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# Selected Recent Research Publications in Agricultural Economics Issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and Cooperatively by the State Colleges<sup>1</sup>

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. FARM INCOME IN 1948: FARM DEBTS AND BALANCE SHEET FOR JANUARY 1, 1949. 5 pp. Feb. 10, 1949. (Press release.)

For the first time, in this release, farm income is balanced against farm debt and comparisons are made with the balance sheet of agriculture. In 1948, for the first time in 10 years, farm operators' realized net income went down.

ANDERSON, A. H., and VERGERONT, GLEN V. RURAL COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS. A STUDY OF GROUP LIFE IN WELLS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA. N. Dak. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 351, 80 pp., illus. June 1948. [Printed.]

One of a series of studies made in counties selected to represent major types-of-farming areas in the United States. Purpose is to analyze types of groups in which rural people are organized and patterns of group relationships through which they take part in programs and services, local and otherwise; to analyze ways in which agencies relate themselves and their programs to these types and patterns; and to compare, by types-of-farming areas, trends in different types of organizations. (BAE cooperating.)

BLACKMORE, W. EDWARD. FARM-TO-RETAIL MARGINS FOR WHITE FLOUR AND WHITE BREAD. 16 pp., illus. Bur. Agr. Econ. Dec. 1948.

Failure of retail price of bread to respond to rapid fall in price of wheat, Jan.-Oct. 1948, intensified interest of farmers and consumers in cost of marketing certain basic farm products and emphasized the record high cost of food. Report describes some conditions respecting spread between price farmers receive for wheat and price consumers pay for product in usable form.

DELOACH, D. B. OUTLOOK FOR HOPS FROM THE PACIFIC COAST. 40 pp., illus. Bur. Agr. Econ. Nov. 1948.

Brings to date the "Outlook for Hops" issued in 1946 by the BAE and Agr. Expt. Stations of Calif., Oreg., and Wash. Outlook for hops in relation to production, consumption, foreign trade, and prices.

FERRIER, W. T., MALPHRUS, L. D., GARRISON, O. B., GRITZAN, R. F., and ROBERT, S. A., JR. MARKETING SOUTH CAROLINA TOMATOES IN NEW YORK CITY (COSTS AND MARGINS). S. C. Agr. Expt. Sta. Cir. 73, 14 pp., illus. Dec. 1948. [Printed.]

Intended to disclose price margins in effect and services rendered by handlers and service agencies in marketing South Carolina tomatoes; to relate these services to cost of performing them; and to survey problems that need further investigation. (A report under the Research and Marketing Act; BAE cooperating.)

HOCHMUTH, H. R., and GOODSSELL, WYLIE D. COMMERCIAL FAMILY-OPERATED CATTLE RANCHES, INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, 1930-47, ORGANIZATION, COSTS, AND RETURNS. 29 pp., illus. Bur. Agr. Econ. Nov. 1948.

Statistical summary of adjustments and changes in organization of these ranches, investment, income, and expense. Part of a Nation-wide study of commercial farms and ranches by types and sizes in important farming regions.

MARX, ROBERT E. ECONOMICS OF ALFALFA SEED PRODUCTION IN KANSAS. Kans. Agr. Expt. Sta., Dept. Agr. Econ. Agr. Econ. Rept. 36, 32 pp., illus. Oct. 1948.

In Kansas, production of alfalfa seed complements production of alfalfa hay. The seed is valuable in the farm business as usually it is best when hay production is relatively poor.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVESTOCK MARKETING RESEARCH COMMITTEE. PRICE DIFFERENTIALS FOR SLAUGHTER HOGS. Iowa Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. P 93, pp. 58-128, illus. Aug. 1948. [Printed.]

Presents information on price relationships for hogs between markets and between weight classifications, and explains factors that influence differentials. (BAE and Expt. Stations of Ill., Ind., Kans., Ky., Mich., Minn., Mo., Nebr., Ohio, Okla., and S. Dak. cooperating.)

SUTHERLAND, J. GWYN, and JAMES, H. BROOKS. MECHANICAL HARVESTING OF COTTON IN NORTH CAROLINA, 1947. N. C. Agr. Expt. Sta., Dept. Agr. Econ., AE Info. Ser. 20, 28 pp. Dec. 1948.

A preliminary progress report. Part of larger study of mechanization of cotton and its implications in North Carolina; supported in part by funds under RMA. (BAE cooperating.)

TOSTLEBE, A. S., GARLOCK, F. L., BURROUGHS, R. J. AND OTHERS, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF NORMAN J. WALL. THE BALANCE SHEET OF AGRICULTURE, 1948. U. S. Dept. Agr. Misc. Pub. 672, 38 pp., illus. 1948. [Printed.]

An annual report designed to carry forward the comparative balance sheet of agriculture since 1940. A balance sheet of the agricultural industry as one large enterprise.

WISCONSIN AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION. WHAT MAKES THE MARKET FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS? Wis. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 477, 59 pp., illus. Sept. 1948. (North Central Regional Pub. No. 10.) [Printed.]

<sup>1</sup> Printed reports are indicated as such. All others are processed. State publications may be obtained from the issuing agencies of the respective States.

Chief purpose is to contribute to understanding of factors affecting demand for dairy products by summarizing facts and evaluating present and proposed policies of industry and government relating to consumption and demand for the products. (BAE and Agr. Expt. Stations of Conn., Del., Ill., Ind., Iowa, Kans., Ky., Maine, Md., Mass., Mich., Minn., Mo., Nebr., N. H., N. J., N. Y., N. Dak., Ohio, Pa., R. I., S. Dak., Vt., W. Va., and Wis. cooperating.)

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### Statistical Compilations

PALMER, CARY D., SCHLOTZHAUER, E. O., and KIESLER, P. F., UNDER THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF R. ROYSTON. FRUITS AND NUTS; BEARING ACREAGES, 1919-46. 39 pp., illus. Bur. Agr. Econ. Jan. 1949. (CS-32)

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. FEED STATISTICS, INCLUDING WHEAT AND RYE. 44 pp. Dec. 1948.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. MILK PRODUCTION ON FARMS AND STA-

ISTICS OF DAIRY PLANT PRODUCTS, 1948. 28 pp. Feb. 1949.

John L. Wilson, Frank M. Taylor, D. H. Foster, W. D. Bormuth, I. E. Wissinger, R. P. Matteson, and P. E. O'Donnell prepared the series, under direction of B. H. Bennett.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. PRODUCTION, FARM DISPOSITION AND VALUE, PRINCIPAL FRUITS AND TREE NUTS, 1947-1948 SEASONS (INCLUDES REVISIONS FOR 1946 GRAPES AND PRUNES). 24 pp. Jan. 1949.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. PRODUCTION OF MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS, 1947. 34 pp. Dec. 1948.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. RATIONS FED TO MILK COWS, 1948. 24 pp. Jan. 1949.

WEEKS, SILAS B. FARM EQUIPMENT, 1948, COSTS AND PERFORMANCE RATES, SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND. Univ. Conn. Agr. Ext. Serv. 9 pp. Feb. 1949. (BAE cooperating.)

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