TO DIRECTORS OF RELIEF, DROUGHT RELIEF COMMITTEES,
AND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS IN THE DROUGHT AREA

Subject: F.E.R.A. Feed Distribution

There seems to be some misunderstanding in some counties regarding the proper use and distribution of F.E.R.A. grains.

1- In the first place do not refer to these grains as "free" grain or advertise the proposition as such. These F.E.R.A. grains as shipped to us by the Government are charged to our relief funds and are not free as far as our appropriation is concerned. Just because "Relief Work Agreements" are not required is no excuse for promiscuous distribution of these feeds.

2- F.E.R.A. grains are to be distributed only to those persons whose applications have been approved by the County Drought Relief Committee in the regular manner. These F.E.R.A. feeds will simply constitute part of the regular allotment to persons whose applications have been approved. It cuts down the amount of grain necessary to purchase from regular feed dealers.

3- No person can get F.E.R.A. grains without an F.E.R.A. Feed Order issued by the Director of Relief.

4- The first person to receive F.E.R.A. grains should be those unable to work or who are otherwise in destitute circumstances. I quote from a letter just received from Washington:

"Corn, wheat, and oats are available from the Federal Surplus Relief Corporation for needs which cannot be met by work in drought counties. These grains are part of the drought relief allotments and should be given to farmers to meet specific requests which are approved by relief committees."

5- The County Drought Relief Committee must decide the amounts to which various individuals are entitled. Reasonable relief to a large number is better than too much relief to a few.

Very sincerely yours,

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

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