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and lamb production. Livestock have held their condition surprisingly well so far, but in the West and Riverina heavy sheep losses are now beginning to occur and must continue while the dry weather lasts. As a large proportion of mutton supplies comes from these areas, production for some months to come may be rather depressed.

The production of pigmeats this year is rather higher than during 1943 but this has been due far more to the greater weights of porker carcasses than to any material increase in the numbers killed. This increase can only be maintained if pig raisers receive a convincing assurance of continued feed grain supplies, because there have already been signs that the uncertainty of supplies is causing them to think twice about their pig production programmes for 1945.

DEMOCRACY IN REGIONAL PLANNING.

"People are the most important fact in resource development. Not only is the welfare and happiness of individuals its true purpose, but they are the means by which that development is accomplished; their genius, their energies and spirit are the instruments; it is not only 'for the people' but 'by the people'.

The purpose of resource development must be more than the mere physical welfare of the greatest number of human beings. A man wants to feel that he is important. He wants to be able not only to express his opinion freely, but to know that it carries some weight; to know that there are some things that he decides, or has a part in deciding, and that he is a needed and useful part of something far bigger than he is. If the intensive development of resources could be made personal to the life of most men; if they could see themselves, because it was true, as actual participants in that development in their own communities, on their own land, at their own jobs and businesses - there would be an opportunity for this kind of individual satisfaction, and there would be something to tie to.

It is the unique strength of democratic methods that they provide a way of stimulating and releasing the individual resourcefulness and inventiveness, the pride of workmanship, the creative genius of human beings whatever their station or function. A world of science and great machines is still a world of men; our modern task is more difficult, but the opportunity for democratic methods is greater even than in the days of the axe and the hand loom."

(From "TVA. Democracy on the March".