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and urgent work on part of crop demonstrations that required a great deal of the county agent's time made it necessary to postpone survey work until later in the season.

Farm record taking was resumed in the month of November, at which time twenty-nine farm records were taken by the county agent. The county agent spent the week of November 21-27 in the Farm Management office at Lincoln, where the Box Butte County Farm records were transferred to office sheets; labor incomes figured, temporary summaries made, feed summaries made, all tabulations and determinations of factors affecting profits in farming in this area were determined. Meetings for the return of Farm Survey records were held in Box Butte county during the week of December 5th. Six meetings were held with an attendance of sixty-eight interested persons. This was very good considering the weather and other factors. R. R. Spafford assisted the county agent at these meetings, and during the week twenty-seven out of the total of fifty-six records were returned to the men that gave the records.

The record of a farm business of Box Butte county for crop year 1914 is included in this report, also the factor sheet for this area. This line of work is considered by the board of directors as one of the most important lines of work carried on during the past year, and will undoubtedly be continued under the same project plan as used this year.

	Total Farm		Tenant		Landlord	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Real Estate	960	\$17600	320	\$ 8000	640	\$9600
Horses and Colts	15	1750	15	1750		
Cattle	33	1245	33	1245		
Hogs	11	103	11	103		
Poultry	100	50	100	50		
Feeds		704		704		
Machinery		620		602		
Cash		500		500		
Total Capital		\$22572		\$12972		\$9600
RECEIPTS:						
Wheat (50 A)		626		626		
Oats		478		478		
Potatoes		1190		1190		
*Horses		70		70		
*Cattle		575		575		
Milk and Butter		210		210		
*Hogs		391		391		
*Poultry		100		100		
Miscellaneous		21		21		
Cash rent						100
Increase in Feed Inventory		137		137		
Total Receipts		\$3798		\$3798		\$100
EXPENSES (CASH):						
Cash Rent						100
Feeds		47		47		
Veterinary, breeding fees		53		53		
Threshing & Silo Filling		65		65		
Machinery repairs		10		10		
Building repairs		20		20		
Fence Repairs		1		1		
Miscellaneous		86		86		
Insurance		15		15		
Taxes		80		40		40
**Family Labor		840		840		
(NOT CASH)						
Machinery depreciation		62		62		
Building depreciation		69		69		
Total Expenses		\$1348		\$1408		\$40
Total farm income		2450		2390		60
Income from capital		1129		649		
						Percent on Investment
Labor income		1321		1741		6

*The receipts from stock are found by subtracting the sum of the purchases and what is on hand at the beginning of the year from the sum of the sales and that on hand at the close of the year.

**Family labor does not include that of the operator.

Factors	Aver. of 15 poor paying farms	Aver. of 15 good paying farms
Labor Income	\$-595	30
SIZE OF BUSINESS:		
Farm Area	1143	967
Crop Area	160	185

*Productive Animal Units	28	34	51
Total Capital	22628	31055	24942
Total Receipts	1394	1840	3050
Total Expenses	768	757	1040
DIVERSITY OF BUSINESS:			
Sources of Income—			
Corn Sales	30	15	9
Wheat Sales	107	94	119
Oat Sales	36	23	47
Potato Sales	126	170	297
**Horses	227	312	557
**Cattle	471	803	1357
**Hogs	164	184	305
**Poultry	77	85	99

QUALITY OF BUSINESS:			
Livestock—			
Feed cost per Animal Unit	24	24	23
Stock receipts per animal unit	26	31	35
Receipts per sow	62	55	60
*Receipts per cattle unit	27	35	43
*Receipts per pro. horse unit	33	44	40
Crop Production—			
**Crop Index	97	100	108
Corn yield per acre	10	9	11
Wheat yield per acre	8	10	12
Oats yield per acre	12	14	14
Hay yield per acre	0.53	0.48	0.47
Efficiency of Labor—			
Crop acres per man	98	113	132
Productive animal units per man	18	21	27
Crop acres per horse	24	28	32

*One Animal Unit is 1 cow, or 2 young cattle, 1 horse, 2 colts, 7 sheep, 14 lambs, 5 hogs, 10 pigs, or 100 head of poultry, figured on the basis that each animal unit requires approximately the same amount of feed and produces the same amount of manure.

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***Crop Index compares yields on the basis of 100 per cent for the average of all records.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB WORK IN BOX BUTTE COUNTY

The boys' and girls' club work was adopted in project form at the first meeting of the board of directors held last Friday in March. The cooperative agreement is clearly outlined in the project. Bad roads made organization throughout the county almost impossible.

L. T. Skinner presented the Boys' and Girls' Club work to the three city schools of Alliance; to the city school of Hemingford; and to the one school district at Berea. As a result of these meetings thirty-nine boys and girls were enrolled in the club work. The Club activities promoted in this county in 1915 were the Potato, Pig, Gardening, Canning and Sewing Clubs. These lines of club work will be continued in 1916.

Following is the list:

Potato Club: Dewey Donovan, Arthur Dillon, Leon Edwards, George Fenning, Philip Grove, Dean Harris, Ralph Joder, Edward Miller, Clyde Watteyne, Vincian Westlake, John Addy, Frank Buechsenstein, Chester Beck, Henry Rider, Robert Ralls, Anson Thomas, James Sanders, Hugh O'Conner, Leo Snyder.

Gardening Club: Irma Lotspeich.

Pig Club: Ted Armstrong, Allison Johnson.

Cooking Club: Eva Barritt, Emma Jensen, Olga Johnson, Nelle Vaughan and Elliot Warn.

Sewing Club: Eva Barritt, Beatrice Fenner, Alta Huckle, Lizzie Mabun, Frances Olds, Beulah Rohrbach, Lois Wildy, Vivian Westlake, Bernice Fenner, Leila Nabb.

One fact brought out in the short experience of Boys' and Girls' Club work in the county is the necessity for local interest of both parents; teachers in public schools; and the selection of a local leader who will give his or her moral support to the organization of district clubs and to encourage all club members to send in their reports promptly so that their work at no time is allowed to drag. The work was new in the county to the schools, and new to the people of the county, so as a consequence it was rather difficult to secure the local leader and to get the support of the teachers and parents during the first year's work.

As a consequence very few of the club members kept up their work by sending in reports as the first report was due. The reports of all who will probably complete the club work are in at the Lincoln office at present.

An annual meeting for members of the boys' and girls' club; all other boys and girls interested; teachers, parents, etc., is planned for the month of January. From the interest shown lately by teachers to whom the work was presented at the teachers' institute by the county agent, good results are expected in club work during 1916.

PROJECT AGREEMENT

Farm Demonstration Work in Box Butte county by the Box Butte County Farm Management Association Cooperating with the Agricultural Extension Service, University of Nebraska, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

NAME OF PROJECT: Boys' and Girls' Club Work.
LOCATION: Box Butte county, Nebraska.
COUNTY AGENT: F. M. Seidell.
HEADQUARTERS: Alliance, Nebraska.
DATE EFFECTIVE: January 1, 1915.
ADVISERS: Huldah Peterson, L. T. Skinner and J. G. McMillan.
OBJECT: To interest and educate boys and girls (1) in agriculture and in home duties, (2) in organization and cooperative effort.
ORGANIZATION: (1) The county superintendent shall be county leader in promoting Boys' and Girls' Club work.
 (2) The county agent shall cooperate with the county superintendent and shall thru local leaders direct the field work.
 (3) County organization shall have at least thirty members and five local leaders.
 (4) Federal and state club regulations shall be followed.
METHOD OF PROCEDURE: The County Agent under this project shall cooperate with the county superintendent (a) in organizing Boys' and Girls' Clubs and (b) in giving technical assistance and direction to local leaders of clubs in the following manner:
 (1) By presenting club work (a) at teachers' institutes and special meetings, (b) at school in regular session, (c) at special Junior meetings.
 (2) By securing local leaders who shall assume the responsibility of keeping in touch with club members in their various activities and organizing club members into local clubs.
 (3) By giving direction and assistance to club leaders in the organization work and in the active carrying on of the club activities.
 (4) By meeting the clubs called together by club leaders for the purpose of encouraging and giving personal instructions to club members in the proper procedure of their club work. These meetings wherever convenient should be held in the field of some member, at a schoolhouse or home.
 (5) By arranging for at least (a) one contest and meeting in each community, (b) one annual county contest and meeting.
 (6) By giving assistance to individual boys and girls not in regular clubs but scattered over the county. It should be the plan of the county agent not to make special trips to plats of individuals except as occasion might demand, but rather to meet members in groups. When calling at a farm where a club member resides an effort should be made to give personal inspection of the project under way and to offer encouragement.

