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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>

**BOTTS, RALPH R. FARMERS' MUTUAL WINDSTORM INSURANCE.** U. S. Dept. Agr. Agr. Inform. Bul. 70, 51 pp; January 1952.

Of the approximately 1,900 mutual insurance companies that have more than half of their windstorm insurance on farm property, 65 are specialized windstorm companies and about 348 are fire mutuals that also offer windstorm insurance. Most of the specialized companies are located in the North Central States; about a third of the fire-wind companies are located in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

**BRODELL, ALBERT P., STRICKLER, PAUL E., and PITTMAN, DONALD D. HARVESTING SMALL GRAINS AND SOYBEANS AND METHODS OF SAVING STRAW.** U. S. Bur. Agr. Econ. FM 91, 22 pp. March 1952. [Processed.]

Data in this report were obtained from voluntary crop reporters of the United States Department of Agriculture in February 1951. More than 25,000 farms were covered in the study.

**COLLINS, WARREN E., and SOUTHERN REGIONAL DAIRY MARKETING COMMITTEE. TRENDS IN THE PRODUCTION AND DISPOSITION OF MILK AND THE IMPORTANCE OF DAIRYING IN THE SOUTH, 1924-50.** A Southern Regional Dairy Marketing Rept. Southern Cooperative Ser. Bul. 19, 26 pp., illus. December 1951. (RMA; Agr. Expt. Stas. of Ala., Ark., Ga., La., Miss., S. C., Tenn. and Tex., and BAE cooperating).

The report presents a general panoramic picture of the region's dairy industry during the last quarter of a century and is intended to serve as a source of reference data for future studies.

**GREENE, R. E. L. CONSUMER ACCEPTANCE OF WAXED AND COLORED POTATOES.** Fla. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 22, 27 pp., illus. February 1952. (RMA; BAE; BPISAE; and Expt. Stas. of Ala., N. C., S. C., and Va. cooperating.)

In a test conducted in 12 retail stores in one of the large chains in Baltimore, in the spring of 1951, it was found that consumers bought more waxed than unwaxed potatoes. The ratio of sales of waxed to unwaxed potatoes was about 4 to 1. Sales in stores that switched from unwaxed to waxed potatoes increased 41 percent.

**HAGOOD, MARGARET JARMAN. FARM-OPERATOR FAMILY LEVEL-OF-LIVING INDEXES FOR COUNTIES OF THE UNITED STATES 1930, 1940, 1945, and 1950.** 82 pp., illus. Bur. Agr. Econ. May 1952. [Processed.]

In 1950, the average level of living of farm-operator families in the United States was 22 percent above the level in 1945. The average county in the United States had an index of 75 in 1930, 79 in 1940, and 122 in 1950.

**HOOFNAGLE, WILLIAM S. FACTORS AFFECTING THE ANNUAL AUCTION PRICE OF FLORIDA ORANGES, 1930-51.** 12 pp., illus. Bur. Agr. Econ. March 1952. (RMA; Agr. Expt. Stas. of Fla. and Tex.; FCA; PMA; and BAE cooperating.) [Processed.]

Approximately 81 percent of the year-to-year variation in price on these 10 markets was accounted for by the combined effect of three factors: (1) the quantity of Florida fresh oranges sold; (2) the total combined quantity of competing fresh oranges and orange products sold; and (3) personal disposable income.

**KORZAN, G. E., DAVIS, ALBERT B., and MACPHERSON, DONOVAN D. COSTS OF DISTRIBUTING MILK IN THE PORTLAND MARKET.** Oreg. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 510, 24 pp., illus. February 1952. (RMA; BAE cooperating.)

Proposes possible ways of reducing costs in distribution of milk as follows: Purchasing of certain low-volume specialty items by small distributors for other processors; establish exclusive wholesale stops to avoid duplication; increase route density wherever possible; eliminate special and unnecessary services; and reduce numbers of retail deliveries to three a week.

**LAW, JERRY M. MARKETING EGGS AT THE FIRST BUYER LEVEL IN NINE SOUTHERN STATES.** Poultry Mktg. Tech. Com. Southern Cooperative Ser. Bul. 18, 16 pp. illus. December 1951. (Agr. Expt. Stas. of Ala., Ark., Ga., La., Miss., S. C., Tenn., Tex., and Va., and BAE Cooperating.)

First buyers are in a position to reflect consumer wants to the producer. The present marketing system at this level, however, leaves much to be desired. Eggs are only a minor item to most first buyers and they give little special attention to handling them.

