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Selected Recent Research Publications in Agricultural Economics Issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and Cooperatively by the State Colleges¹

ARKANSAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION. TENURE IMPROVEMENT FOR A BETTER SOUTHWEST AGRICULTURE. Ark. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 491, 38 pp., illus. Fayetteville. November 1949. (Southwest Regional Bul. 2 Agr. Expt. Stas. of Ark., Miss., La., and Tex.; Farm Found. and U. S. Dept. Agr.) [Printed.]

Provides suggested improvements in tenure for discussion and educational efforts.

BEEN, RICHARD O. PRICE SPREADS BETWEEN FARMERS AND CONSUMERS. U. S. Dept. Agr. Agr. Info. Bul. 4, 95 pp. November 1949. [Printed.]

Summarizes and discusses several statistical series, relating to farm-to-retail price spreads and marketing charges for farm products developed in BAE and published since 1935.

HOGLUND, C. R., WRIGHT, K. T., and ELWOOD, E. M. DAIRY COSTS AND RETURNS IN UPPER PENINSULA OF MICHIGAN. Mich. State Col. Agr. Econ. 455, 18 pp. October 1949. (BAE cooperating.)

This report of a study of 130 dairy farms shows a wide range in organization and efficiency but some failed even to pay for other production costs and received no return for their labor.

HOWELL, L. D., COMPILER. MARKETING COTTON AND COTTONSEED AND THEIR PRODUCTS; A PRELIMINARY LIST OF REFERENCES. 42 pp. Bur. Agr. Econ. January 1950. (RMA Report.)

Prepared in response to requests of researchers in cotton marketing; intended for use in developing research.

INMAN, BUIS T., and FIPPIN, WILLIAM H. FARM LAND OWNERSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES. U. S. Dept. Agr. Misc. Pub. 699, 77 pp., illus. December 1949. [Printed.]

In 1945, individuals owned 85 percent of the 1,114 million acres of land in farms. Of this, 3 percent of the owners owned 41 percent; 5 percent of the farm land was publicly owned, and corporations owned 6 percent.

JENNINGS, R. D. CONSUMPTION OF FEED BY LIVESTOCK 1909-47. RELATION BETWEEN FEED, LIVESTOCK AND FOOD AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. U. S. Dept. Agr. Cir. 836, 105 pp., illus. December 1949.

Largely a continuation of information found in USDA Circ. 670 (1943).

JOHNSON, SHERMAN E. CHANGES IN AMERICAN FARMING. U. S. Dept. Agr. Misc. Pub. 707, 75 pp., illus. December 1949. [Printed.]

Contributes to understanding of the nature and strength of forces that have shaped the course of agricultural production in recent years.

KUTISH, FRANCIS A., and NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL LAND TENURE RESEARCH COMMITTEE. SUBCOMMITTEE ON FARM OWNERSHIP. CAN YOU OWN YOUR FARM? A DISCUSSION OF FARM-OWNERSHIP CONDITIONS IN MIDWEST. Ky. Agr. Expt. Sta. Cir. 65, 24 pp., illus. November 1949. (North Central Regional Publication. Agr. Expt. Stas. of Ill., Ind., Iowa, Kans., Ky., Mich., Minn., Mo., Nebr., N. Dak., Ohio, S. Dak., Wisc., The Farm Journal, and BAE cooperating.) [Printed.]

In the 13 midwest States, 82 percent of the land is in farms. The share in farms varies from 50 percent in Michigan to 97 percent in Nebraska. "Sole" ownership is typical.

LOOMER, C. W., and JOHNSON, V. WEBSTER. GROUP TENURE IN ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC LANDS. U. S. Dept. Agr. Cir. 829, 51 pp. December 1949. [Printed.]

Group tenure offers advantages to both land users and administrators. The advantages are discussed comprehensively.

McPHERSON, W. W., PIERCE, W. H., and GREENE, R. E. L. OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADJUSTMENTS IN FARMING SYSTEMS, SOUTHERN PIEDMONT AREA, NORTH CAROLINA. N. C. Agr. Expt. Sta. Tech. Bul. 87, 68 pp., illus. September 1949. [Printed.]

Analyzes alternative systems of farming in view of current economic and technological conditions and relative efficiency of different combinations of resources and scales of operation.

MIMMS, O. L., PASCHAL, J. L., and FUHRIMAN, W. W. SOME ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF FARMING IN ALASKA (WITH CHIEF ATTENTION TO THE MATANUSKA VALLEY) (PROGRESS REPORT). Bur. Agr. Econ. and Alaska Agr. Expt. Sta., 89 pp., illus. Washington, D. C. January 1950.

Opportunities for judicious expansion of certain types of farming in Alaska today are discussed. Technical and financial aids are mentioned.

NEVADA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION, BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, and PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATION. CONSUMER DEMAND FOR TURKEY PARTS IN RETAIL MARKETS IN RENO, NEVADA, NOV. 15, 1948 TO JAN. 15, 1949. A REPORT ON THE CONSUMER DEMAND PHASE OF A REGIONAL MARKETING PROJECT UNDER THE RESEARCH AND MARKET-

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

ING ACT OF 1946. 8 pp. Washington, D. C. December 1949.

