

Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

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WASHINGTON

November 17, 1934.

Hon. T. B. Armstrong,
Chief Grain Inspector for Kansas,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

In behalf of the Corporation, please permit me to thank you for the excellent cooperation rendered by your organization in connection with the 1933-34 corn loan program.

Of the total of something like \$121,000,000 disbursed on these loans, our records disclose that slightly less than \$5,000,000 remained outstanding on November 15th.

Naturally, all concerned are desirous of cleaning up this balance as early as possible. To that end we recently requested the appropriate Loan Agencies of Reconstruction Finance Corporation to write each of the remaining borrowers substantially along the lines of the enclosed letter.

For obvious reasons it is desirable to have all old loans adjusted before there is any marked activity in the new loans and we should greatly appreciate your continued assistance in this respect through the medium of County Warehouse Boards and State Sealers, who are in position to very materially help us.

Very truly yours,

Signed: Lynn P. Talley
President

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KANSAS STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE
DIVISION OF EXTENSION
OFFICE OF DEAN AND DIRECTOR
MANHATTAN, KANSAS
November 14, 1934

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Feed

Governor Alf M. Landon
State House
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor Landon:

This letter refers to our telephone conversation of November 13. I have given considerable thought to the matter of further activities with reference to the feed situation.

During the week of November 5, four representatives of the department made inspections in the worst counties in the drouth area. These men found the situation serious but the prolonged warm weather was saving a great deal of feed. In some isolated areas the soil is in such a dry condition that the wheat is not sprouting, and much of it is too late to furnish pasture.

You may recall that the Administration withheld \$166,600 from Kansas pending a check-up of funds. On November 4, one-half of this sum, or \$83,300 was allotted to us. This number will buy about 5,500 cattle and it was distributed as follows:

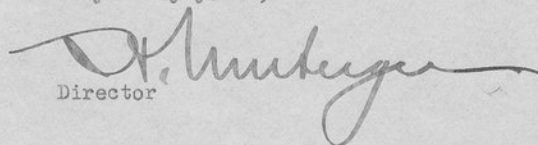
Decatur	\$1500	Rooks	\$4500	Trego	\$2000
Gove	4000	Sheridan	7500	Norton	2000
Graham	3000	Thomas	8000	Kearny	2000
Hodgeman	3000	Mitchell	1500	Gray	2000
Logan	7500	Russell	2000	Ford	2000
Meade	3000	Lincoln	2000	Finney	3000
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The unexpended balance will be distributed to four or five of the worst counties. It is our plan to confine purchases to individual cases after a thorough investigation is made.

The drouth organization is set up and ready to function when it seems desirable and practical to start.

I have requested the men in the Extension division to keep a very close watch of this situation and I will keep you advised of any changes in conditions.

Very truly yours,


Director

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October 9, 1934

Victor Christgau, Asst. Administrator A.A.A.
Washington, D.C.

Present allotment to October thirteen allows purchase about 455,000 cattle stop Urgent need for total purchase of at least 600,000 or approximately 150,000 after present closing date stop My understanding that fifty thousand of this number has been allotted though no official notice received stop Hopeless feed condition western two-thirds of state. Less than three inches rainfall in twenty-five counties since drouth began stop No chance for wheat pasture in much of area. Early frost ruined chances of sorghum roughages stop Attempt to hold all cattle jeopardizes those needed for rehabilitation of beef industry stop If feed were available would cost one million dollars

more to feed 150,000 excess cattle than to buy them stop If quota
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request is reduced an immediate and positive feed buying program
necessary.

ALF M. LANDON

Governor

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AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION

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Release - Immediate

October 6, 1934

PLANS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF SEED IN DROUGHT AREA ANNOUNCED

Plans for distribution of supplemental seed stocks conserved by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and the establishment of a system of clearing information to facilitate distribution of other seed supplies to deficit areas of drought-stricken states, were announced today.

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration has acquired a quantity of the best adapted and superior varieties of grain in its buying program of the past three months, as a measure to prevent the dissipation of specially adapted varieties of seed as food or in mixing. Holdings of such seeds, as of October 5, were as follows: Hard spring wheat, 4,263,460 bushels; barley 1,398,710 bushels; oats, 6,276,170 bushels; durum 826,440 bushels; flax 417,250 bushels.