**LAW, JERRY M. MARKETING EGGS AT THE PRODUCER LEVEL IN NINE SOUTHERN STATES.** Poultry Mktg. Tech. Com. Southern Cooperative Ser. Bul. 17, 42 pp. illus. December 1951. (Agr. Expt. Stas. of Ala., Ark., Ga., La., Miss., S. C., Tenn., Tex., and Va., and BAE cooperating.)

Although eggs represent an important source of income to southern agriculture, apparently they are a side-line enterprise with most rural families. The study upon which this report is based indicates that many producers do not place major emphasis on achieving the maximum potential benefits of which the enterprise is capable.

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

**KOPF, B. D., and BLAKE A. C. MARKET POSSIBILITIES FOR COTTONSEED FEED PRODUCTS—13 COTTON OIL MILL AREAS, 1948-49.** Southern Coop. Bul. 16, 32 pp., illus. December 1951. (RMA; Agr. Expt. Stas. of Ala., Ariz., Ark., Ga., La., Miss., Mo., N. Mex. Okla., S. C., Tenn., Tex.; BAE, BPISAE; and PMA cooperating.)

Market possibilities for cottonseed meal and hulls are related to such factors as (1) potential local supply; (2) availability; (3) pricing policies; (4) prospects for increasing number of animals fed those products; (5) type of livestock fed and specific feeding practices including amounts fed, length of feeding period, and use of pasture; (6) attitudes and opinions of farmers; and (7) potential market outlets in other areas of the State.

**RASMUSSEN, WAYNE D., and BAKER, GLADYS L. A CHRONOLOGY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S FOOD POLICIES AND RELATED PROGRAMS, JANUARY 1947 TO DECEMBER 1951,** 133 pp. Washington, D. C., March 1952 [Processed.]

A continuation of a Chronology of the War Food Administration, Including Predecessor and Successor Agencies, August 1939 to December 1946, issued 1950.

**SOLBERG, ERLING D. RURAL ZONING IN THE UNITED STATES.** U. S. Dept. Agr. Agr. Inform. Bul. 59, 85 pp., illus. January 1952.

Enabling laws empowering designated classes of cities, towns or townships, or other local units of government to adopt rural-zoning ordinances have been passed by 38 States. By 1949, rural-zoning ordinances had been adopted by 173 counties in 23 States.

**TEMPLE, FREDERICK C. STRAWBERRY MARKETING AND RELATED PRODUCTION PRACTICES AMONG NEGRO GROWERS IN LOUISIANA—1950 SEASON.** 42 pp., illus. Bur. Agr. Econ. February 1952. (A Research and Marketing Act contract report.) [Processed.]

Present harvesting and marketing practices could be made more efficient through better planning and more instruction and supervision of workers.

**THORFINNSON, T. S., EPP, A. W., and PINE, W. H. SYSTEMS OF FARMING IN IRRIGATION**

**DISTRICTS IN THE REPUBLICAN RIVER VALLEY (LOCATED IN A DRY SUBHUMID AREA).** Nebr. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 404, 44 pp., illus. October 1951.

This report describes a number of representative systems of farming that should prove feasible under irrigation in the Republican River Valley.

**UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. FARM HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION.** 34 pp. Washington, D. C. February 1952. [Processed.]

Presents data based on a survey made in the winter and spring of 1950 under the Housing Act of 1949.

**UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. MOTHERS' OPINIONS OF FIBERS IN SELECTED ITEMS OF CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.** U. S. Dept. Agr. Agr. Inform. Bul. 65, 196 pp. October 1951.

Cotton was the only fiber in 7 of the 10 items of children's clothing with which a majority of the mothers said they had had experience and cotton was given as the preferred fiber in 7 of 10 of the items.

#### Statistical Compilations

**KIMBALL, E. SMITH, SMITH, PAUL W., and MOORE, ROBERT F. CHICKENS AND EGGS. MONTHLY EGG PRODUCTION YOUNG CHICKENS AND LAYERS ON FARMS, AND RATE OF LAY, BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS, 1945-50, REVISED ESTIMATES.** 47 pp. Bur. Agr. Econ. April 1952. [Processed.]

**KIMBALL, E. SMITH, SMITH, PAUL W., and MOORE, ROBERT F. FARM PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME FROM TURKEYS, 1945-49, BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS, REVISED ESTIMATES.** 7 pp. Bur. Agr. Econ. May 1952.

**UNITED STATES BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. FARM PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME FROM MILK, 1940-49, REVISED ESTIMATES, BY STATES.** 24 pp. Washington, D. C., April 1952. [Processed.]

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