represented. Plans will be discussed for widening the activity in later years.

New Hawaii College of Agriculture

Until recently, agricultural and home economics education at the University of Hawaii was conducted as a department of the university, and the agricultural experiment station and the agricultural extension service were directed individually under the university head. Acting Director R. A. Goff informs us of a recent administrative reorganization under which the Cooperative Extension Service is now a part of the college of agriculture of the university. H. A. Wadsworth, professor of agronomy and soils, is now dean of the college of agriculture.

Alaska Experiment Station Under ARA

The Agricultural Appropriation Act provides that administration of the Alaska Experiment Station is to be directly under the Secretary of Agriculture. The Secretary has placed this responsibility under USDA's Agricultural Research Administration. Dr. W. V. Lambert, administrator of ARA, has just returned from Alaska. He tells us that, on September 1 Don Irwin, until now general manager of the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation (under Department of the Interior), will assume direction of the Alaska Experiment Station for ARA.

Secretary To Speak Over Air on Food Needs

Many of you may have heard Secretary of State George C. Marshall last Friday evening launch the first broadcast of a 5-week educational series, "The Horseman of Hunger," over the NBC network. Tonight Hon. Clifford Hope, chairman of the House Agricultural Committee, will speak. Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson is scheduled in the series for the evening of September 5. Broadcast time of program: 8 to 8:30 eastern standard time.

Dr. Stoke Heads Louisiana University September 1

Dr. Harold W. Stoke, for the past 2 years president of the University of New Hampshire, takes over as president of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, Baton Rouge, effective September 1. Dr. Stoke came to New Hampshire as former professor of public administration and assistant dean of the graduate school, University of Wisconsin. At Baton Rouge he will succeed Dr. W. B. Hatcher, who died earlier this year.

Virginia Institute of Rural Affairs

A copy of the program for the fourteenth session of the V.P.I. Institute of Rural Affairs, held at Blacksburg July 29 to 31, was on my desk as I returned to the office from the West. The ground covered at the institute forms an outstanding example of what can be done in presenting a well-balanced program to the farm people of a State--people who, as I have frequently said, are farmers of a much more scientific type than those with whom we dealt in the early days of extension work. Directors interested in seeing a copy of the program should write to Director Dietrick.

Harry Brown Named Georgia Vice Chancellor

Former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Harry L. Brown has been made Vice Chancellor for Agriculture of the University of Georgia System. His headquarters will be in Atlanta.

Dr. Draughan Acting Head at Auburn

Dr. Ralph B. Draughan, former assistant to the late L. N. Duncan, president of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, has been named acting president.

Significant Farm Population Figures

Through the courtesy of Dr. Margaret J. Hagood, of BAE, a copy of a 10-page summary of United States farm population estimates, including those for major geographic divisions 1940-47, is being forwarded to you this week. The statement shows some significant trends. For instance, the total number of people, 27,550,000, living on farms in January 1947 was 2,360,000 higher than in January 1945, reflecting the return of men from the armed services. Net gains since 1945, however, offset by only 12 percent the 5.1 million net loss between 1940 and 1945.

Summer Farm and Home "Days" on New Hampshire Campus

Last week the campus of the University of New Hampshire witnessed the revival of the prewar farm and home week in the form of a 2-day summer farm and home pow-wow. Dr. Henry Stevens, director of the general extension service, and Associate Director L. H. Bevan were instrumental in bringing about the return of this annual gathering of New Hampshire farmers. Dr. E. J. Niederfrank, extension rural sociologist from this office, took part in the program. He reports that the New Hampshire extension people are undertaking a study of the effectiveness of their extension program and organization, to be carried on cooperatively with the Division of Field Studies and Training, commencing in early fall.

Alabama Summer School for Extension Workers

An enthusiastic report has come from Miss Mona Hogan, of our office, regarding the 3-week course in extension education methods which she taught at Auburn, Ala. This was a school arranged for home demonstration agents and prospective extensioners. Twenty-one home demonstration agents and 10 other people were enrolled in the class. The group had a number of outside classroom experiences, such as visiting result demonstrations, vespers at Tuskegee, a visit to a textile mill, a showing of the Missouri balanced-farming film, taking part in radio broadcasts, and many other "extra" things.

