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

BERRY, RUSSELL L., HILL, ELTON B., and HENDERSON, SIDNEY. HOW TO KEEP YOUR FARM IN THE FAMILY. Mich. Agr. Expt. Sta. Spec. Bul. 357, 41 pp., illus.

Suggestions include: early consideration of transfer arrangement, develop own ideas as to best method; consult with son who is to operate, the other heirs; and consult an attorney.

BRODELL, ALBERT P., and KENDALL, ALBERT R. FARM CONSUMPTION OF LIQUID PETROLEUM FUELS AND MOTOR OIL. 21 pp. Bur. Agr. Econ. 1949.

Estimates of farm consumption of liquid petroleum fuels (including liquefied petroleum gases) and motor oil, by principal uses for 1947; comparative data for other years.

CROWE, GRADY B., and GAINES, JAMES P. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF SPECIFIED PRODUCTION COSTS FOR COTTON AND ALTERNATIVE CROPS, YAZOO-MISSISSIPPI DELTA. 17 pp. Bur. Agr. Econ. and Miss. Agr. Expt. Sta. State College, Miss. November 1949. (RMA report.)

Part of longer study of mechanization of cotton and its implications in Mississippi conducted cooperatively by the station and BAE.

EARLE, WENDELL. MARKETING PRACTICES AND EGG QUALITY. A PRELIMINARY REPORT THAT DEALS WITH THE SUMMER PHASE OF AN EGG-QUALITY STUDY MADE IN 1948-49. N. Y. (Cornell) Agr. Expt. Sta. A. E. 708, 26 pp. September 1949. (State Agr. Expt. Stas. and Depts. Agr. of Conn., Me., N. Y., and Pa.; Bur. Agr. Econ.; Farm Credit Admin.; and Prod. and Mktg. Admin. cooperating.)

Gives level of quality at farm which varied from Maine, Pennsylvania and New York, as measured by percentage of AA quality eggs. Greatest change in quality occurred during long haul between first and second receiver.

GARLOCK, FRED L. DEPOSITS OF COUNTRY BANKS UP MOST SINCE PREWAR. 4 pp. Bur. Agr. Econ. 1949.

Deposits of country banks have increased much more since 1940 than those of banks in trade and financial centers. At the end of 1948, deposits were about 385 percent of deposits at mid-1940.

GARLOCK, F. L., TOSTLEBE, A. S., BURROUGHS, R. J., LARSEN, H. C., LINGARD, H. T., and JONES, L. A., UNDER THE DIRECTION OF NORMAN J. WALL. THE BALANCE SHEET AND CURRENT FINANCIAL TRENDS OF AGRICULTURE, 1949. U. S. Dept. Agr. Agr. Info. Bul. 1, 51 pp., illus. October 1949. [Printed.]

At the beginning of 1949, the physical assets of agriculture were valued at about 105 billion dollars and the financial assets were almost 22 billion. Total assets of more than 127 billion dollars were 5 percent above those of a year earlier and more than 2½ times the figure for 1940. The Balance Sheet of Agriculture for January 1, 1949, probably will mark the high point of farm asset values associated with World War II.

HAGOOD, MARGARET JARMAN. PROSPECTS FOR REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES. 8 pp. Bur. Agr. Econ. November 1949.

Recent official projections of future population of United States to 1975 indicate a prospective increase through the next 20 or 25 years. By 1975, the population is expected to be 26 percent above the estimated mid-1949 level of 149,215,000 under high assumptions or 9 percent above under low assumptions.

HUFFMAN, ROY E. PRODUCTION COSTS ON SELECTED DRY-LAND GRAIN FARMS. Mont. Agr. Expt. Sta. Mimeo. Cir. 52, 20 pp. September 1949.

Contains up-to-date information and figures for Montana's dry-land grain farms on which costs have changed during the last decade. Cash costs have increased in importance whereas farm-produced items have become less important.

LINGARD, HAROLD T. FARM-MORTGAGE LOANS AND THEIR DISTRIBUTION BY LENDER GROUPS, 1940-48. U. S. Dept. Agr. Cir. 812, 63 pp., illus. 1949. [Printed.]