The amount of seed held by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration is small in comparison with the total requirements of the country, and cannot be depended upon to care for the entire needs of areas in which a deficit of proper seeds exists. It is hoped, however, that through the program sufficient quantities

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of adapted varieties can be distributed to furnish the nucleus of future supplies; and that the distributing agency can also act as a clearing house of information to expedite distribution of privately held seed supplies to drought areas.

In the distribution of the stocks held by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, allocations will be made to deficit areas in the drought region on a basis of local surveys that establish needs for seed beyond locally obtainable supplies. Orders will be placed through county drought committees. Local commercial facilities will be employed to distribute the seed to farmers on a service charge basis; and all such seed as held by the Administration will be sold on the basis of a fair and reasonable price, computed from the original cost as grain, plus expenses of storage, handling, cleaning, and other essential items, and with due consideration to prevailing market conditions. No distribution of supplemental seed stocks will be made until it is clearly apparent that the required varieties cannot be furnished at reasonable prices through the regular commercial channels.

Under the distribution plan announced today, the county drought committees will survey seed supplies and seed needs in their county, serve as a clearing house for information regarding seeds, and acquaint farmers with the seed situation and the possibility of obtaining supplemental supplies from the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Farmers needing seeds, not obtainable through usual channels, may place orders with the county drought committees, which will recommend approval of the orders. The needs of those who can finance their own purchases, those financed by the Farm Credit Administration, and those who are eligible to obtain advances for seed from the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, will be given equal consideration.

The county committee will then place the orders for needed seed with the designated officer of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and allocations

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of conserved seed stocks will be made on the basis of seed needs, as shown by the consolidated county orders.

In counties where orders received by county committees exceed the total allocation of seed, the Administration, through its set-up for tabulation of seed supplies and requirements, will act as an information agency in bringing buyers into contact with the nearest available supply.

While grain stocks of the Administration now consist of adapted varieties of hard spring wheat, durum, oats, barley and flax, the purchase of grain sorghums is being considered, and should it appear likely that stocks of soybeans for seed may be depleted through processing demand, purchases may be made of some varieties. The problem of conserving supplemental quantities of suitable seed corn in deficit areas is being studied by the Committee.

The seed stocks are now held in terminals, or in elevators in primary country distributing points in deficit areas. The movement of the stocks to final points of distribution will start promptly upon making of allocations to drought counties, and will be shipped to designated counties on the basis of state and county needs as reported by state directors of drought relief through consolidated county orders, and surveys of supplies made by county committees. It was pointed out by officials that shipments within allocations could be made to counties only on evidence that a shortage of adapted seeds has been shown, and only after definite orders from grain producers for such seed have been recorded by the county committees.

Local elevators and seed houses will distribute the seed and handle all receipts from sales, on the account of the designated officer of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. All elevators, seed houses, or other agencies handling seeds for the Administration and receiving funds for their sale, will be properly bonded.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 4, 1934.

Cattle buying program

Hon. Alf M. Landon,
Governor of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor Landon:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 29 with reference to the continuation of the cattle-buying program in Sherman County, Kansas.

It was necessary to temporarily suspend cattle purchases in many states in order to secure an accurate check on the number of cattle purchased, the amount of money expended therefor, and the amount of money remaining to continue the program.

However, I don't believe there has been a suspension of purchases in your State since the program started, although recently it has been necessary to drastically reduce the number of livestock purchased. This was necessary because there is a definite limitation on the amount of funds available for emergency cattle purchases. The program will be continued on a restricted basis, and in the future it will be necessary to limit purchases solely to the most distressed areas and to those producers who can not obtain feed for their livestock.

You will be interested to know that Kansas was allotted an additional quota of 50,000 head from September 29 to October 13. This figure is the second highest allocation of any of the states in the drought area.

With reference to the needs of Sherman County, I would suggest that the matter be taken up with the State Drought Director, Mr. H.J.C. Umberger, Kansas State College, Manhattan, as he has jurisdiction over the allotment of purchases within the State.