Extension's Role in Rural Health

A year ago, there was sent to each of you and to each State health officer a statement on "The Extension Service's Responsibility in Aiding Rural People To Improve Their Health and Medical Services," prepared by Miss Elin Anderson, specialist in rural health services. There have been so many demands for this statement from so many different groups that we have recently had 5,000 copies multilithed. One of these is enclosed in the weekly packet. Enough copies are being sent to your

distribution officer for county extension agents and for leaders of the farm organizations or other groups especially interested in improving rural health services.

The statement could well be used as a basis for discussion at district training meetings of agricultural and home demonstration agents prior to information being made available in regard to the hospital program in your State. You may find other occasions on which it may be used effectively for furthering the extension health program.

FAO Group Visits Virginia Farms

Recently the FAO Standing Advisory Committee on Economics and Statistics, which includes members who are prominent agriculturists in their native countries of Australia, Egypt, Czechoslovakia, Canada, France, Poland, and the Netherlands, were the guests of the Virginia Extension Service on a tour of typical United States farms in Fairfax and Fauquier Counties. Two graduate students from Chile, who are here to study cooperative societies and rural sociology, also went along. We had this tour arranged through the cooperation of Director Dietrick, of Virginia, and B. L. Hummel, extension rural organization specialists at V. P. I. In expressing his appreciation to them for making the tour possible, Howard Tolley, now FAO's chief of economics and statistics, says:

" . . . Our visitors were very appreciative of the opportunity, and it did some of us Americans a lot of good to walk about on United States farms again. I appreciated this opportunity, not only because so many of our foreign visitors want to see United States farms, but also because this trip gave some of us an opportunity to repay the hospitality of some of the Europeans last year who showed us about."

ACWW Delegates Sail Wednesday

For those who can do so, it is always desirable to plan vacations in such a way as to combine the holiday with professional leadership and improvement. We are, therefore, happy to note that 11 Extension people will be in the group of 75 United States and Canadian rural women sailing next Wednesday in the Queen Mary, bound for the Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World. The meeting will be at Amsterdam, September 8 to 13. This will be the first triennial conference since 1939. In addition to attending ACWW sessions the group will briefly visit England, France, and Belgium. Miss Florence Hall, Northeastern field agent in home economics, Division of Field Coordination, and the following extension workers will be in the United States delegation: Miss Eva Blair, St. Paul, Minn.; Miss Katherine Norton Britt, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Edward D. Eddy, Ithaca, N. Y.; Mrs. Verna J. Hitchcock, Laramie, Wyo.; Miss Nora M. Hott, Brookings, S. Dak.; Miss Donna G. Hunt, Independence, Kans.; Mrs. Carman Johnson, Fort Collins, Colo.; Miss Sara Kerr, Durham, N. H.; Miss Mary Sutherland, Fort Collins, Colo.; and Miss Myrtle Weldon, Lexington, Ky.

Alabama Workshop for County Negro Extension Workers

From August 4 to 18 there was held, at Tuskegee Institute, a workshop for county Negro extension workers in Alabama. It was planned and directed by Dr. J. R. Otis, State leader for Negro work, in cooperation with the Alabama Extension Service and

the Extension Service here. All the 80 Negro county agents and home demonstration leaders participated. Attention was given entirely to the educational and organizational aspects of Extension rather than to technical subject matter dealing with farming and homemaking.

United Nations Week, September 14-20

The American Association for the United Nations informs us that the second annual United Nations Week will be observed from September 14 to 20. The week will coincide with the opening of the second regular meeting of the UN assembly on September 16. The theme to be emphasized for the week is "There's a YOU in the UN," putting emphasis on the individual responsibility of citizens for maintaining UN as an instrument of peace. Numerous nationally known organizations are cooperating sponsors. A leaflet, Plan Now for United Nations Week, is available through the Popular Education Committee, American Association for the United Nations, 45 East 65th Street, New York 21, N. Y.

