

Harry Umberger to Willard Mayberry

This letter from Harry Umberger, the Director of Extension at Kansas State College (now Kansas State University), was addressed to Willard Mayberry, secretary to Gov. Alf Landon. The letter discusses the reduction of railroad transportation rates for livestock feed, because the depression, combined with the droughts of the 1930s, had made it difficult for farmers to feed their livestock. Umberger recommended that the rates be reduced for at least thirty days (preferably sixty days) in order to keep stock alive during the winter. The letter is accompanied by a state map labeling the counties who needed these rates, with the red shaded section indicating which counties were in the greatest need.

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Mr. Willard Mayberry
Secretary to the Governor
State House
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Mayberry:

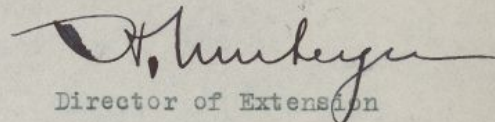
I have your letter of the 20th requesting the names of counties in which reduced rail rates on feeds should apply. It was the thought when the original letter was written that an extension in reductions would be requested.

The feed situation has not changed greatly in many of the counties involved since these rates were granted. To be sure, in some of these counties, if the weather remains open, little feed will have to be shipped. However, in most of them the shipment will likely be considerable since outside money is beginning to come in, and feed stocks are being depleted.

The two areas of most acute need and the whole area involved are indicated on the attached map.

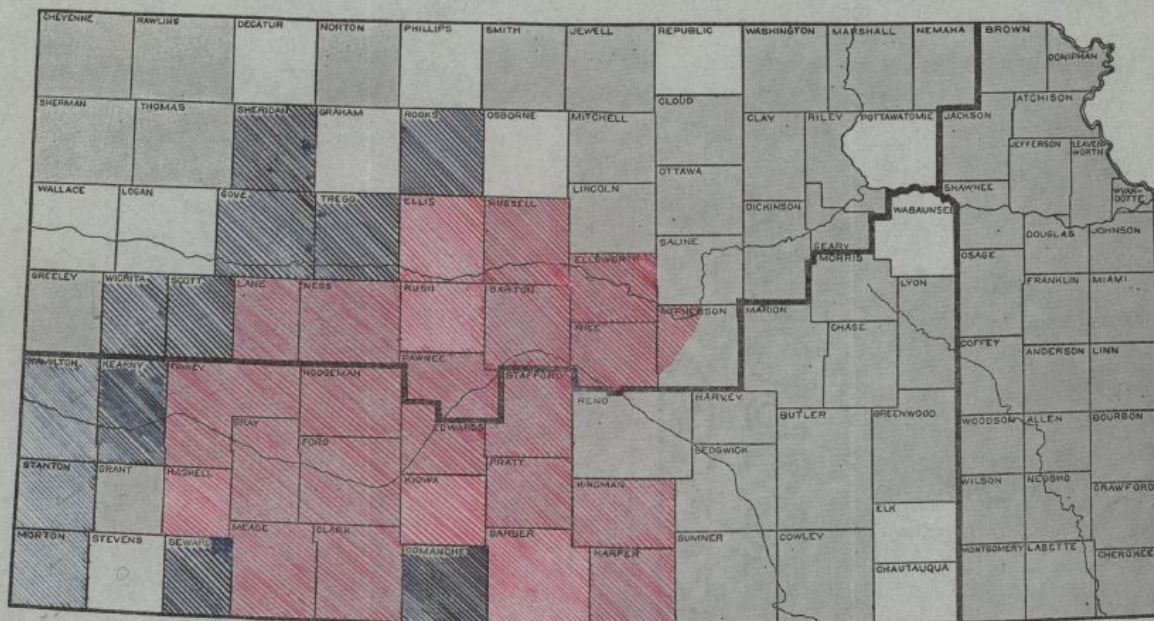
I believe it would be wise to extend these rates in the entire area for thirty days at least, and better for sixty days, to get the stock through the winter.

Yours very truly,


Director of Extension

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Red and Blue Shaded section indicates whole area
Red shaded section indicates where situation is acute