Sincerely yours,

Chester C. Davis
Chester C. Davis,
Administrator.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADM.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 4, 1934

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Sincerely yours,

CHRISTOPHER C. DAVIS
Administrator.

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EXTEND CORN LOAN DATE TO

JAN. 1; REPAYMENT RAPID

Manhattan, Kan., September 00--Corn loans totaling \$121,069,053, made last winter and spring to mid-western farmers, are being repaid at the rate of more than a million dollars a day although the maturity date has been extended from September 1 to January 1. The total amount repaid, including partial payments, up to August 20 was \$42,185,000.

According to the figures released from the Agricultural Adjustment Administration at Washington, 996 Kansas farmers borrowed 1 million dollars. The repayments of loans but exclusive of partial repayments amounted to \$28,168, as of August 20.

Corn loans, at the rate of 45 cents a bushel for corn put under seal on the farm or in authorized public warehouses, were inaugurated last November to provide an immediate stimulus to farm purchasing power and to supplement the corn-hog production adjustment program. Agricultural Adjustment Administration officials point out that the loan program has not only brought about higher prices for all corn but has been instrumental in conserving the feed supply which has been threatened this year by the drought.

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Kansas State College Extension News Service, Manhattan, Kansas
Cooperative Agricultural Extension work Acts of May 8 and June 30,
1914

H. Umberger, Director.....L. L. Longsdorf, Editor
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Corn Loans - 2

A total of 256,532,000 bushels of corn in the United States was under seal when granting of loans ceased May 1, and all of the 142,368 borrowers have had the direct financial advantage of the price rise during the past few months. The plan which provided for partial release of the corn under seal for feeding on the borrowers' farm and repayment of the loan on that portion of the corn released has stimulated orderly marketing and has relieved feed shortage in the drought area.

To obtain the extension of time on corn loans until January 1, the borrower will be required to execute and return to the Commodity Credit Corporation a prescribed form of extension agreement not later than October 1 and to furnish satisfactory storage until March 1, 1935, free of cost to the Government.

As explained by H. Umberger, director of the Kansas State College extension service, under the terms of the extension agreement, if the borrower desires to sell his corn after September 15, he must first offer it for sale at the local elevator market price to such agency of the Government as the Commodity Credit Corporation may designate. If no agency is designated, or if the designated agency does not accept the borrower's offer immediately, he is free to dispose of the corn in the regular commercial channels, except that all sales of pledged corn, other than to a Government agency, require the consent of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

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TRIPLE "A" FACTS

H. Umberger, Director
Kansas State College Extension Service

QUESTION: What is the latest development in the wheat allotment program?

ANSWER: On August 23, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration announced its decision to authorize, in connection with the 1935 wheat program, the planting of 90 per cent of the base acreage of signers of wheat adjustment contracts.

QUESTION: What is the estimated number of bushels of wheat which will be harvested in 1935?

ANSWER: Under average weather conditions and allowing for the normal abandonment of wheat acreage, approximately 775 million bushels of wheat will be harvested in the United States in 1935.

QUESTION: What will be the amount of benefit payments to cooperating producers?

ANSWER: At the rate of 29 cents a bushel on the domestic allotment of the base production of the cooperating producers, benefit payments will amount to approximately 102 million dollars.

QUESTION: Of the nation's base wheat acreage of 66 million acres, how much is covered by the contracts which have been signed by producers?

ANSWER: More than 51½ million acres are covered by wheat contracts. Approximately 46 million acres of this land will be planted, under the plan to seed 90 per cent of the base acreage for the 1935 wheat crop.

QUESTION: What has been the average annual consumption of wheat in the United States in the past?

ANSWER: The domestic consumption of wheat has averaged 625 million bushels a year.

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Triple "A" Facts - 2

QUESTION: What was the wheat carryover situation at the beginning of this marketing year?

ANSWER: At the beginning of this marketing year, there was a carryover of 125 million bushels. Since the anticipated national total production of 775 million bushels of wheat, from farms of cooperators and others, together with an estimated carryover of 125 million bushels, total 900 million bushels, and domestic consumption averages 625 million bushels a year, a total of 275 million bushels will be left available in 1935-36 for export and carryover.

