

# More Incentive Bonuses Offered For Farm Crops

## Soybeans and Peanuts Are Included; Land Army to Harvest Crops Planned

Washington, Jan. 25. — Secretary of Agriculture Wickard today outlined a broad program to increase production of vital war crops by offering growers approximately \$100,000,000 in "incentive payments" for meeting or exceeding greatly expanded production goals.

The new program, announced at a special press conference, will apply to soybeans, peanuts, grain sorghums, flax, sweet potatoes and dried peas, which Wickard said were needed greatly in the war effort to meet deficiencies in vegetable oils and proteins for animal feeding as well as human consumption.

Growers of these crops will receive extra payment for each acre they exceed 90 per cent of their farm goals up to 110 per cent of the goal.

Wickard said the incentive payments were part of the department's program to assist farmers in producing maximum amounts of essential war products.

"To get this additional production will mean that farmers will need more labor and materials— which naturally means that their production costs will go up," Wickard said.

**Aim of Payments.**

"This additional assistance will be necessary also for farmers who have not had experience in growing some of these crops. The program for incentive payments is being offered to compensate farmers for added costs in achieving the increased goals."

Wickard said that, to finance the program, Congress would be asked to appropriate \$100,000,000 in addition to the \$400,000,000 already asked in the 1942-43 Agriculture Department budget for the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act.

He also said the department was developing a comparable program involving incentive payments for increasing milk production.

Incentive payments announced today included soybeans, \$15 an acre in excess of 90 per cent of the farm goal; peanuts, \$30 an acre; flax, \$10 an acre; dried peas, \$15 an acre; grain sorghum, \$8 an acre; and sweet potatoes, 50 cents a bushel on the normal yield of the acreage planted over 900 per cent of the farm goal.

Wickard said an additional 1,500,000 acres of soybeans would be asked, increasing the goal to 12,000,000 acres this year. Also requested will be an increase in peanut acreage from the 3,690,000 acres harvested last year to 5,500,000; flax average from 5,000,000 to 5,500,000; dried peas from 665,000 acres to 725,000; sweet potatoes from 757,000 to 1,000,000, and grain sorghum from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000.

**Other Crops.**

The department recently announced a program of incentive payments for increased production of dried beans, white potatoes and fresh truck crops.

Wickard said the expanded program probably would mean that some farm land previously planted to grain, of which there are surpluses, and short staple cotton, or in pasture, would have to be used for other crops.

"If it is a choice between corn and soybeans, I say soybeans," the secretary asserted.

Wickard said the program would have the effect of "killing to birds with one stone."

He said that because of the ship-

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Enough planes in the sky will assure the United Nations of victory in the air over world battlefronts. But aerial victory will be insufficient unless it is backed up with mountains of food to give strength to civilians, soldiers, and oppressed peoples freed from Axis domination. Contour farming is one of the modern ways to help assure maximum production of food, says Earl B. Garrett, State Conservationist for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service and a member of the State USDA War Board. Farmers in this state, as well as the rest of the nation, he says, report bigger per acre yields of war crops on contoured acres, the victory pattern for the land.

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On the other hand, the ban on pleasure driving and the cut in basic fuel oil nations have helped to ease the fuel oil situation. Also, tank car shipments of petroleum and petroleum products approached the high levels of the middle of October, and deliveries of oil to tank cars from the new Texas-Illinois pipeline are expected to start during the first week in February. But it must be repeated that all these savings and expedients will not compensate for the loss of the enormous carrying power of the tanker fleet which operated along the Atlantic Coast before the war, and so we must keep on saving fuel oil and cold-proofing our homes by every means possible. The petroleum coordinator's plea to convert to coal if possible still goes and is still urgent.

**Idle Vehicles Must Be Reported.**

Owners of commercial motor vehicles of almost every description which have been idle for a two-week period must be reported to district offices of the Office of Defense Transportation. The purpose of the monthly report is to find out how many of the nation's commercial vehicles are in actual use, and how many of those that stand idle could be used for essential war or civilian transportation.

In spite of the urgent need to save rubber everywhere, and to save gasoline in the Eastern States so that more fuel oil can be transported, war workers still are not making efficient use of their autos. Most of the large war plants would have to close down if their workers had to walk to work or use public conveyances, and yet one of the simplest forms of mileage saving—group riding—still is not practiced to the extent that it should be.

The ban on pleasure driving has increased the traffic burdens of other transportation facilities. Motor bus traffic between cities increased 50 percent in 1942 over 1941 and is still growing in volume, while the bus lines are said to be approaching capacity operations and face uncertainties with respect to gas, to tire and parts prospects, and to skilled labor. It must be emphasized, therefore, that unnecessary travel of any kind—local or long distance—definitely handicaps the wartime operation of our entire transportation system.

Smaller business enterprises and plants are coming more and more into the war production picture. Over a billion dollars worth of Army contracts have been placed during the last two months with concerns employing from five to 500 persons. Sugar Stamp No. 11 become valid February 1, and will be good for three pounds or sugar until March 15. The ration banking program, whereby the nation's banks will handle ration coupons after they pass out of trade channels, will go into effect this month.