REPORTS: The County Agent and the County Superintendent shall make progress reports from time to time on the work outlined in this project. At the close of the year a full report shall be made of the accomplishments of this work in the county, and copies transmitted to each of the cooperating parties.

AUTHORITY: (1) The approval and signature of this project by the County Superintendent shall be considered evidence of assuming responsibility for the work in the county and a desire to have the assistance and cooperation of the county agent under terms of this agreement.
 (2) The approval of the project by the board of directors in a regular meeting and its signature by the president of the local organization shall be considered an expression of cooperation to give the county agent all possible support in following out the work outlined in this project agreement.

IRRIGATED HOMESTEADS IN THE NORTH PLATTE VALLEY

Government Proclamation:

Department of the Interior, Washington, Jan. 13, 1916.

PUBLIC NOTICE

1. In pursuance of the provisions of section 4 of the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat., 388), an act amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, and particularly the Reclamation Extension Act of August 13, 1914 (38 Stat., 686), notice is hereby given that water will be furnished under the North Platte project, Nebraska-Wyoming, in the irrigation season of 1916 and thereafter for the irrigable lands of said project shown on the farm unit plats of:

- Sixth Principal Meridian.
- T. 23 N., R. 53 W.
- T. 22 N., R. 53 W.
- T. 22 N., R. 52 W.
- T. 21 N., R. 52 W.
- T. 22 N., R. 51 W.
- T. 21 N., R. 51 W.

approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 23, 1915, and on the local land offices at Alliance, Nebr., and in the office of the project manager at Mitchell, Nebr.

2. This public notice applies only to the unentered lands and lands heretofore entered but relinquished or abandoned, shown on the above plats.

3. Homestead entries of the farm units shown on said plats embracing public lands of the United States may be made on and after March 24, 1916, at 9 o'clock a. m., at the local land office, if found regular and accompanied by the certificate of the project manager, showing that water-right application has been filed and the proper water-right charges deposited.

4. Warning is hereby expressly given that no person will be permitted to gain or exercise any right whatever under any settlement or occupation begun prior to 9 o'clock a. m. March 24, 1916, on any lands shown on said plats; provided, however, that this shall not interfere with any valid existing rights obtained by settlement or entry while the land was subject thereto. All persons desiring to acquire any public lands shown on said plats shall execute homestead application subject to the provisions of the reclamation act in the manner required by law, which, with the required fees and commissions, accompanied by certificate of the project manager as to the filing of water right applications and payment of water right charges as hereinafter provided, shall be presented to the local land office at Alliance, Nebr., in person, by mail or otherwise within a period of five days prior to March 24, 1916, that is, beginning not earlier than March 19, 1916. All entries filed as herein provided and reaching the local land office not later than 9 o'clock a. m. on March 24, 1916, shall be held and treated as simultaneously filed. Applications presented after that hour will be received and noted in the order of filing. Any application not based on a prior settlement right will be subject to valid settlement claims asserted in the manner required by law.