QUESTION: What evidence do we have that the wheat program has met the need of farmers of the United States and Kansas?

ANSWER: Approximately 80 per cent of the acreage of the United States was put under contract in a 3-month period last year.

QUESTION: What percentage of the acreage of Kansas is under contract to the Wheat Allotment Program?

ANSWER: More than 90 per cent of the total acreage of Kansas is under contract to the Secretary of Agriculture in connection with the Wheat Allotment Program.

QUESTION: Has the Wheat Allotment contract met the need of the Kansas farmers?

ANSWER: Yes, decidedly so. There are approximately 98,000 wheat contracts in Kansas. It is estimated that 96 per cent of these contract signers has met compliance and is well satisfied with the wheat program. Less than 5 per cent is having difficulty with the contract.

QUESTION: Can wheat be seeded in excess of the maximum seeding allowed under the Wheat Allotment contract if used for pasture or hay?

ANSWER: Yes. Administrative Ruling No. 3 permits the planting of wheat in excess of the maximum allowed under the contract providing an emergency exists making it necessary to grow wheat for pasture. Application must be made through the secretary of the county wheat allotment committee.

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Manhattan Kan., September 00--More than 72,000 corn-hog contracts have cleared the State Board of Review for the corn-hog program, based on figures issued August 29. The Kansas State College extension service reported that these contracts as finally cleared by the State Board of Review, Topeka, for transmittal to Washington, represented 96 counties. There are 7 other counties from which early payment contracts have been received, and they, too, have cleared the State Board of Review.

The members of the State Board of Review are Mr. F. K. Reed, state statistician, chairman; Mr. E. H. Hodgson, a master farmer from Little River and also a member of the State Corn-Hog Advisory Committee; and Mr. Walter G. Ward, extension service representative.

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Manhattan, Kan., September 00--Farmers who signed the corn-hog contract may plant rye and barley this fall on land contracted to the Secretary of Agriculture under the corn-hog contract and on any other land for harvest in 1935 without limitation. This ruling was made known to the Kansas State College extension service by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration after many inquiries were received from farmers of the state who wished to plant rye and barley this fall, and at the same time were anxious to comply with the requirements of the corn-hog contract.

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Kansas Weeklies

KANSAS CATTLE QUOTA

NOW 9,000 HEAD DAILY

Manhattan, Kan., September 00--Daily out-of-state shipments of drought relief cattle for the state of Kansas have been increased to 9,000. Authority for this increase of 3,000 over the previously established quota of 6,000 head for the state was received from C. W. Warburton, Director of the Federal extension service, by H. Umberger, Director of the Kansas State College extension service, August 30.

This is in addition to the number handled by the Kansas Emergency Relief Committee at Topeka for intrastate shipment to the state canneries and for fresh beef slaughter. It is estimated that a total of 1,000 head of cattle daily will be used for this purpose.

The 9,000 head daily quota has been allocated to the various counties on the basis of the number of distressed cattle, the amount of feed, the pasture conditions, the cattle population, and the percentage of cattle which each county can safely carry through the winter.

Up to August 29, a total of 168,280 head of cattle had been shipped to processing points. Cattle appraised for sale numbered 197,117, and of this number, only 3,623 had been condemned as unfit for human consumption.

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RELEASE: Tuesday, August 28

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TRIPLE "A" FACTS

H. Umberger, Director
Kansas State College Extension Service

QUESTION: How many corn-hog contracts have been signed by the farmers of Kansas under the present corn-hog adjustment plan?

ANSWER: On August 18, there were 80,997 contracts carrying first signatures of corn-hog growers.

QUESTION: How many acres of corn does this represent, and from how many counties have the contracts been received?

ANSWER: These contracts represent 4,579,494 acres of corn in the 105 counties of the state.

QUESTION: How many hogs from this same area are included in the contracts?

ANSWER: The number of hogs included from this area is 3,377,030.

QUESTION: How many corn-hog farmers had signed both first and second signatures to the contracts on August 18?

ANSWER: Of the 80,937 contracts with first signatures, there were 52,968 that carried both the first signature and the final signature, which finally makes the contract binding.

