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Farm Program

This bulletin on the Amache Farm Program prepared by Mr. John N. Spencer, Chief of Agriculture and Industry at the request of the Public Affairs Committee.

The main industry of the Granada Relocation Center is agriculture. Its prime objective is to produce enough vegetables and meat so that it will, to a great extent, become self sustaining.

The labor problem on the Farm is critical and becoming more so as farm people leave the Center and as the acreage of vegetable and feed crops increase. The Farm was established and is operated for the purpose of assuring adequate food for the people in the Center. The land is fertile; machinery is good; men of excellent technical training and experience are in a supervisory position in all units; and the Farm is ready to meet its vital objectives, providing the Center will cooperate by supplying necessary labor.

Farm work is interesting work. It is invigorating work and a farm worker soon gains a tremendous interest in what he is doing.

Experienced farmers are greatly needed. However, our Farm is equipped to train men who have had no previous farm experience. The Unit Supervisors will be found to be sympathetic and competent teachers who will give the farm worker a background of experience which will be invaluable to him throughout his life.

In the following outline we have set forth the minimum additional labor requirements necessary to operate the Farm this year.

VEGETABLE PROJECT (550 acres)

Permanent Workers Needed At Once

It is essential that 25 men be made available immediately for planting cabbage, sweet potatoes, peppers, tomatoes, and for assisting in the cultivating, growing, and harvesting of these crops. An additional 25 men will be required immediately to irrigate vegetable crops. Five experienced tractor operators should be provided on a permanent basis.

The total additional number of permanent workers needed to adequately operate the Vegetable Project is 55 men.

Emergency Crews

Emergency crews of workers will be required for planting, seeding, and harvesting work. In this classification should

be included approximately 20 women whose services are needed immediately.

As the time for harvesting arrives, it will be necessary that 100 men and 100 women be available for short periods of time. Prior notification of three days to one week will be given in order that emergency crews may be recruited in time to harvest the crops.

Mr. Henry M. Inouye, General Superintendent, is a highly-trained agriculturist who has been very successful in operating farming projects. Each Unit Supervisor has had years of experience in growing the crops under his management. Workers will not only be serving the people of the Center, but they will have an opportunity to gain valuable training.

FEED-PRODUCTION PROJECT

We have available on our Farm about 2,000 acres of good land, which should be placed in feed crops. Such crops will be absolutely essential if we are to gain our proposed goal of meat production. In addition to the number who are now working on this project, it is necessary that we have 10 additional tractor operators and 10 irrigators. Tractor operators need not be experienced. However, they should be men who are interested in machinery and who desire the opportunity to learn to operate farm power equipment.

A total of 20 additional workers are required immediately on the Feed-Production Project.

Mr. George S. Miyake who supervises the operation of the X-Y Unit of the Farm is a man of outstanding ability and training. Those who work with him will be serving under a student and a leader.

POULTRY

To supply the needed eggs and table poultry requirements will necessitate an average production of 16,000 birds. If this objective is to be met, it will be necessary to have 5 additional permanent employees in the Poultry Project. These men will be needed to help in the construction of buildings and general repair work in connection with the poultry management program.

Mr. Henry Shimizu, Poultry Supervisor, has been a successful poultryman. Those who take advantage of this opportunity to work with him will acquire a good knowledge of the techniques of poultry production on a commercial scale.

PORK PRODUCTION PROJECT

To produce the monthly pork requirements of the mess halls will necessitate the production and slaughter of 166 head of hogs weighing 260 pounds each. To maintain this production requires the feeding and handling at all times of about 1,000 head of hogs. To adequately operate this project, it will be necessary to have 5 additional permanent men for general work in connection with the care and feeding of hogs.

Mr. Ena Nakamura, who heads this project, is an expert in his field. He has had experience in commercial hog production in Oklahoma and California. Workers on this project will have an opportunity to gain much practical knowledge both in feeding and breeding hog production.

FARM MACHINERY PROJECT

The efficient operation of a place the size of our Farm involves the use of hundreds of machines. Maintenance of this machinery is a job absolutely essential for farm operations. In addition to the present mechanics, it will be necessary that two more men be employed permanently on machinery repair and assembly. Mr. Yoshio Asai, Machinery Foreman, is an able mechanic.

OTHER FARM ACTIVITIES

The Agricultural Division, in addition to its food-production program, will carry on a food-preservation project. It is anticipated that thousands of gallons of vegetables will be canned for winter use in the Center. This project will require the services of approximately 100 women for short intervals.

Lard rendering and chicken picking are other types of emergency work to be carried on in the Agricultural Division.

The material presented in this report may be used by any person or group as the subject for group discussions. Any groups desirous of having a speaker discuss this subject are urged to get in touch with Mr. Charles Machida of the Agricultural Division or Mr. Samuel J. Gordon of the Public Affairs Committee.

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 * GROW HERE ON THE FARM. *

* ALL OF THE GOLD IN THE US TREASURY CANNOT BUY *
 * FRESH VEGETABLES FOR US IF THEY ARE NOT ON THE MAR- *
 * KET. THEREFORE, THE SAFEST, SUREST SUPPLY IS TO GROW *
 * THEM OURSELVES. "

WILLIAM WELLS
 CHIEF PROJECT STEWARD

FARM ORGANIZATION

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<u>CROP</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u> (Thous. lbs.)	<u>CROP</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>PRODUCTION</u>
Beans (Dry)	75-80	96	Potatoes (Irish)	77	1540
Beans (Snap)	10	20	Potatoes (Sweet)	15	300
Beets (Table)	5	50	Pumpkin & Squash	15	300
Broccoli	14	28	Daikon	12	360
Cabbage	20	250	Rutabagas	3	
Cantaloupe	20	100	Swiss Chard	7	112
Carrots	17	238	Tomatoes	45	630
Celery	14	140	Turnips	3	
Chinese Cabbage	10	120	Watermelon	12	360
Lettuce	20	200	Miscellaneous	20	
Cucumbers	15	150	Eggplants	5	100
Onions (Dry)	32	512	Pepper	5	50
Peas	11	55	Spinach	19	380
			Corn (Sweet)	30	
				15	600
					(Vocational Agriculture Class)

FARM SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL

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Ena Nakamura Hog Supervisor	Kusutaro Kimoto Unit 8
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