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WPA FARM LABOR POLICY
CLARIFIED BY CONTACT MAN
PLACING WPA WORKERS

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Every county and locality in the state where WPA projects operate, will have a contact man to assist in placing WPA workers in agricultural or other private employment.

"We invite any farmer or ranheer, or the representative of any private industry or employment agency, to visit our projects with our field representatives, if they have jobs to offer at the prevailing wage," Dean W. Miller, state WPA head, remarked in connection with the agency's farm labor policy. Men selected would be immediately referred to the private employer, he declared.

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During the peak of the agricultural season in 1941, WPA rolls dropped to 3000 in Idaho, with this number including some 1200 women and the balance largely from the non-agricultural districts of north Idaho, it was disclosed.

Heavy demands for agricultural workers are expected to greatly reduce WPA poject rolls which have been set at 6200 for March, but will not affect much of a reduction until after April 15th, Mr. Mille stated. The March 1942, quota is abount 4,000 under the large state of the larg

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"Last year we released hundreds of WPA men to defense industries after seeing that they were trained in the vocational schools. Other thousands went to farm jobs, etc. The fact that our rolls dropped from 10,800 in March 1941, to only 3,000 during last harvest is in itself proof of the effectiveness of our farm labor policy. It also proves in our estimation," Miller concluded, "the usefulness of the WPA n poviding a reservoir of manpower rom which private labor can draw es it wills, without having the en parassing necessity of affording Justenance to that same manpower during seasonal inactivity."