QUESTION: How many corn acres are represented, and how many counties are included in the area?

ANSWER: The contracts with final signatures represent 2,425,525 acres of corn in 78 counties of the state.

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Cooperative Agricultural Extension Work Acts of May and June 30,
1914

H. Umberger, Director.....L. L. Longsdorf, Editor

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Triple "A" Facts - 2

QUESTION: In this same area, how many hogs are represented on these contracts?

ANSWER: Contracts carrying both the first and final signatures represent 1,539,411 head of hogs in the 78 counties.

QUESTION: What is the total amount of payment on corn-hog contracts in Kansas, and how many counties have received payment for agreeing to adjust their corn-hog production?

ANSWER: Corn-hog contract signers in 27 counties of Kansas have already received \$970,501.68 as cooperators with the Government in the Corn-Hog Adjustment Program.

QUESTION: Can a corn-hog contract signer rent outside land after final signature on a corn-hog contract?

ANSWER: He can, and such land is to be handled as a part of his 1934 farming unit and subject to the same Administrative Rulings as his original farming unit.

QUESTION: A contract signer has produced 75 per cent of the hogs on his two-year base, and due to adjustments he has an excess of hogs. How can he dispose of these hogs?

ANSWER: A. Cancel the contract before sending it to Washington.
B. Take the \$20 penalty on each hog over 75 per cent of his base.
C. It is not advocated by the Corn-Hog Section to destroy pigs of inferior quality, but this is one way of meeting the requirement of the contract.
D. The most practical way is to dispose of excess hogs by turning them over to Federal Relief Agencies and receiving a receipt for them which can be shown to field supervisors in meeting compliance.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION

Release --- Immediate

August 27, 1934

DROUGHT CATTLE PURCHASES NOW EXCEED $3\frac{1}{2}$ MILLION HEAD

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Farmers in 20 western drought-stricken states have received more than 32 million dollars in payment for drought cattle purchased by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and turned over to the Federal Surplus Relief Corporation for processing for relief distribution, it was announced today.

The exact total of payments was \$32,378,396, up to August 25. Of this amount, \$11,802,524 constituted benefit payments, and \$20,575,872 constituted purchase payments.

Drought cattle purchases up to August 25 totaled 3,668,363 head. The payments made to that date were for approximately 2,393,000 head. The average amount paid per head was around \$13.53.

Payments are sent out from four disbursing offices. These are located at St. Paul for payments in Minnesota, Montana, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and formerly for Texas; Kansas City for Payments in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri; San Francisco for payments in Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah; and the new office in Chicago for payments in Iowa only at present.

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The following table gives the purchase and benefit payments
by the states to which they have been sent:

<u>State</u>	<u>Purchase Payment</u>	<u>Benefit Payment</u>
Arizona	\$ 418,992	\$ 254,241
California	133,295	69,537
Colorado	417,403	247,532
Idaho	41,941	29,745
Iowa	40,730	23,117
Kansas	591,409	317,623
Minnesota	1,747,491	910,337
Missouri	577,737	348,653
Montana	1,384,780	733,597
Nebraska	850,229	500,251
Nevada	80,072	41,512
New Mexico	312,305	622,095
North Dakota	3,272,638	1,753,847
Oklahoma	253,036	167,027
Oregon	9,698	5,025
South Dakota	4,578,234	2,393,594
Texas	3,938,128	2,638,597
Utah	364,411	225,717
Wisconsin	302,879	170,422
Wyoming	660,464	344,049

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Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

July 26, 1934.

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Kans. Trego

Director H. Umberger,
Extension Dept. K. S. C.,
Manhattan, Kans.

Dear Mr. Umberger:

In reply to your telegram dated July 25, in regard to destroying forage crops on contracted acres, following are the particulars of this situation:

The wheat contract in question, serial No. 1173, Mr. Edwin Seibel, 1933 and 1934 tenant; Mr. Elias Wagoner, owner; 1935 tenant Mr. Lee Wagoner, son of Mr. Elias Wagoner. This land was taken away from the first tenant thinking the latter would receive the 1934 allotment payment. This contract was thoroughly discussed before application was made, the original application being for 100 acres of the 160 acres. After finding out that a greater payment could be received if the acreage was increased, which had a full wheat history, this was increased to 160 acres by making a new application.

