

Loans to Farmers Accomplish Much FSA Men Report

This week Z. Gorge Nelson, farm security administrator, department of agriculture received the following communication from Walter A. Duffy, regional director of the Farm Security administration, which is of interest to the readers of the Cascade News. The letter follows:

"More han 4,930 Idaho farm families have been enabled to increase their net worth, over and above all debts by almost \$600 per family through the Farm's Security program of supervised credit, announces Walter A. Duffy, regional director.

"One of the primary aims of the FSA program is to enable borrowers to produce practically all their food supplies as well as livestock feed on the farm so that their cash expenditures for such items will be reduced to the minimum," Duffy said.

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"Progress of these farm families is indicated by the fact that they increased supplies of fruits and vegetables canned by 210 quarts; milk produced for home consumption by 315 gallons; meat for home use home use by 441 pounds, and eggs produced for home use only by 115 dozens, per family. This means a contribution to the annual cash income of the farm of from \$200 to \$300 per family."

These families have already repaid \$1,686,000 of the \$5,414,800 loaned by the Farm Security administration, although most of the loans are made for a five year period. Full repayment of loans has been made by 590 families and 79.1 per cent of maturities due when met.

While many of these farmers are owner-operators, nearly 1030 of them have been enabled to obtain written instead of oral leases and almost 240 have advanced from sharecropper to tenant status during the past crop year.

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Another measure of progress of these families, Duffy said, is that nearly 670 children of school age in these borrowing families have been enabled as a direct of the FSA program.

In addition to the rehabilitation loan program, 15 loans totaling \$139,000 have been made to tenant farmers in Bingham, Canyon and Jerome counties for purchase of farms under the Banhead-Jones Farm Tenant act," said Dufffy. "Construction will be completed this fall on Idaho's first two farm family labor camps located near Caldwell and Twin Falls. Each camp will have seasonal shelters for 24 families and 24 farm laborer homes with small gardens available who are forced to seek a livelihood following seasonal harvest. Minimum housing, sanitary, health and social facilities will be available to these families.

Debt adjustments have been effected for 2,150 families faced with foreclosure action, resulting in reduction of a total indebtedness of \$7,704,800 to \$4,793,500. As a result of debt adjustments these farmers have been able to pay \$66,000 in back taxes.

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