5. The register and receiver will carefully compare all applications simultaneously filed as aforesaid and will dispose of them as follows:

- (a) Where there is no conflict, the application shall be allowed irrespective of whether settlement is alleged.
- (b) In case of conflicting applications and only one of the applicants alleges prior settlement, his application shall be allowed and the others rejected.
- (c) If two or more conflicting applications are received each containing allegations of prior settlement, a hearing shall be ordered to determine the priority of right and it shall be restricted to those alleging such right.

6. Where there are applications conflicting in whole or in part in which no one of the several applicants claims prior settlement, the register and receiver will write on cards the names of the several applicants and each of these cards shall be placed in an envelope upon which there is no distinctive or identifying mark, and at 2 o'clock p. m. on the date of opening the entry, if practicable, if not, at some hour one week later, after all the envelopes containing the names of the several applicants shall have been thoroughly mixed in the presence of such persons as may desire to be present, they shall be drawn and numbered in order. The cards as numbered and drawn will be securely fastened to the applications of the respective persons and the applications shall be allowed in such order. Where any applicant fails to obtain land applied for by him, he will be permitted to elect whether he will amend his application to embrace other lands such amended application is presented, or withdraw his original application without prejudice and, in the event of such withdrawal, the fees and commissions will be returned by the receiver and any water right charges deposited will be returned by the project manager of the Reclamation Service. Applications conflicting in whole with those previously allowed will be rejected in the usual manner.

7. The project manager will receive water-right applications accompanied by the proper water-right payments, which for the first payment will be accepted in the form of drafts on New York or Denver, or money order payable to the Chief Clerk, U. S. Reclamation Service, Mitchell, Nebraska, and issue certificates to applicants for public lands at any time after the date of this notice. Each application must be for a specific farm unit. More than one person may make application for the same farm unit. Filing of water-right application and issuance of certificate gives no preference right to make entry. Acceptance of application on will be endorsed thereon by the project manager when notified by the local land office that entry has been allowed. All other applications, with payments made, will be returned to applicants upon surrender by them of the certificate of filing issued by the project manager.

8. The limit of area per entry representing the acreage which, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior, may be reasonably required for the support of a family upon such lands is fixed at the amounts shown upon the plats for the several farm units. All water-right applications must be made to the project manager, U. S. Reclamation Service, Mitchell, Nebraska.

9. The water right charges per acre of irrigable land are of two kinds: (a) a charge of \$55 per irrigable acre for the building of the irrigation system, termed the construction charge; and (b) an annual charge for operation and maintenance, payable March first of each year for the preceding irrigation season. The operation and maintenance charge for the irrigation season of 1916 shall be due March 1, 1917, and shall be of the amount and terms of payment announced for the aid project.

10. For homestead entries made hereunder an initial payment of five per centum, or \$2.75 per irrigable acre, on account of the construction charge shall be made at the time of entry or filing of water-right application, which application must be on the form provided under the Reclamation Extension Act. The remainder of the construction charge, \$52.25 per irrigable acre, must be paid in fifteen annual installments, the first five of which shall each be 5 per centum (or \$2.75 per irrigable acre each), and the remainder each 7 per centum (or \$3.85 per irrigable acre each). The first of said annual installments shall become due and payable on December 1 of the fifth calendar year after the initial installment, and subsequent installments shall become due on December 1 of each calendar year thereafter.

11. Any water-right applicant or entryman may, if he so elects, pay the whole or any part of the construction charges owing by him within any shorter period than that provided by the public notices and orders applicable to his land.

12. All water-right charges must be paid at the office of the U. S. Reclamation Service, at Denver, Colorado, except as provided in paragraph 7. Drafts on New York or Denver, money orders, checks, etc., should be made payable to the Disbursing Officer, U. S. Reclamation Service, Denver, Colorado.

13. The method of determining the annual operation and maintenance charges, the penalties for failure to pay the construction charge and the operation and maintenance charges when due, and discount allowed for prepayment of operation and maintenance charges for all lands shall be as prescribed by the Act of August 13, 1914.

ANDRIEUS A. JONES,
 First Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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Nebraska Land Comp'y
J. C. McCorkle Manager
 Room 11, Land Office Building,
 Alliance, Nebraska

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