Tenth Anniversary for SCS Districts

August 4 was the tenth anniversary of the Brown Creek (Anson County, N. C.) soil conservation district, the first farmer-voted, farmer-managed soil conservation district in the United States. Other anniversaries are coming up fast in numerous States. They offer occasion for focusing attention on soil conservation district growth in the United States, an educational undertaking in which many Extension people will want to take part. A billion acres of land are now included in soil conservation districts. There are now 1,899 soil conservation districts, and all the 48 States, plus Puerto Rico, have districts. Three fourths of all the farms and ranches in the United States are now in these districts. In Alaska, Hawaii, and the Virgin Islands enabling legislation has been passed.

Illinois Farm Structures Training Course

The department of agricultural engineering of the University of Illinois has announced a 4-day farm structures conference and training course sponsored jointly by the university and the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. Dates are September 15 to 18. Those interested should make immediate application to Prof. Deane G. Carter at Urbana.

Important Agency Releases and Policy Statements

- (1) Extension Activities and Accomplishments 1946, Extension Service Circular 445 (statistical report by Harry W. Porter, Extension Service). To directors editors, State leaders, and libraries. **
- (2) Many More Rural Families To Get Electricity (USDA 1894-47). To directors. **
- (3) Turkey Price Support Program To Begin September 1 (USDA 1893-47). To directors and editors. **
- (4) Feed Advisory Committee Outlines Production and Marketing Problems (USDA 1851-47). To directors and economists. **

- (5) Foot-and-Mouth Disease Commission Plans Extermination of Infected Wild Animals (USDA 1903-47). To directors. **
- (6) Grain Advisory Committee Sees Need for Research on Storage (USDA 1868-47). To directors and economists. **
- (7) 200 Federal Wheat Crop Insurance Counties Named (USDA 1862-47). To directors in wheat States; to economists and agronomists. **
- (8) Farm Population Estimates (BAE). To directors. **
- (9) State Department Material: **
 - (a) European Initiative Essential to Economic Recovery;
 - (b) Publications of the Department of State, January 1, 1947;
 - (c) First Session of the General Conference of UNESCO, Paris, November 19 to December 10, 1946; and
 - (d) Two Aspects of Trusteeship.

(** Indicates enclosure with weekly mailing.)

Sincerely,

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First Report From Geneva FAO Session

In the opening the third annual FAO conference at Geneva on Monday, Director-General Sir John Orr said the creation of a world food council was the paramount FAO task at the moment. . . . Austria, Finland, Pakistan, and Siam were admitted as member nations, bringing the total number to 53. . . . The Associated Country Women of the World were represented among the nine nongovernmental observers present. . . . The work of the conference is being handled by three commissions: Commission I on the world food and agriculture situation; Commission II on technical activities of FAO; and Commission III on constitutional, administrative, technical, and financial questions.

While FAO got its first week of the annual conference actively under way, Geneva also reported that the ITO Preparatory Commission, in session there for the past 4 months, had completed in substance the draft charter for the International Trade Organization, to be ratified next November at a plenary session of 40 member nations in Havana.

American Institute of Cooperation

More than 2,000 persons attended the American Institute of Cooperation meeting on the Colorado A. and M. College campus from Monday to Friday of this week. The institute's president, Dr. Raymond W. Miller, termed the meeting as "in the nature of a conference of businessmen." He stressed the fact that the organization had nothing to do with political philosophy. In his welcoming address, President Roy M. Green stressed the theme of cooperation among farmers, among agricultural and industrial groups, and among nations. "The realities of today," President Green said, "are not what the shadows cast seem to be any more than in the case of the fable where the man in the moonlight mistook his shadow for that of a great ass. Communism and fascism are shadows of the same thing. Dictatorship the world over is the same thing, whether it comes from the monastery, the church, the army, the front office, or the back shop. . . . One of the most pertinent realities of today having a most practical effect on all our doings is the fact that the agricultural acreage of the world at present levels of production will produce an adequate diet for about 73 percent of the people of the world. Even in an industrial age destined to be more so, agriculture and agricultural production are not dead issues forever taken care of, and now to be passed by. . . . Cooperation among

farmers, therefore, that creates a certain degree of union, short of monopoly that permits dictation, is the kind of thing that has given the small measure of progress that has been made among men since the time they devoured one another."

