

WAR PROBLEMS AND THE WAR BOARD

During the past year, the County Agents' program has been geared to meet new needs arising from the war. Many of these needs are met through the U.S.D.A. War Board. Others are not.

Agricultural War Boards were set up at the request of the Secretary of Agriculture in each county in the Nation. Members of the Dane Co.

U.S.D.A. War Board:

Joseph C. Adlor, Agr'l Cons'n. Comm. - Chairman
R. V. Hurley - representing County Agents
B. D. Blakely - Soil Conservation Service
R. J. Hogan - Farm Security
Alfred Nordlie - Farm Credit Agencies
J. W. Clark - Secretary to the War Board

The Board engages in activities considered necessary for the prosecution of the war effort upon request of the Secretary of Agriculture.

The spirit of cooperation among members of the Dane County War Board has been excellent and every member has pitched in and done his part. To date, some of the most important activities have been:

1. Food for Freedom Campaign - October 1941.
Approximately half the farm families in Dane County attended school-house meetings where production quotas were explained and local leaders explained a few simple methods of increasing food production.
2. In November and December, 1941, we inaugurated the first "farm scrap" metal drive. This was done preliminary to later drives by the Civilian Defense Organizations.
3. Farm Machinery Repair Campaigns
In cooperation with 26 implement dealers, we launched a vigorous information campaign urging farmers to repair machinery early and to order repair parts during the winter months. Check sheets were distributed and other practical aids given.
4. Conservation of Materials
The War Board has been responsible for advising with all farmers who wished to engage in residential construction in excess of \$200.00 or other farm building construction in excess of \$1000.00.
5. Dairy Industries Transportation
The Office of Price Administration has warned that the system of transporting milk from farm to factory is wasteful of rubber because of duplication and overlapping. O.P.A. insists that some of this inefficiency be eliminated. The War Board took the lead in advising the Industry in this county of O.P.A.'s attitude and has since assisted the Industry

in an attempt to work out a plan which will conserve rubber and satisfy tire rationing officials.

6. Conducted a series of meetings to discuss Labor Problems and the Inflation Danger.
7. Advised with Selective Service Boards on various occasions about the shortage of man power which has been developing in rural areas because of the draft and industrial demand for more workers.

WAR FOOD

Agriculture occupies a strategic position in the war effort because food is as essential as guns and bullets.

Generally speaking, 1942 was a good crop year and despite difficulties, Dane County farm production of critical foods has increased despite an increasing shortage of farm man power. We predict the shortage of both labor and farm machinery will make itself evident in 1943 production. Many well informed individuals are predicting that if 1943 is an average crop year, Dane County farm production will fall off as much as 25% from the high established in 1942.

With the assistance of the State Crop Reporting Service, I have prepared the following estimates for a few vital war foods produced in Dane County:

	1941 Estimated Production	1942 Estimated Production	Percent of Increase that 1942 Production is above 1941
1. Milk	553,800,000 lbs.	570,414,000	3%
2. Hogs	215,000 pig crop	237,000 pig crop	10%
3. Eggs	79,000,000	90,000,000	14%
4. Soy beans (bu.)	27,450 bu.	*(56,000 bu. (?))	104% (?)
5. Soy beans acres (all uses)	1,830	3,970	117%
6. Canning peas	11,142,000 lbs.	14,500,000 lbs.	30%
7. Sweet corn	12,725 tons	14,000 tons	10%
8. Alfalfa hay	129,048 tons	148,000 tons	15%
9. Alfalfa hay acres	53,770 acres	54,850 acres	2%

* Doesn't take into consideration damage done by early frost.