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Selected Recent Research Publications in Agricultural Economics issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and Co-operatively by the State Colleges¹

ALLEGER, DANIEL E., and THARP, MAX M. RURAL LAND OWNERSHIP IN FLORIDA. Fla. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 460, 75 pp., illus. Gainesville. June 1949. (Publication No. 3, Southeast Regional Land Tenure Committee.) [Printed.]

Provides current information on the total land resources of Florida by classification of ownership. Information summarized consists of (1) physical area in rural lands; (2) approximate acreage owned, by ownership classification, for the State as a whole and for each county separately; and (3) nature and purposes of ownership. (BAE cooperating.)

BUTLER, CHARLES P., and CRAWFORD, D. E. ECONOMICS OF TRACTOR FARMING IN THE PIEDMONT AREA OF SOUTH CAROLINA. S. C. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 377, 48 pp., illus. Clemson. November 1948. (BAE cooperating.)

Reports the findings of a study designed to determine the utilization and costs of tractor power on farms of different sizes and to examine other factors related to its use on these farms.

FARSTAD, EDMUND. MARGINS FOR MARKETING LIVESTOCK FROM FARMS TO SLAUGHTERING PLANTS AND FEEDLOTS. 10 pp., illus. Bur. Agr. Econ. July 1949. (RMA report.)

Deals with the magnitudes and the general make-up of margins for marketing livestock during periods of different price levels. As here used, marketing margins represent the amounts paid for marketing and transporting livestock from farms and ranches to slaughtering plants, or feedlots. Three periods were selected for analysis and comparison: 1947 as a recent year and a year of very high prices for livestock; 1939 when livestock prices were near average; and 1932 when prices for livestock were very low.

LEE, JAMES D. SEASONALITY OF MILK DELIVERIES IN THE BOSTON MILKSHED. 48 pp., illus. Bur. Agr. Econ. June 1949. (RMA report.)

Covers one phase of a broader study, objectives of which are to learn the possibilities and costs of increasing supplies of milk in months of low production within the present producing areas and to appraise the economic aspects of obtaining supplemental supplies of milk from areas outside the present Boston milkshed. This report deals with the over-all character of the study. Contains statistical information useful in delineating areas within the milkshed. (Agricultural experiment stations of Maine New Hampshire, and Vermont and market administrator of Federal Milk Order No. 4.)

LIMMER, EZEKIEL. THE FEDERAL EXCISE TAX ON THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO AGRICULTURE. 37 pp. Bur. Agr. Econ. June 1949. (RMA report.)

An analysis of the main effects of the tax upon agriculture and agriculture's transportation interests. In view of the lack of reliable statistical measurements, the analysis emphasizes the probable direction of trends rather than their size.

MANNY, ELSIE S. DAYS LOST FROM WORK BY FARM OPERATORS BECAUSE OF ILLNESS, JANUARY-APRIL 1948. 2 pp. Bur. Agr. Econ. June 1949.

Interviews made with a sample of about 12,000 farm operators in May 1948 indicated that 22 percent were disabled for 1 day or more because of illness, between January 1 and May 1. For those reporting illness, an average of 21 days per operator lost during the 4-month period was estimated. This was equivalent to an average of 4.6 work days lost by all farm operators in these months.

MASON J. E., and ARMENTROUT, W. W. INVENTORY OF PUBLIC LANDS IN WEST VIRGINIA. W. Va. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 335. 23 pp. April 1949. (BAE cooperating.) [Printed.]

Part of a national land-inventory project of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Nearly a million acres, or 6 percent, of West Virginia land is owned by the United States; the State owns 135,000 acres, or slightly less than 1 percent; and county and municipal lands total only a fraction of 1 percent. Thus, total acreage in public ownership is 1,113,000 acres, or 7.2 percent of the land area.

PARR, KATHRYN. FARM-TO-RETAIL MARGINS FOR LIVESTOCK AND MEAT. 33 pp., illus. Bur. Agr. Econ. June 1949. (RMA report.)

Compares the distribution of the consumer's dollar for meat in 1932, when prices of livestock and meat were low and in 1947 when prices were high with the distribution in 1939, which represents a "normal" peacetime year.

SCHMITT, RICHARD G., JR. FINANCING FARM MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, 1947. 13 pp., illus. August 1949.

A survey made in April and May 1948 and including 12,000 farmers in 872 counties showed that nearly three-fourths of the dollar volume of new machinery bought by farmers in 1947 were paid for entirely by cash or trade-in. The remaining third was divided about equally between all-credit transactions and those involving part-cash (or trade-in) and part-credit. The survey did not cover automobiles, motortrucks, or small tools.

SCOTT, FORREST E., and MUMFORD, HERBERT W. PROBLEMS IN MARKETING POTATOES: PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF SOME RECENT RESEARCH. 60 pp., illus. Bur. Agr. Econ. July 1949. (RMA report.)

Designed to bring together available information on various phases of the marketing problems that confront the potato industry and to explore measures which might increase returns to growers and better satisfy consumers.

TIMMONS, JOHN F., and BARLOWE, RALEIGH. FARM OWNERSHIP IN THE MIDWEST. Iowa Agr. Expt.

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

Sta. Research Bul. 361, 959 pp., Ames. June 1949. (North Central Regional Publication 13.) [Printed.]

Presents information as to (1) who owns midwestern farms; (2) how these farms are owned; (3) how farms are acquired and transferred; (4) plans for transferring farms to the next generation; (5) characteristics of farm owners in terms of sex, age, occupation, residence, kinship to operator and amount of land owned and; (6) interrelationships of these various factors. (Midwestern experiment stations; Farm Foundation; and BAE cooperating.)

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. REPORT ON CONSUMER REACTIONS TO BANNER BUY PROGRAM. 25 pp. Washington, D. C. June 1949.

Deals with household consumer reactions to the Banner Buy Food Program which was set up by the Office of Food and Feed Conservation in cooperation with local authorities and businessmen in York and Lancaster Counties, Pa. The interviews on which the report is based were held during June and July 1948.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. REPORT ON GROCERS' REACTIONS TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE BANNER BUY PROGRAM. 19 pp. Washington, D. C. June 1949.

Major purpose of the survey here reported was to learn the reactions of retailers to a Government program designed to increase the consumption of plentiful foods.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. RICE PREFERENCES AMONG HOUSEHOLD

CONSUMERS. PRELIMINARY SUMMARY REPORT. 15 pp. Washington, D. C. June 1949. (RMA report.)

Summarizes a few of the major findings of the research on this subject, such as what rice users are like; why and how homemakers use rice; what homemakers say about quick-cooking rice; and what they say about brown rice.

Statistical Compilations

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. FARM POPULATION ESTIMATES, JANUARY 1949. 8 pp. Washington, D. C. June 1949.

PALMER, CARY W., SCHLOTZHAUER, E. O. and KIESLER, P. F. FRUITS (NONCITRUS) PRODUCTION, FARM DISPOSITION, VALUE, AND UTILIZATION OF SALES, 1947 AND 1948. (Includes revisions for 1946 grapes and prunes.) 34 pp. Bur. Agr. Econ. July 1949.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. SOYBEANS HARVESTED FOR BEANS: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION 1947 AND 1948, BY COUNTIES, FOR 18 PRINCIPAL STATES. 37 pp. Bur. Agr. Econ. July 1949.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. TREE NUTS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, FARM DISPOSITION, VALUE AND UTILIZATION OF SALES, 1946, 1947 AND 1948. 9 pp. August 1949.

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