Nourse, Hope, Wickard

Dr. E. G. Nourse, of the President's Council of Economic Advisers; Hon. Clifford Hope, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture; and REA Administrator Claude R. Wickard were among the headliners at the Fort Collins session of the Institute of Cooperation. Dr. Nourse warned of booms being the parents of depression and cautioned farmers to plan now what action to take when "the world's scarcity of farm products has been overcome and the surplus problem is back with us." Congressman Hope reported that the two biggest problems that stood out in the agricultural committee hearings so far were soil conservation and marketing and distribution. There appears to be considerable favorable sentiment for a forward-pricing program, with proponents arguing that prices set after studying demands, surpluses, and needs would serve to guide production to fit the country's requirements. Administrator Wickard spoke on "Member Ownership Through Capital Credits." His paper distinguishes clearly between cooperatives in which members originally supply the capital, and cooperatives like REA that are Government-sponsored, and in which loans have to be gradually repaid to the Government. Under the capital credits plan, excess payments by patrons over service, when used to retire the cooperative's debt, are recognized as actual investments by patrons in the power lines serving them. In view of Extension's educational relationship with REA (45 States now have 4-H rural electrification projects), we urge a careful reading of Administrator Wickard's statement. A copy is going forward in your packet.

North Carolina Farmers Hear General Eisenhower

The annual North Carolina Farm and Home week last evening heard General of the Army Dwight G. Eisenhower emphasize that, despite its remoteness on the horizon, our national goal, growing out of the Axis defeat, and measured in terms of generations, lies in the opportunity for the "development of international understanding and organization."

Jack Hutcheson Now V. P. I. Chancellor

We are informed that Dr. John R. Hutcheson, who until recently served as president of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, is now chancellor of that institution. Action was taken by the board of directors on Tuesday, August 12. The board also named Dr. Walter S. Newman to succeed Dr. Hutcheson as president.

S. R. Newell in Charge of PMA's Marketing Programs

S. R. Newell, who met with North Central directors in Chicago early in May, has recently been appointed Acting Assistant PMA Administrator for Marketing. He has assumed direction of PMA's marketing programs, formerly under E. A. Meyer, who now is USDA's administrator of the Research and Marketing Act. Mr. Newell, born on a Virginia farm, got his first administrative experience in agriculture as county agent in Calvert County, Md.

Meeting With PMA Production Program Staff

On Monday P. V. Kepner and I met with PMA Administrator for Production Dave Davidson and the administrative fieldmen who will represent PMA in the States. Monthly meetings are planned to talk over field matters, and Extension has been asked to sit in on these meetings. I have appointed Mr. Kepner to represent us as Extension's liaison.

C. Ely Wickham Northeastern Fieldman for PMA

On August 1 we supplied a list of the recently appointed administrator's fieldmen of PMA. At that time one vacancy remained to be filled. We now learn that C. Ely Wickham will be administrator's fieldman for Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland.

Greetings From Miss Miriam Birdseye

Mrs. Lydia Lynde, extension family life specialist, recently returned from the West with good news and greetings from Miss Miriam Birdseye, extension nutritionist here until her retirement in 1946. Miss Birdseye is enjoying good health. She lives in a cozy California redwood bungalow, named "Afterglo," overlooking the Pacific at Carmel-by-the-Sea. She takes an enthusiastic part in Carmel's garden and other community projects and is engaged extensively in propagating herbs. Through Mrs. Lynde, Miss Birdseye invited all her Extension friends to visit her while in California.

Great Progress in Cotton

Cotton is today perhaps the outstanding pace-setter in terms of new technologies applied to a leading agricultural staple. Ranging all the way from genetic and other extensive research (at Beltsville and at State and regional experiment stations) to growing, cultivating, harvesting, ginning, processing, and manufacture, the cotton business appears to be going ahead with confidence. We've had a most encouraging report from Assistant Director H. H. Williamson on his return from the all-South cotton conference at Greenville and Stoneville, Miss., last week. He reports that the seven-step cotton educational program, in the launching of which the USDA and cotton State cooperative extension services played a leading part, is beginning to show concrete results. This week, also, announcement was made by one of the leading textile manufacturers that a chemical process, whereby cotton fabrics can be wrinkle-proofed, has been perfected. According to this manufacturer, wrinkle-proof cotton textiles are expected to be on the market before Christmas.