The wheat seeded on this contract last fall was 101.72 acres, however the maximum was 130 acres. Mr. Wagoner the owner rented the balance of this ground to his son for feed, making no provision for contracted acres, 50 acres of this was listed to feed and the balance to barley. The owner had instructed the tenant to seed 100 acres of wheat and they would take care of the contracted acres. After this feed and barley had been sown the Chinch Bugs killed the feed and drouth destroyed barley, the entire acreage was then re-listed to feed. The first seeding being on contracted acres before permission had been given to seed forage crops on contracted acres.

After measurements had been made by field supervisor on this contract, Mr. Seibel, tenant and Mr. Wagoner the owner met in the office with the Committee where they were notified that it would be necessary to designate contracted acres before compliance would be approved for payment. Parties of the contract came to the agreement that Mr. Seibel would destroy enough wheat by cutting for feed 10 acres of wheat and 10 acres of barley ground formerly mentioned to take care of contracted acres. When Mr. Seibel moved machinery from his residence to this farm, which is 6 miles to cut this wheat for hay, Mr. Wagoner notified him this would not be necessary. He instructed him to combine the entire field which he did, the field averaging 8 bushel per acre. Mr. Wagoner agreed at that time to destroy feed to take care of contracted acres, this he agreed to do because the feed had died on account of drouth conditions.

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Mr. Seibel gave check to Mr. Wagoner in the office for an amount to cover gasoline for destroying feed. This is the situation, the contract parties coming to all agreements themselves, the committee merely instructing them that the contract had not been complied with and it would not be approved by the committee for payment until it had.

Mr. L. L. Williams and Mr. L. Willoughby called at the office this morning and the facts of the case were given to them, they advised us that we write full particulars of the case to you, which we have tried to do.

Following is copy of telegram sent Governor Landon, July 25, by Mr. J. W. Nicholson:

"About three weeks ago newspapers carried front page articles saying any kind of forage could be planted on allotment ground Stop One of our cattlemen planted twenty three acres Trego County Board forcing him to plow it up think this is a crime and should be stopped."

Following is copy of telegram received July 25, from H. Umberger:

"Governor Landon's Secretary has wired that Trego County Allotment Committee was requiring a farmer to destroy forage crops planted on contracted acres Stop This information was given Governor's Office by J. W. Nicholson Stop Forage crops now permitted on contracted acres as well as other portions of farm Stop Please send me complete information regarding this situation.

We the Allotment Committee feel that we have tried to cooperate with these parties and according to all administrative rulings we cannot approve compliance on this contract until it has been complied with.

Awaiting your further instructions, we remain

Very truly yours,

Charles A. Priddy
John A. Stradal
Clarence Christopher
Trego County Allotment Committee

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Copy to Governor Landon

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DAY LETTER

MANHATTAN KANSAS
JULY 25, 1934
2:30 PM

WILLARD MAYBERRY
SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR LANDON
TOPEKA KANSAS

HAVE WIRED CLARENCE CHRISTOPHER SECRETARY OF WHEAT
ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE TREEN COUNTY FORAGE CROPS NOW
PERMITTED ON ALL PORTIONS OF FARM INCLUDING CONTRACTED
ACRES STOP HAVE ASKED MR CHRISTOPHER TO INVESTIGATE
CASE MENTIONED IN YOUR WIRE AND REPORT TO ME

H UMBERGER

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A SUMMARY OF REPORTS BY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES AND WHEAT
AND CORN-HOG ALLOTMENT COMMITTEES REGARDING THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IN
ELLIS COUNTY

The following information has been assembled by a committee appointed by the Hays Chamber of Commerce to look into the agricultural situation in the County as a result of the drouth through which this county is now passing.

In order to facilitate matters the committee requested each township trustee in particular and as many of the Wheat Allotment and Corn-Hog Allotment committeemen as possible to contact the farmers in their respective townships, asking them to report upon the following questions:

1. Estimated wheat yield per acre.
2. How many farmers will not produce enough wheat to provide suitable seed for reseeding this fall?
3. Per cent total wheat failure in township.
4. Condition of pastures.
5. Condition of water supply.
6. Number of farmers requiring feed for livestock.
7. Number families needing aid for family support.
8. Number farmers needing seed for planting forage crops for feed should it rain.
9. Needing financial assistance to put in crops.