Often looked upon as a barometer of the financial condition of farmers, and the decline in such debts during the war reflected their favorable position. In contrast, during and immediately after World War I, the farm-mortgage debt increased substantially. In 1923, it reached an all-time high. Otherwise, until 1946, for nearly a quarter-century, the farm real estate debt had been declining. This publication presents revised data on farm-mortgage loans, outstanding at beginning of each year, 1940-48, to suggest explanations for changes in debt as they relate to other factors and to compare trends in different periods.

ROHRER, WAYNE C. TRENDS IN THE TEXAS FARM POPULATION, 1949. Tex. Agr. Expt. Sta. Prog. Rept. 1184, 5 pp. August, 1949. (BAE cooperating.)

Farm population in Texas declined by 11,000 persons during 1948. Number of persons living on Texas farms and ranches on January 1, 1949, was estimated to be 1,701,000.

RUSH, JOHN D. FATAL ACCIDENTS IN FARM WORK. AN ANALYSIS OF 12,141 FATAL ACCIDENTS 1940-45, IN THE UNITED STATES. 11 pp., illus. Bur. Agr. Econ. September 1949.

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

This is the second such analysis made from material supplied by the Bureau of Vital Statistics, U. S. Public Health Service, Federal Security Agency. Data presented include only those accident fatalities to farm people which occurred in connection with farming operations.

SCOFIELD, W. H., and DAVIDSON, R. D. THE FARM REAL ESTATE SITUATION, 1947-48 AND 1948-49. U. S. Dept. Agr. Cir. 823, 40 pp., illus. September 1949. [Printed.]

1948 was another good year for farmers. In most States, dollar values of farm land reached new highs. By November 1, average values for the country as a whole were 8 percent higher than a year earlier and 113 percent above the 1935-39 average. Since November, however, farm land values have weakened in the western third of the country.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. CONSUMPTION OF FOOD IN THE UNITED STATES, 1909-48. U. S. Dept. Agr. Misc. Pub. 691, 196 pp., illus. 1949. (RMA.)

Brings together for the first time detailed information as to per capita consumption of all major food commodities in the United States. Describes and evaluates sources and methods and gives supplementary information useful in the statistical analysis of the demand for food.

WARD, RALPH E., and KELSO, M. M. IRRIGATION FARMERS REACH OUT INTO THE DRY LAND. Mont. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 464, 36 pp., illus. September 1949. (BAE and Bur. Reclam. cooperating.)

Intended to ascertain the principal types and degrees of integration that have developed spontaneously between irrigation projects and adjoining dry-land areas in Montana. Gives an appraisal of significance of integration found and a discussion of factors that tend to help or hinder its development, and its advantages and disadvantages as reported by farmers.

WEEKS, S. B., and FRICK, A. E. FARM PRODUCTION IN THE SHELDON, GLOVER, AND CAVENDISH AREAS OF VERMONT. REPORT NO. 5. POST-WAR ADJUSTMENTS. 15 pp. Bur. Agr. Econ. August 1949.

In these areas, in which the trend in number of farms serves as a rough indicator of the economic condition of agriculture in New England, farms were fewer but the land in farms showed little change. Livestock numbers declined as did the use of fertilizer; mechanization increased. And the labor force was smaller.

Statistical Compilations

BORMUTH, W. D., UNDER THE DIRECTION OF B. H. BENNETT. PRODUCTION OF MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS, 1948. U. S. Dept. Agr. CS-40, 32 pp. November 1949.

JENNINGS, R. D. ANIMAL UNITS OF LIVESTOCK FED ANNUALLY, 1919-20 TO 1948-49. 35 pp., illus. Bur. Agr. Econ. October 1949. (FM 64, revised.)

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. CITRUS FRUITS. ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, FARM DISPOSITION, VALUE AND UTILIZATION OF SALES. CROP SEASONS 1946-47 TO 1948-49. 11 pp. October 1949.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATION AND THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL RELATIONS. DISTRIBUTION OF UNITED STATES FOOD, JULY 1, 1948-JUNE 30, 1949. 12 pp. Washington, D. C., October 1949.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. WOOL STATISTICS, INCLUDING MOHAIR AND OTHER ANIMAL FIBERS. CS-37, 66 pp. Washington, D. C. [Printed.]

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