Feeds and Feeding

Feeds and feeding meetings held in every township in the county by especially trained local leaders.

Special Feeds and Feeding handbook prepared by County Agent on simple methods of balancing rations.

350 farmers attended Feeds and Feeding schools.

Meetings held with bankers and feed dealers to encourage farmers to buy feed wheat.

County Agent carried special program to encourage farmers to take advantage of government feed wheat—several hundred feed wheat folders distributed.

Gardens—

Victory garden demonstration held for neighborhood Garden Leaders.

Fourteen Victory garden demonstrations conducted for rural school members and 4-H club members.

Special display of victory garden products highlight of county fair.

Four vegetable storage meetings held throughout county for garden and nutrition volunteer war leaders. Nearly 100% of leaders responded and carried information back to their home community.

Legumes—

Winnebago County alfalfa crop is threatened with alfalfa wilt. To check, county has resistant varieties seeded in infected fields for trial—results are favorable.

Radio—

County Agricultural Extension Office started regular weekly broadcast of County Farm and Home program in February over radio station WOSH, Oshkosh. Weekly broadcasts of local, state, and national news each Saturday, 12:45 to 1:00 P.M.

Insects—

Two demonstration meetings on corn borer and its control held. Demonstration on plow adjustment which helps in plowing under trash. 160 farmers attended.

Pasture Improvement—

Demonstration meetings and result information given out on four renovated pastures in County—Ten to twenty times as much feed an acre on renovated pastures as on the unrenovated.
Horses—
Annual Colt Show in October, 1942 set a new high in quality and numbers — 138 head of colts and horses exhibited—Winnebago County has established a reputation as having the best show of its kind in the Middle West.

Dairy—
Dairymen voted to affiliate with the Tri-County Artificial Insemination Ring at Shawano. County board of six directors elected. Today Winnebago County has 44 dairymen receiving this service, with approximately 600 cows signed up.

In January, D.H.I.A. #1 held serviceable bull sale—13 bulls sold for average of $139.17

Two mass meetings held in February to explain artificial insemination organization.

In February, D.H.I.A. Coop held dairt bull and heifer sale. Twelve junior bulls and heifers consigned as 4-H prospects. All sold to 4-H club members for projects. Eleven serviceable bulls sold for average of $133.00

Winnebago County D.H.I.A. Coop membership reaches 267 members testing nearly 6,000 cows monthly.

Five holstein herds in Winnebago County were officially classified for type.

Holstein, Guernsey associations combined and held tour to Pabst Farms. Included inspection of herds and building and crop management.

D.H.I.A. #1 Serviceable bull sale held on October 13, 1942. Bulls sold for a new high average of $192.50, high bull $510.00

Quality Milk—
Dairy plant operators organized November 18, 1941. Association, after membership drive, has 28 members. Association organized to promote the production and marketing of quality dairy products in Winnebago County.

1,100 people attended quality milk refresher mass meetings in April. Meetings arranged through cooperation of Dairy Plant Operators association.

Farm Management

Complete Farm and Home management project. County Agent and Home Agent cooperating with Federal Land Bank, have selected three delinquent low income farm families in Winnebago County for help. Complete farm and home management plans have been developed for each farm unit after a careful and detailed analysis of each unit. The object is to get these farm units into sufficient production so that the debt load can be eventually eliminated. This project is a federal trial project.

4-H

Five boys completed heifer calf projects in cooperation with breeders by selling calves in sale of yearlings for average of $107.50 — calves raised by boys from calfhood.

Twenty-two booths at County Fair were outstanding features of 1943 County Fair. Each booth told how 4-H members and 4-H Clubs are contributing to the war effort.

Victory garden display at County Fair showed how 4-H Club members were solving the home food supply.

4-H Club Camp at County Fair increased in popularity with boys department filled to capacity each night.

Statistics of the 1943 4-H program in Winnebago County:

371 club members
80% Achievement
30 4-H Clubs
43 Adult leaders
25 Junior Leaders

4-H Department at County Fair showed the following number of exhibitors in the agricultural classes:

83 Dairy calves
7 Beef Calves
34 Hogs
34 Sheep
58 Poultry
3 Colts
28 Crop
250 Garden
23 4-H Booths
19 Cattle Showmanship
7 Swine Showmanship
7 Sheep Showmanship
6 Horse Showmanship
War Effort
County U. S. D. A. War Board formed - County Agent is secretary of board members of board are representatives of each federal agency in Winnebago County. County War Board is organized to coordinate activities of all rural farm agencies in war effort.

Activities of the U. S. D. A. War Board:
- Held meetings of blacksmiths, welders, farm implement dealers to arrange plans for getting all farmers to order farm machinery repairs early. Farm machinery repair blanks distributed to farmers, other sources of information, newspaper ads, radio.

- Acts on Priority ratings for new and repaired agricultural buildings in the County.

- Set up farm machinery rationing board.

- Set up dairy truck conservation committee for re-routing dairy trucks. Goal - reduce mileage traveled 40%.

- Set up committee for registering farm trucks for "Certificate of War Necessity".

- Conducted three scrap drives.

- Has charge of bonds and stamps sales in rural Winnebago County.

County Labor Committee

Winnebago County Labor Committee formed in May, 1943.

Membership - County Agent chairman with members representatives of A. A. A., County Pension Department, City Relief Department, County Agricultural Committee Chairmen, U. S. Employment Office.

Farm Volunteer War Labor Leaders in each school district made a house to house survey to determine labor needs. Survey completed in July showed county to have more demand for farm labor than any other county in Wisconsin.

130 general workers
500 seasonal workers

Labor Committee attempted to relieve labor situation by -
Registration of available city workers. Contacted civic organizations, etc.
Securing of County Certificate for conscientious objectors.
Securing low income farmers from out-over areas of northern Wisconsin.
High school students helped harvest peas, beets, and sweet corn.
Results - November 1941 - November 1942

Seasonal
Pa Workers - 532
Sweet Corn Workers - 125
Beet Workers - 146
Single general farm workers - 26
Single dairy farm workers - 171
Married Couples - 18
Harvest Hands - 137

Cost of Living and Control of Inflation meeting held;
Meeting held on controlling cost of living. 80 rural and
urban leaders attended. Speakers bureau formed.

Salvage -
County Agent cooperated with office facilities in four
salvage drives in rural Winnebago County.

County Farm and Home Week -
The outstanding event of the entire year's program was
Winnebago County's first Farm and Home Week program which
was held March 13-13-14 at Winneconne. In planning this
event, the County Extension Office, the Winneconne Busi-
ness men's Association, County Agricultural and Home
Economics instructors, and all of the other 35 rural
organizations in the county helped. The highlight of the
whole program was the first honor banquet at which time
three farmers from Winnebago County and one woman were
recognized for outstanding contributions for rural living.
A fitting certificate was awarded these folks at the ban-
queta.

The banquet was outstanding in that every rural organization
in Winnebago County was represented. It was described by
many as the outstanding event ever to take place in agricul-
ture in Winnebago County. Excellent programs were
arranged during the week. One of the interesting parts of
Farm and Home Week was that the Winneconne News, a weekly
paper, published a special edition of their paper, built
around the Farm and Home Week. This special edition con-
tained the full three-day program and had write-ups and
pictures of every organization. This special edition went
into every home in Winnebago County which totalled about
2700.

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