should be pooled at executive headquarters, then rebated back to the farmers. Then all farmers would receive the same price per pound of butter fat for their product with the exception of a difference of about five cents per pound for quality A and quality B milk. This to me seems to be a just method for after all—isn't a pound of butter fat produced by one farmer worth as much as a pound of butter fat produced by another farm providing they were produced under equally sanitary conditions.

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Disposal of land contracted to the federal government is a question of vital interest to the farmers of Wisconsin. Will this land be utilized for legumes and consequently compete with Wisconsin's important dairy industry? Consider the fact that these retired acres represent an area four times the amount of land under cultivation in the state of Wisconsin.

What will be done with this land? Various sections of our country are adapted to certain industries. The mid-western states are important for the production of wheat. The southern states for the production of cotton. These sections need not be apprehensive of our state competing against them in the production of these products. But what of Wisconsin's important industry? Its chief source of income is derived from dairy products. Is there danger of other states competing against us? Decidedly yes, We find the dairy cow in every section of the United States. With the advent of our federal program of crop reduction farmers all over the nation will be encouraged to expand their dairy activities because certain AAA provisions permit contracted acres to be planted to legumes.

Permit me to cite a few figures regarding the dairy industry of Wisconsin: Livestock and livestock products amount to 85.7% of the total agricultural income of Wisconsin. Milk alone provides 51.3% of all farm income. Wisconsin produces over one-tenth of all milk produced in America. From these figures one can readily understand the importance of protecting the dairy interests of Wisconsin.

How can we dispose of these retired lands?

The official answer as given in Section 5 of the AAA ruling provides for the use of these lands as follows: