

Under-Consumption Is Cited As Serious Problem To Farms

Under-consumption of foods by lower-income groups, both farm and non-farm, is "perhaps the most serious of farm problems," according to the annual report made by the Consumers' Counsel Division of the Department of Agriculture.

"If all families could enjoy freely chosen diets of a kind that could be rated 'good' nutritionally, consumers would need 15 to 20 per cent more dairy products, 35 per cent more eggs, and 70 to 100 per cent more of citrus fruits and certain vegetables," according to Mr. Donald Montgomery, Consumers' Counsel. Although the lowest third of American consumers "spent 50 per cent of their income for food... even with that outlay they contributed only 18 per cent to the Nation's total of food purchases," the report states.

Changes in retail prices, July, 1939 to July, 1940:

Gains: Canned pink salmon, 24 per cent; apples, 22 per cent; wheat flour, 18 per cent; dried navy beans, 14 per cent; canned red salmon, 13 per cent; dried fruits, 12 per cent; prunes 11.5 per cent; butter, 11 per cent; dairy products 7.6 per cent; fresh fruits and vegetables, 5.3 per cent; cereal and bakery products, 3.6 per cent.

Losses: Lard and cured pork products, 8 to 14 per cent; potatoes and cabbage, 10 per cent.

A great proportion of the prices paid by these consumers for farm products goes into the processing and distributing of these farm products, these services "amounting on an average to one and a half times as much as is paid for the products at the farm." The costs of fresh fruit and vegetables at the retail store "are increased about 50 per cent before they pass into the possession of consumers... Wheat for which the farmer has received 60 cents a bushel may sell to consumers as high as \$20 a bushel after passing through a simple processing, but elaborate merchandising operation."

Although the farmer, as a seller, has an interest in cutting merchandising costs and thereby cutting food prices, he is also a large-scale buyer of food. "Sixteen per cent of the total outlay of the average farm is estimated to have been spent for purchased food in 1934-36," according to the report. This is greater than the amount spent for clothing, which was 9 per cent of his income during those years, and 8 per cent for feed, seed and fertilizer purchases.

Epidemic Of Cold Symptoms

666 Liquid or 666 Tablets with 666 Salve or 666 Nose Drops generally relieves cold symptoms the first day. —Adv.

President Proposes Huge U. S. Budget

Washington, D. C. — Though the President's budgetary recommendations to Congress totaled \$17,485,000,000, practically doubling budgetary levels of recent years, agriculture has been earmarked for a cut amounting to \$187,456,390 as compared with last year. The proposed budget for 1941-42 is the largest in peace-time history and would run the public debt up to \$58 billions.

It had been previously announced that the President would recommend \$212 millions for parity payments, but this amount was actually scaled down to \$49,866,160. Since the farmers have to date been more seriously affected by the war abroad than any other group in the country, their foreign markets having virtually disappeared, the reduction in parity funds is likely to meet stiff opposition in farm quarters.

To soften such criticism, President Roosevelt suggested that if necessary he be authorized to allocate an additional sum of not more than \$162 million for parity payments: Even if these funds were later made available, the total would amount to no more than Congress appropriated last year before cotton, wheat, tobacco, lard and fruits were affected by the war.

The President's budgetary proposals for agriculture come to a total of \$1,013,905,493. Of this amount \$498,921,220 are for soil conservation payments, \$47,866,160 for parity payments and \$47,923,960 are for the sugar program.

Although the Stamp Plan has been the most popular of all farm programs, the President's budget recommendations that \$35,703,322 be slashed from the surplus removal program. This will reduce the surplus distribution activities to \$200,000,000 despite the fact that agriculture officials have been asking for a \$400,000,000 appropriation.

Along with the proposed reduction in funds for agriculture, went the recommendation for sharp curtailment of funds for work relief and public works. The President asked for a maximum of \$995,000,000 for work relief for the full fiscal year, which is a reduction of \$400,000,000 below last year. The cut in public works amounts to \$67,000,000.