FAO Group Tours Maryland Farms

On Wednesday about 40 foreign members of the FAO staff toured some of the outstanding farms and conservation projects in Montgomery County, Md. Paul Nyhus, of Dean T. B. Symons' staff, and County Agent O. W. Anderson, of Montgomery County, had made the arrangements and were in charge of the tour. As in the recent tour of Virginia farms, the FAO agriculturists, representing many lands, were impressed by United States farming standards and practices.

Specifications for Soft-Corn Driers

About 150 manufacturers, AAA committeemen, and agricultural research and extension workers attended the conference on corn-drying equipment at Purdue last Tuesday. A. W. Turner, Assistant Chief, Wallace Ashby, and other members of PISAE reviewed the specifications set up in the past few weeks as a basis for bids for purchasing corn-drying units for experimental and demonstrational use in the major Corn Belt States this fall. These specifications represent the best information available to date concerning the types of heat units and blowers that are most apt to give satisfactory results. Associate Director Spitler, of Illinois, and Karl Knaus, of this office, spoke briefly concerning Extension's activities in relation to the prevention of loss of soft or wet corn in storage. In the evening A. T. Holman, extension agricultural engineer, and Karl Knaus met with extension and research engineers from eight States to discuss further extension activities in relation to wet and soft corn. John Kimberley and Ed Ellington, from PMA's Grain Branch, spoke briefly of the opportunities for improving the quality of corn through drying and possible use of moisture-testing equipment now available in many county AAA offices. A brief summary of the suggestions for extension work coming out of this meeting is being sent to the extension agricultural engineers in the major Corn Belt States by Mr. Holman.

REA Monthly Statistical Bulletins

H. S. Pringle, extension rural electrification specialist, informs us that many of you have expressed an interest in following from month to month the progress of the electric cooperatives within your States. We have, therefore, arranged to enclose once a month, commencing with this issue, copies of REA's monthly statistical bulletins.

WKAR Celebrates Silver Anniversary

Every now and then we are reminded of the pioneering effort that land-grant colleges and universities have put into the development of radio as a modern means of communication. The University of Wisconsin, for instance, takes justifiable pride in referring to WHA, operated by the university, as the "oldest station in the Nation." This week we received a copy of the Michigan State News for August 15, featured as the "WKAR Silver Anniversary Issue." The issue is chock full of items of interest to Extension and land-grant college people. Among other things we read:

"Origin of the station dates back to 1918, when radio telegraphy was taught to military and civilian students. . . . The station is older than any of the national broadcasting networks, and older than the Federal Communications Commission itself. . . . From 1918 to May 1922, the station, in those days able to operate without authorization, broadcast mostly personal messages to amateurs. Final licensing was completed on August 18, 1922, when the station received its present call letters, WKAR. . . . J. B. Hasselman [now in charge of information for PMA here in USDA]; at that time with Michigan State's publications department, was the first person in charge of WKAR. . . . R. J. Coleman is the present director. . . . Regular program broadcasts began on January 23, 1924. . . . The studios of WKAR have produced a number of nationally known radio people, one of whom is Harry Wismer, whose voice is familiar to

everyone listening to college football broadcasts. . . . The Governor of Michigan addresses the people of the State over WKAR each Tuesday at noon. . . . In wishing the station a happy birthday, Director R. J. Baldwin said: "The station has served Michigan people well. It has taught the people of the State to depend upon authoritative information. It has broadened their interests. It has enriched their lives with programs of high excellence."

O. E. Reed Honored by Purdue University

Many directors know the Bureau of Dairy Industry's Chief, Ollie Reed, personally and as a real friend of Extension. They will be happy to learn, therefore, that Dr. Reed was recently awarded a doctor of science degree by Purdue University. He was given the honor for achievement in his field and as "one of the best known dairy educators in the United States."