Distribution of cut-up turkey can broaden and deepen the market for turkey. Intensive sales effort will be required to expand sales in smaller cities and towns.

PULLEN, WINSTON E., and LUKE, H. ALAN. FACTORS INFLUENCING THE SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT OF MILK PRODUCTION ON FARMS IN THE BOSTON MILKSHED. PRELIMINARY REPORT. Bur. Agr. Econ., Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont Agr. Expt. Stas., and Administrator of Federal Milk Mktg. Order 4. 65 pp., illus. October 1949. (RMA report.)

Differences between seasonal variation in milk supplies and demand for milk cause difficult problems. Ways to adjust seasonal rates of milk production on individual farms are given. Silage feeding, improving summer pastures, and good housing facilities needed.

PURCELL, MARGARET R. STATISTICAL FINDINGS OF SURVEY OF TRANSPORTATION FROM FARMS TO INITIAL MARKETS. 29 pp., illus. Bur. Agr. Econ. November 1949. (RMA.)

Transportation data collected by the April 1948 interview survey show recent farm ownership of motortrucks and trailers, and extent to which farmers depend upon others for initial hauling from farms and for delivering supplies to farms.

REIZENSTEIN, H. H., and BITTING, H. W. FARM-TO-RETAIL MARGINS FOR WASHINGTON DELICIOUS APPLES MARKETED IN CHICAGO, 1947-48 SEASON. U. S. Dept. Agr. Bur. Agr. Econ. Agr. Info. Bul. 6, 21 pp., illus. December 1949. (RMA report; State College of Washington cooperated in field work.) [Printed.]

Packing-house-door return to Washington State growers averaged 26 percent of consumer's dollar paid in Chicago retail markets for Delicious apples, 1947-48. Services at packing plant accounted for 24 percent; transportation to Chicago for 14 percent, and wholesaling and retailing in Chicago, 36 percent.

SABIN, A. R. SAFFLOWER, A NEW OILSEED CROP. 14 pp., illus. Bur. Agr. Econ. January 1950.

Improved varieties of safflower have encouraged more processors to use it and an increase in plantings, in the West.

SLUSHER, M. W., and MULLINS, TROY. PRODUCTION ITEMS AND COSTS FOR ENTERPRISES ON RICE FARMS. Ark. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 489. October 1949. (RMA, BAE cooperating.) [Printed.]

Data relates to methods of handling, and labor, power, equipment, and materials used, major crop and livestock enterprises, 155 rice farms, Arkansas, 1947.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. CONSUMERS' TASTE REACTIONS TO THREE EXPERIMENTAL BLENDS OF ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT JUICE. 20 pp. Washington, D. C. December 1949. (RMA.)

Majority of consumers could not detect taste differences when proportions of orange and grapefruit juices were

varied within 60-40 limits. Includes summarized responses as to use and comments as to flavor.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. FARM PRODUCTION, PRACTICES, COSTS, AND RETURNS. U. S. Dept. Agr. Statist. Bul. 83, 115 pp., illus. October 1949. [Printed.]

Gives available information as to status of agriculture and changes taking place.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. MEN'S PREFERENCES AMONG SELECTED CLOTHING ITEMS. U. S. Dept. Agr. Misc. Pub. 706, 191 pp. December 1949. (RMA report.) [Printed.]

Second preference study directed toward problem of competitive position of fibers in selected articles of clothing. Fibers included: cotton, wool, rayon, nylon, and mixtures.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. RURAL LIBRARY SERVICE. U. S. Dept. Agr. Farmers' Bul. 1847, 32 pp., illus. revised. April 1949. (The American Library Association cooperated.) [Printed.]

How rural people use library service, what the service is, methods of starting rural libraries, leadership in library development, how others have proceeded.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. WILL MORE FORAGE PAY? ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF USING MORE PASTURE AND FORAGE ON FARMS. A PROGRESS REPORT. U. S. Dept. Agr. Misc. Pub. 702, 90 pp., illus. November 1949. (RMA report.) [Printed.]

When feasible to substitute forage crops for corn, cotton, or wheat and to utilize them profitably through livestock, this will help combat the threat of surplus production of these crops, improve the national diet, and conserve the soil.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATION. THE AGRICULTURAL ESTIMATING AND REPORTING SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. U. S. Dept. Agr. Misc. Pub. 703, 266 pp., illus. December 1949. [Printed.]

Covers history, organization, and methods of agricultural estimates; estimates and reports originating outside of agricultural estimates.

WOOTEN, H. H., and PURCELL, MARGARET R. FARM LAND DEVELOPMENT: PRESENT AND FUTURE. BY CLEARING, DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION. U. S. Dept. Agr. Cir. 825, 67 pp., illus. October 1949. [Printed.]

Gives potential cropland, past land development, recent and prospective farmland development, clearing and drainage and progress in irrigation in the various sections of the country.

YARNALL, SARAH L. FARM MORTGAGE INTEREST CHARGES AND INTEREST RATES, 1940-48. U. S. Dept. Agr. Cir. 821, 30 pp., illus. October 1949. [Printed.]

During 1947 interest charges on outstanding farm-mortgage debt reached \$222,000,000, \$6,000,000 more than the amount payable during 1946, the first increase since 1922, the high point of \$680,000,000.

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