Mr. L. L. Harrell, of Palmyra, attended to business here yesterday.

During the fiscal year 1940 retail prices of food advanced "on the average about 4 per cent, and the entire cost of living about 2 per cent." Sharp advances in "many food prices occurred upon the outbreak of war in September, 1939," but soon collapsed again.

The most spectacular price rigging occurred in the case of sugar and cost the consumers "about \$42 million more" than they otherwise would have paid, and the farmers did not share in this speculative venture.

Giant Plane Designed for Hemisphere Defense



Comparison with the men (circled) near its tail gives an idea of the staggering size of the Douglas B-19, which has been under construction for four years at Santa Monica, Calif., and is known as the "Hemisphere Defender." The plane, with a wing-spread of 212 feet and powered by four 2,000-horsepower motors, has a range of 7,500 miles and can carry a bomb load of 18 tons or 125 fully armed troops.

Beauties Both



In the arms of Marion Francis is Sunnyknoll Lochinvar, a smoked Persian cat, who came from California to compete in the 39th annual championship cat show of the Atlantic Cat Club in New York. Sunnyknoll Lochinvar came by plane for the event.

Flies 620 M.P.H.



Testing an Airacobra interceptor plane at Buffalo, N. Y., for the U. S. Army Air Corps, Andrew G. McDonough flew at a speed of 620 miles per hour while diving 21,000 feet. McDonough, an airline pilot, is a Naval Reserve flier. The previous speed record, set two years ago, was 575 m.p.h.

Species Of Pine In North Carolina

Choosing the kind of trees to be used in making a forest planting is much like selecting a piece of farm machinery, says R. W. Graeber, extension forester of N. C. State College. A lot depends upon the kind and condition of the soil, and the purpose for which it will be used.

Trees vary in growth habits according to soil, climate, moisture, and degree of fertility. For instance, the white pine does best in the mountains, the longleaf pine in the sandhills, the shortleaf pine in the Piedmont, and the loblolly pine in the Coastal Plain.

Graeber also pointed out that every farm needs fence posts. "If you don't have a suitable supply of durable wood," he says, "perhaps an acre or so of black locust will meet this problem and at the same time, with its strong spreading root system, be of much help in checking erosion. Even the bees will be happy with your choice, as the locust flowers are a source of good quality honey."

In a further discussion of the type

DR. V. H. MEWBORN OP-TOM-E-TRIST

Please Note Date Changes
Robersonville office, Scott's Jewelry Store, Tuesday, February 11th.
Williamston office, Peele's Jewelry Store, every Wed., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Lists Vegetables That Are Adapted To Coldframes

Such vegetables as cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, tomato, pepper and eggplant started in shallow boxes in the house may be transferred to coldframes in order to develop stocky plants and to harden them before setting in the garden, says H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist. Coldframes are also used as a seed bed in growing plants of the above vegetables for late season planting. The coldframes should be located in a sunny place, facing the South.

of forest planting to make, the extension specialist said. "Much of the idle land in our State is mighty poor; yet one of our better pines will grow in every section. Pines will furnish us with lumber for constructing the farm buildings and for repairing those we now have, and with fuel wood for heating our homes, cooking our meals, and for curing tobacco in the flue-cured areas."

Fuel wood is an important crop, since we as farmers use each year a stack of wood four feet wide, five feet high, and 7,000 miles long. Then too, pines will produce an income from the sale of such products as pulpwood, poles, pilings and saw logs.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

HAVING this day qualified as executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Mollie Harris, deceased, of Williamston, Martin County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them for payment on or before December 31, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 23rd day of Dec., 1940.
GEORGE HARRIS,
Executor of the estate of
Mrs. Mollie Harris.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court.
Robert Louis Stevenson vs. Spicy Mae Stevenson.
The defendant above named will

take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County for absolute divorce on the grounds of two years separation, and notice that she is required to appear before L. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, within thirty days after the comple-

tion of this service of summons by publication and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.
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L. B. WYNNE,
Clerk Superior Court.

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