**Bessie**

"All right, Bessie," said the boss of the little factory which was making jackets for soldiers. "Did you want to see me about something?"

The thin middle-aged woman stood up from the chair in the outer office and looked earnestly at the boss with her huge, brave gray eyes.

"It's about this ten percent pledge," she began.

"Oh, that's all right, Bessie," the boss said. "I'd been meaning to speak to you about that. We don't expect you to pledge ten percent of your pay for War Bonds like the others are doing. We know you have a hard time making ends meet since Jake died. Eleven kids, isn't it? That's quite a lot of mouths to feed. Let's see, you make \$25.50 a week including overtime, don't you?"

"Yes, sir, but..."

The boss smiled.

"Don't give it another thought, Bessie. You've got your hands full now. Uncle Sam knows you haven't got a penny to spare. Don't let it worry you. We understand."

The boss turned to go back into his private office.

"But what I wanted to say was..."

Bessie raised her voice and the boss looked around. "I wanted to say, would a dollar a week be too little? You see, after we get the living expenses paid, there's just about a dollar a week left. Would they'd be more than willing," the boss said quickly. "They'd be proud."

Bessie looked relieved.

"All we have to do is scribble a little," she said. "I'd feel just terrible if we couldn't give something."

Back in the boss' office a representative of the Treasury Department was waiting. The boss shut the door and sat down.

"I've just seen the greatest single sacrifice I know of," the boss said. "Listen, if you want to hear what American women are made of..."

(Story from an actual report in the files of the Treasury Department.)

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U. S. Treasury Department

# WHITE HOUSE GIVEN HINT OF MORE NEWS TO COME

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Churchill were believed tonight to have agreed not to delay long in throwing the full weight of their mighty coalition against Adolf Hitler, probably by the most direct route.

A more optimistic atmosphere was evident in parliamentary quarters here, buoyed by the aggressive tone of reports on the 10-day conference at Casablanca of the American and British chiefs and their top flight advisers.

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ping situation, there is a shortage of fish meal for poultry and livestock and the planting of such protein crops as soybeans will alleviate the feed situation as well as increase vegetable oil supplies.

"There might be a 2,000,000-ton shortage of protein feed next winter," Wickard continued. "The plans we make now may govern not what we have to eat six months from now, but will decide protein feeds for livestock 18 months from now."

**Land Army.**

Striving for a badly-needed increase of seven or eight per cent in food production, the government also will ask some 3,500,000 persons to leave their work in towns and cities temporarily this spring and summer to help solve the farm labor shortage.

This plan to mobilize a voluntary "land army" for the planting and harvesting of record food crops for the war effort was announced jointly by Food Administrator Wickard and Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt at a press conference today.

The plan follows demands from farm state members of Congress that farm labor shortages be remedied. Only today Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) arose on the Senate floor to make a sharp attack on the War Manpower Commission and Department of Agriculture for failure, he said, to "take hold of the farm labor problem."

"What we need is a clear-cut manpower problem," Pepper declared.

Wickard said the land army program would be based on patriotic appeals to town and city dwellers not engaged in activities directly connected with the war effort to put in some time on the farm at regular farm pay—30 cents or more an hour.

**Perishable Crops.**

Principally, they will be used to harvest perishable food and vegetable crops. Wickard said there would be "perhaps a training program in conjunction with the recruitment drive."

An effort will be made to enroll "all who'll volunteer—not volunteer of work without pay, but to leave a more lucrative job to go out and save a crop to help the war effort," Wickard said, explaining it would work this way:

The enrollment will be conducted in rural areas by the Agriculture Department's extension service and in urban communities by the War Manpower Commission's Employment Service.

Questionnaires will be sent out to such persons as store clerks to determine those able and willing to take temporary farm work and those volunteering will be solicited in personal interviews to take particular seasonal farm work.

Those taking the jobs, under tentative plans, would get 30 cents an hour or the wage prevailing in the area where they do the farm work, which ever is higher.

Recruitment would be confined principally to the immediate area of the farms needing the workers, to avert housing and transportation problems and get quickest mobilization in emergencies.

School children would be drawn into the land army by arrangement with local educational officials to adjust school terms and vacation or holiday dates to free pupils for farm work when needed.

**MOBILIZATION**

The week of February 6-14 has been designated as National 4-H Mobilization Week, the purpose of which is to organize boys and girls behind the 1943 food production program.

**FAVORABLE**

The year 1943 has opened with many conditions favorable for continued heavy production of agricultural products, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Tears are sometimes needed to wash the soul.

# ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

The undersigned, having been appointed and duly qualified as administrator of J. P. Nichols, deceased, all persons having claims against the estate are notified to exhibit the same before said administrator on or before the 4th day of January, 1944, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate, will please make immediate payment.

This Jan. 4th, 1943.

ALFRED J. ELLIS,  
Administrator.

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**PITT COUNTY, PLAINTIFF**

**— VS. —**

**GLENNIE PRAY AND HUSBAND, CARLOS PRAY.**

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