An Invitation From War Assets Administration

We have had a communication from B. T. Wren, agricultural representative of the War Assets Administration, inviting all extension agricultural engineers and marketing specialists to visit WAA Customer Service Centers in their respective areas. Mr. Wren suggests that these men look over the wide variety of surplus items that are usable on the farm or can be adapted to farm use. In taking advantage of this invitation, we feel that Extension may be able to help farmers get needed materials economically and also help prevent deterioration and waste of valuable equipment.

Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11

The President has proclaimed the week of October 5 to 11 as this year's National Fire Prevention Week. As in past years, we hope State and county extension services will take a leading part toward giving wide support to Fire Prevention Week. Farm and rural people, probably more so than any other group of the population, have a real stake in preventing fires. Of the various weeks, we think this is one of the most important. Copies of the President's proclamation and the Department's fact sheet will be forwarded to the States when available in sufficient quantity to provide a copy for each county extension office. Almost all States and Territories have requested copies of the packet of materials prepared especially for the use of extension workers by the National Fire Protection Association. Copies are now going forward to the States.

Excellent Film for Peach-Growing Counties

This week members of our staff viewed an operational film of a type that signifies how modern visual-aid methods can effectively streamline demonstration work. "More Peaches to Market With Less Labor" is intended to show growers and shippers in South Carolina the most efficient methods of picking, processing, and shipping the fruit. The theme of the film impresses those who see it with the thought-- why break human backs when gravity, conveyor belts, electricity, and intelligent organization of equipment will do the job faster and better? We believe operators in all commercial peach counties would be interested in seeing this film. Oscar Berry, of extension farm labor in South Carolina, did the research. Filming was by Lewis Riley, extension visual aid specialist, South Carolina Extension Service, Clemson, S. C. Any inquiry regarding the loan or purchase of this film should be directed to Mr. Riley.

Report of China-U. S. Agricultural Mission

FAR advises us that copies of the report of last year's joint China-United States Agricultural Mission, the United States section of which was headed by Dr. C. B. Hutchison, vice president of the University of California, were sent direct from the Government Printing Office. Although the document is 265 pages, it is an important source book for a wealth of condensed and authentic agricultural information about China.

Forthcoming BAE Reports

Farm Income Situation--September 4: Farmers' cash receipts from marketings and Government payments totaled about 17.4 billion dollars in the first 8 months of this year. The increase over last year from marketings alone was 26 percent. This Situation has the annual report on the income parity ratio.

Poultry and Egg Situation--Farmers received about 42 cents a dozen for eggs in the first 8 months of this year. Egg prices will continue above last year because consumer income is expected to stay high and prices of red meats are likely to be near record.

Demand and Price Situation and the Agricultural Outlook Digest--Wholesale prices are again advancing after remaining stable for several months. Prices of many farm products shared the general rise. Agricultural exports continue to be an important influence on farmers' prices. In the first half of 1947, 1,994 million dollars' worth of farm products were shipped abroad, somewhat more than in the same period last year. In quantity, however, exports were slightly below 1946.

Important Agency Releases and Policy Statements

- (1) United Nations Chart (Department of State Publication 2885 showing organization of UN and component agencies). To directors and editors. **
- (2) Member Ownership Through Capital Credits (Talk by Administrator Claude R. Wickard, REA). To directors. **
- (3) Mississippi Extension Service Annual Report for 1946. To directors. **
- (4) Monthly Statistical Bulletin, REA. No. 76. To directors. **
- (5) Selected Publications and Materials Relating to the Foreign Policies of the United States (a supplement to the list of State Department Publications sent you last week). To directors and editors. **
- (6) World Fiber Survey (FAO, August 1947). To directors and editors. **
- (7) George W. Irving to be Assistant Chief of BAIC (USDA 1939-47). To directors August 23. ***
- (8) Importation of Adult Honey Bees Prohibited (USDA 1937-47). To entomologists August 27. ***
- (9) Federal Retirement Consideration for Certain Classes of Cooperative Extension Employees. (Statement by M. L. Wilson before the Regional Conference of Western State Extension Workers, Corvallis, Oreg., August 4 to 8, 1947.) **

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