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✓ POLICIES GOVERNING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION

The first objective of agricultural production in relocation areas is to supply as much as possible of the food required for an adequate diet for the evacuees. The production program for 1942 should be almost wholly directed to this end.

Tule Lake, Manzanar, Colorado River and Gila are the areas among those selected so far that have agricultural land ready for crop production, and considering the lateness of the season, probably the only ones on which we can grow a reasonable variety and quantity of food this year.

Consequently, the cropping program for these areas should be designed to produce, first, food for use on the particular Center, and second, for other Centers where no food, or an inadequate amount of food, can be produced during 1942.

Gila and Colorado River are practically year-round production areas, and as such should be utilized as fully as needed to supply subsistence for all Centers.

The second objective of the crop production program is to grow such products as are most urgently needed for supplying the armed forces and for sale to or through the office of Lend Lease Administration to provision the United Nations. Much of this product will need to be processed, probably by dehydration, in order to be of maximum value to the war effort. Every effort will be made to dispose of these products direct to the armed forces and the Lend Lease Administration.

Other vitally needed crops, such as seeds and long staple cotton, and possibly oil crops, will take a third place in the production schedule. Crops which does not come into production for several years, such as guayule will be grown only on land not suitable for other crops.

Livestock production should be restricted to poultry and hogs. On many of the projects some grain and legumes will be grown in the rotation or for the purpose of conditioning newly irrigated areas. Hogs can be fed some of the grain and legumes, garbage from the Center, and cult agricultural products such as cult potatoes. It will be necessary to cook both the garbage and the cult produce for this purpose.

Poultry can utilize the balance of the grain and some of the legumes, such as alfalfa, and rass.

Dairies will ordinarily not be established on relocation

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areas, because of the indefinite period of occupation of a Center, State, and local sanitary requirements and other regulations, and the lack of experience in dairying on the part of evacuees. However, if it is found that supplies of fluid milk cannot be secured within satisfactory shipping distance to meet the minimum requirements of the Center, and without seriously interfering with supply required to meet other local demands, dairies may be established after securing approval by the Washington Office.

(Signed) D. S. Liver
Director

EMPLOYMENT SECTION

We have instructions from the War Relocation Authority Headquarters in San Francisco today, regarding the termination of employment of all the white laborers and Indians, with the exception of supervisors who are employed in the construction of the canal in this project. For that reason, the construction of the canal is being held back. It is essential that we have this canal for the progress of this project; therefore, we are requesting your cooperation. Anyone willing to continue in this work, please apply at the Employment Service.

AGRICULTURAL SECTION

Nursery Division--Planned three acres of ground for nursery division. Ten orary 16' houses of forty feet by sixty feet are to be constructed with willow poles and arrow reeds. There are four beds of four feet by fifteen feet, and fifty thousand quince plants which Dr. Emerson brought from Salinas, have been planted. We are contemplating to build two 60' x 16' little houses in the near future. This Division will cultivate all the flowering plants, vegetable plants, and other ornamentals.

Swine Project--Under leadership of Mr. Kobayashi and Mr. Kishi, completed plans for swine house & enclosure. Therefore, they selected a site between Camp #1 and Camp #2. They are now clearing the brush and are getting ready for building the foundation.

NOTICE!

Please do not take any part in lumber that is stored anywhere on the construction areas. This lumber belongs to the construction. Therefore, until word is received from the constructor that the lumber is available to residents, please will hold taking any.

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COOPERATIVE STORE SECTION

Favorites of the Season--Watermelons arrive in quantity

The heat is getting worse every day. The thermometer keeps going up. We have received a shipment of Arizona watermelons. Grab them before they are all sold out!

Empty Bottles--There is shortage of bottles. Please bring them to the store when you come.

Orange Orders--Oranges which have been ordered and paid for will arrive next week. This shipment will probably be the last one for some time to come.

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