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Valley County, with four other southwestern Idaho counties, adopted the food stamp plan May 1. Other counties coming under the new setup are Boise, Owyhee, Elmore and Canyon.

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Complete instructions on how to secure food stamps have been mailed to all public assistance families by the State Department of Public Assistance. The sale of food stamp books will be handled by mail with participants remitting money-orders or cashier's checks in the correct amounts to the Boise Stamp Issuing Office of the Department of Public

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