

**NORTH CAROLINA
WEEKLY WAR BOUND
UP**

**NEW FOOD PRICE
ADJUSTMENTS**

To allow food processors upward adjustments of their maximum prices because of wage increases, the Office of Price Administration has amended food regulations covering uncooked fruits and vegetables, frozen fruits, berries and vegetables, preserves, jams, jellies, pickles, pickled products and apple products. OPA estimated that increases at retail will not run more than an over a cent in the case of frozen fruits, one cent a pound. There will be no increase in prices of other food products.

**TIGHTENS RATIONING
REGULATIONS**

As a further move to stamp out hoarding in gasoline, OPA has issued regulations after a period of trial effect after a period of trial effect and a finding that the use of gasoline regulations have been violated may not only revoke a gasoline ration but also may pro-

hibit the use of gasoline in the victor's possession which was obtained as part of the ration.

CIVILIAN MEAT SUPPLY

About two thirds (67 percent) of the United States supply of meat available for all needs in 1942 has been allocated to U. S. civilians, according to the War Food Administration. This allocation will allow about the same per capita civilian meat consumption in 1942 as in 1941. On a dressed weight basis, it is equivalent to approximately 122 pounds per capita for the year compared with the pre-war 1935-39 average of about 125 pounds.

PORK AND BEANS RELEASED

About 465,000 cases (approximately 20 million pounds) of canned pork and beans will be released to civilian consumers within the next few weeks.

PRICE RISE IN '42 WAS SMALL

At the end of 1942 the general level of prices in wholesale markets was two percent higher than at the close of 1941, and the prices of staples that families buy in retail markets for everyday living were up by about three and one-half percent. This price rise was smaller than many years since 1940 according to Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor.

OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANS

Returning war veterans may enter virtually any of the BEST cooperative training programs in the United States. Age restrictions and other limitations have been especially lifted for veterans in many of these programs, so they may obtain training for skilled work, according to the War Manpower Commission.

MORE TEA FOR CIVILIANS

About 76 million pounds of tea will be available to civilian consumers in 1942 — wartime limitations on shipping space permitting. This is about 15 million pounds more than civilians got in 1941.

**LEND-LEASE FARM
MACHINERY**

Less than 3 percent of the United States production of farm machinery went for Lend-Lease between March 11, 1941, and November 1, 1941, according to the President's 1942 report to Congress on Lend-Lease operations. Allied need for farm machinery was increased because of military demands. American Flying Fortresses now use fields which four years ago were among Britain's best farms; thus necessitating reclamation of marshes and rough hill land for farm acreages. When Australia was

threatened by Japanese invasion early in 1941, thousands of Australian farm tractors were conscripted for construction of military roads and airfields. Moreover, British and Australian farm machinery manufacturing facilities early in the war had been converted to ordnance production.

**NEW CEILING PRICES
ON WHEAT**

New ceiling prices on wheat established by OPA reflect at least 100 percent of parity without considering government payments to farmers under the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act or other government subsidies. Basic prices are: No. 1 soft red for St. Louis and Chicago, \$1.72 3/4; No. 1 hard winter at Kansas City, Mo., \$1.62; No. 1 heavy dark northern spring at Minneapolis, Minn., \$1.64. These prices include the usual commission man's charge of one and one-half cents a bushel. Ceiling prices on wheat sold on track at interior and country points in principal producing areas are based on formula prices for terminal and sub-terminal markets.

**CONTINUES HOG PRICE
ADJUSTMENTS**

Adjustments in hog support prices, which have been in effect in

various markets during December will be continued until further notice, with other exceptions. At any time when an adjustment of the support level has been announced, the support price shall be one dollar per hundredweight below the maximum price in effect at such markets on November 30, 1941, under regulation of OPA.

More than \$1 billion worth of steel are needed in 1942 from the U. S. forests to supply direct products needed for war materials and essential civilian uses. Every foot of timber needlessly burned or done the supply available for war and for the reconstruction days of the coming years.

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