

### All Out Wartime Food Production

Agricultural Department officials drew a picture recently of 30,000,000 farm people in wartime food production of big oil crops to be made this year to defeat the Axis, of mountains of food being produced for United States forces and their Allies. They pointed also to new records month after month in the production of milk, eggs, meats and other protective foods.

Despite having to pay the highest wages in years, farmers were reported hiring more help this spring than last. However, a tight farm labor situation may develop later in the year.

Farmers costs of production are considerably higher this spring than last but the long time gap between prices received and prices paid by farmers has been closed. Farm income is rising seasonally now but less sharply than this time last year.

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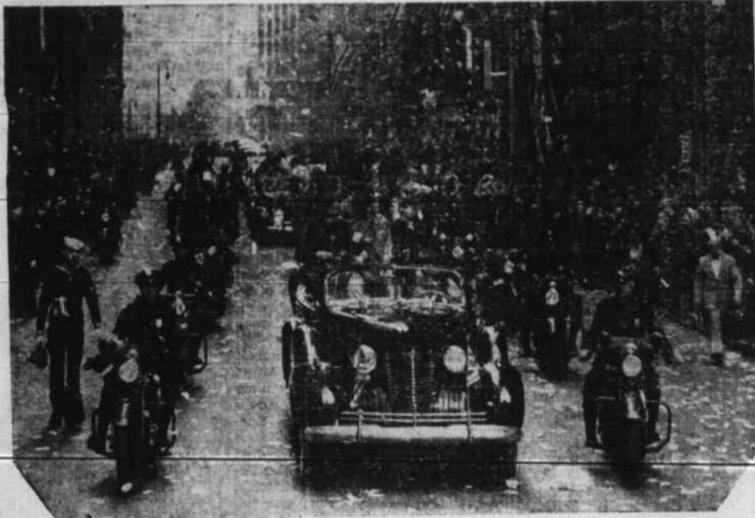


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Largest comparative gains are from the unusually heavy marketings of hogs at relatively high prices. Income from other livestock and animal products is also larger than at this time last year. Officials pointed to the enlarged agricultural marketing outlets through Government buying programs. Besides making up for lessened imports of many commodities, farmers are having to produce for a larger civilian, industrial and military population and to grow large quantities for export. Large reserves also must be accumulated against future needs.

"The job of the Agricultural Marketing Administration in charge of food supply activities in connection with the Lend-Lease program is to narrow the gap between the farm and the battlefields of democracy," says Roy F. Hendrickson, head of the U. S. Department of Agriculture agency. "We are geared," he says, "to speedy and economical purchase and distribution of food. During a 12 month period we have bought, under the Lend-Lease Act, more than 3 million dollars worth of farm products a day for the United Nations."

"The big problems are time and space. Time—getting our food products to their destination as quickly as we can. Space—making the best use of the very precious rail and shipping facilities. Time and space problems are being licked."

Millions of farmers are busy with spring work, the land is in good condition and crop acreages are expected to be largest since 1933. Livestock numbers are the largest on record and still increasing. Feed reserves are large and pastures and range prospects are promising.

Milk production continues to exceed former records. Egg production is declining seasonally but in coming months should be bigger than in the like period last year. Marketing of 1941 fall hogs has been large with prices the highest in 16 years. The hog-corn price ratio is the best for hog producers since the autumn of 1938. Production of high protein feeds is likely to break all former records by reason of the increased production of oil crops. Tobacco will

### Forester Offers Tip On Drying Of Wood

A tip to farm people on a way to dry fuel wood in the shortest possible time is offered by W. J. Barker, assistant extension forester of N. C. State College. He pointed out green wood, and its failure to burn, is the cause of persons turning to some other type of fuel.

"Fuel wood normally requires from six months to a year to season properly," Barker explained. "Therefore, if the wood is intended for next winter's consumption, it should be cut not later than this summer."

The extension worker said that persons attempting to speed up the seasoning of fuel wood should understand the process through which wood goes when it normally dries out. "The leaves of a tree act as pumps," stated Barker, "and the leaves are continuously drawing water through the body of the tree."

"To hasten the drying-out process the trees can be cut down and left untrimmed for two to three weeks. This cuts the trees off from the source of the water supply in the ground. Still, the leaves continue to draw water out of the tree."

Barker says this method of harvesting will be in large supply this year as measured by pre-war averages but domestic consumption is also far above pre-war figures. Cotton and woolen mills running night and day are turning out the largest yardage of fabrics in the nation's history. Production of truck crops to be marketed as fresh products and to be canned and dried—will be in good supply. All products of the farm—food, feed and fibers—are enjoying the best markets in years.

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### Industry Urged To "Patch And Pray"

"Patch and Pray"—That's what Bill Batt, chairman of the Requirements committee of WPB, says American industry has to begin doing soon, to keep existing machinery and equipment at work. Batt, one of the most outspoken of all officials in the early days of the war program, emphasizes that war production demands have created a real shortage of materials—not merely a temporary dislocation—and one which will grow more and more serious. "I can see times when even a shipway may stand idle for lack of steel, and an ammunition line may slow down for lack of copper and brass," he said. That means continuing, deeper bites into materials and goods that consumers ordinarily would be using, so the "patch and pray" watchword applies not only to industry operators, but also to householders, automobile drivers, people who run lawn mowers or hair dryers or hay balers or laundries or typewriters in shot, people!

### Government Stages Army War Shows

Mindful that even the most trustingly patriotic soul likes to see what he's buying with his war bonds and stamps, government departments are staging some eye-filling spectacles instead of other types of fuel for their home needs this year. This will help to relieve war-time shortages of transportation of coal and fuel oil. Farmers also can find a ready sale for surplus wood in nearby towns and cities, Barker predicted.

### Food Administrator



Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard has been named chairman of the new Food Requirements Committee of the War Production Board. Wickard will be responsible for the production and allocation of all food for the nation, our allies and military needs.

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