These reports were to be made at a meeting called the following day in the Courthouse at Hays. Each township trustee and several other citizens were interviewed by the Chairman of the committee and the replies were taken down by the stenographer. These replies have all been transcribed and the following summary of the reports from the various township trustees has been made. This summary gives a picture of the situation in Ellis County at the

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present time and there is very little change recorded in the situation since the report was made.

A series of questions and replies and considerable comment from some members of the Wheat Allotment and Corn-Hog Allotment committeemen have been herewith attached because of the information therein contained.

A compilation of the livestock in the County made up by Ben Huser, County Clerk, has also been attached to the report. Mr. H. P. Giebler, County Poor Commissioner, supplied a report on the expenditures from the Emergency Relief Fund and also has added a few statements regarding the distribution of emergency food supplies. The information herein supplied should be helpful in determining the need for relief in Ellis County.



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NOTICE OF HEARING WITH REFERENCE TO A PROPOSED MARKETING AGREEMENT

Under the Agricultural Adjustment Act, approved May 12, 1933, as amended, and under the General Regulations, series 1, Revision 1, of the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, issued pursuant thereto,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a hearing to be held at the Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Oregon, September 15, 1933, at 9:30 A.M., at which hearing interested parties will be heard, with reference to a proposed Marketing Agreement which the North Pacific Export Equalization Association has requested the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into pursuant to Section 2 (2) of said Act. A copy of such proposed agreement is now on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Chief Hearing Clerk, in the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Copies of such agreement may be obtained in such office. The proposed Agreement relates to the disposal of North Pacific wheat surplus.

It is hereby declared that an emergency exists in the conditions governing the Northwest wheat industry and requires a shorter period than ten (10) days, and it is hereby determined that the period of notice given hereby is reasonable in the circumstances.

(signed) H. A. Wallace
Secretary of Agriculture

Dated: September 12th, 1933.

Washington, D. C.

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NOTICE OF HEARING WITH REFERENCE TO A PROPOSED SANITIZING AGREEMENT

Under the Agricultural Adjustment Act, approved May 12, 1933, as amended, and under the General Regulations, Series I, Revision I, of the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, issued pursuant thereto,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a hearing to be held in Room 1200, South Building, Department of Agriculture, Fourteenth and D Streets, Washington, D. C., on September 18, 1933, at 9:30 A.M., at which hearing interested parties will be heard, with reference to a proposed sanitizing agreement which the Sanitary Milk Producers, Incorporated, have requested the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into pursuant to Section 8 (a) of said Act. A copy of such proposed agreement is now on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Chief Hearing Clerk, in the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Copies of such agreement may be obtained in such office. The proposed agreement relates to grades, practices, and conditions in the marketing of fluid milk in the Saint Louis, Missouri area.

W. A. Waller,
Secretary of Agriculture.

Dated: September 14, 1933.

Washington, D. C.

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Postal Telegraph Co.

July 31, 1934

H. A. Wallace,
Secy. of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

An unprecedented drought situation in Kansas and other states has created a disastrous situation for live stock stop There are innumerable instances where valuable breeding herds must be immediately sacrificed and slaughtered unless some means of relief can be devised stop This emergency suggests the use of surplus pasture on Fort Riley Military Reservation stop The use of this reservation possibly can save ten thousand head of valuable breeding stock the loss of which will be irreparable not only to Kansas but the general public stop Only one in position to observe the actual conditions existing in more than forty counties of Kansas can picture the situation confronting the live stock in this state stop I desire to urge your serious and immediate consideration of this proposal.

ALF M. LANDON

Governor

Charge 6336-Gov. Office

Add this:

ASST.
Dean Libberger is wiring the Secretary of War urging his use of this reservation for the above purpose stop May I ask if you approve the emergency use of this reservation that you immediately contact the Secretary of War and give him the true picture of the great crisis with which we are confronted.