

## Agriculture

The agricultural department is divided into: (1) farming, (2) stock raising, and (3) landscaping work.

The plans are in line with the policies of the WRA which are:

1. To supply the needs of Poston with the products produced here.
2. To furnish other relocation centers with products they will need to buy with products which we can supply.
3. To furnish vegetables to the Army.
4. To sell to the public market any products surplus to our needs and not reserved to the above agencies.

A small acreage will be planted this year due to the equipment situation, and the operation of the farming program will be under the managed farm method; however, individual farm groups or community farming may get into it later. This fall, four or five hundred acres may be available for farming to which a greater part will be devoted to truck farming or vegetables. The more solid vegetables are grown here in the fall, winter and spring. Right now is the beginning of the planting season here and will continue until February. Such vegetables as carrots, cabbage, cauliflower, beets and the harder vegetables that can stand light frost will be planted. In the spring, the more succulent and tender vegetables are grown, such as tomatoes, peppers, okra, etc., also vine crops, such as cucumber, watermelons and cantaloupes.

The following list was made out by the WRA office in S.F. to feed a population of 20,000 for a period of one year:

Cabbage --	1,032,000 tons.
Carrots	792,000 tons.
Beets	177,600 tons
Potatoes	1,296,000 tons.
Dry Onions	864,000 tons.

The rate of production for all vegetables is from 4 to 25 tons per acre which will give one some idea of the area that will be planted with truck crops.

The nursery work in connection with vegetable gardening is quite an item. To produce plants from seed for field planting that will harvest these many tons of product will require the work of many people; then field crops of grains, hay, etc., will involve a vast amount of work such as preparing land for seeding, cultivating, watering and harvesting. Irrigation is another item of work which requires supervision of experts plus experienced workers. Their duty is to watch crop to determine when water is needed.

For the swine project approx. 100 acres of land is to be cleared where they expect to slaughter enough pork to meet the demands of the three camps. It was figured that six to seven thousand hogs will be consumed per year, each hog weighing 185 pounds. One important fact of the project is the utilization of the garbage of the three camps.

For the poultry division, area is being cleared for 80 acres for the chicken ranch. It is expected to furnish approx. 20,000 eggs a day for the three camps. To do this plans are being made to furnish

three to four thousand meat birds per month. To feed this flock of birds will require five tons of feed per day. Development will be greatly delayed before it will be operating at its full capacity due to the inability to get materials.

The area selected for the fish culture project has been cleared. Help will be needed from the engineering and subjugation division to help plan the pond and to lay out levees for the pond.

If conditions are favorable, a beef herd project will be established.

There will be an equipment maintenance crew to take care of the farm machinery, including servicing and repairing. It is also to have charge of farm transportation which in time will be quite an item delivering vegetables to the three camps, hauling them from the fields, etc.

Funds have been allotted for landscaping and they hope to landscape streets by planting trees, also round the public buildings. Eucalyptus trees, mulberry trees and others are expected to be planted before spring around the administration and other public buildings.

(Taken from memorandum to new Caucasian teachers published in Sept., 1942)

Agriculture:

CLIPPINGS FROM PRESS BULLETIN

<u>Date</u>	<u>Article</u>
Act. 3, 1942	<p><u>"Truck Crop Planting Schedule"</u> Thru courtesy of truck crop division planting schedule for various vegetables for month of Oct. released.</p>
Oct. 20, 1942	<p><u>"Action Advised for Agriculture by Mathiesen"</u></p> <p>Poston farmers and agriculturalists should stop talking and go into action in development of the project's contemplated 20,000 acre farm, because "war prices are high prices" declared Mathiesen, director of Agric. and Industry, speaking before a Sunday County Fair Audience of more than 4,000. In a clear statement of future operation of community farms, Mathiesen pointed out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Only thru a well organized over-all executive committee from all 3 units can we expect to have our most efficient farming operations.</li><li>2. After first 1,000 acre "managed farm" is developed there will be opportunity for families or groups of families to move to assigned farms where they can live and work as normal farmers. These farms will be from 5 to 10 miles away.</li><li>3. Efficient operation of farms and industry in Poston will produce a surplus which can be sold to other projects or upon the open market, and profits from these sales can be placed "in a trust fund to your credit."</li><li>4. Farming operations in Poston will include vast programs in vineyards, bee-keeping and production of honey, truck gardening, prod. of flowers, processing of both Japanese and American foods, livestock production consisting of flocks of 30,000 laying hens, herds of hogs possibly 2500 heads, a dairy herd with 300 to 1000 milking cows, beef cattle, prod. of field crops and forage, of guayule, rice, herbs and spices, mushroom, squabs and other possibilities.</li></ol>
Oct. 28, 1942	<p><u>"Ag. Dept. takes Initiative to Begin Planned Projects"</u></p> <p>Elaborate projects have been planned out by Agr. Dept. of three units. However whether these could be completed in successful fashion is dependent on the "arrival of proper equipment, supplies and materials". These were the opinions expressed in meeting held at Ad. Bldg, III Poston I on Oct. 26, with Frank Mizusawa, head of Farm Management presiding as chairman.</p> <p>Mathiesen, Ag. Dir., expressed his confidence that more equipment will arrive although it "may take time". It was also stressed that Dept. is very much interested in purchasing farm tractors, and tools from evacuees to solve problem of shortage. Renting of such items was also taken into consideration.</p> <p>Listed at top of proposed projects is Poultry Industry which requires about 50,000 chicks. This will provide</p>

Nov. 8, 1942

"Cucumbers on the Mess Tables"

More than 113 lugs of cucumbers were picked from the patch west of blk. 18 for kitchen distribution last Friday, the Truck Crop Div. declared yesterday. The planting in the experimental stage at present, was found very satisfactory and more are expected to be picked before the frost period arrives.

Daikon which is found along blk. 17 and 32 has also been harvested and passed to all the mess halls. While the crops appear "light" growth is still expected before the final harvest.

"LET'S NOT BE THAT WAY!"

PRESS BULLETIN  
Saturday, Nov. 14, 1942  
VOL. VII No. 5

The Truck Crop div., after a "fruitless" request to the public for their cooperation in not obtaining any vegetable grown on the fields located in the Fire Break areas between the blocks, today find themselves in a very difficult position in getting enough produce to meet the quota for each and all mess halls.

"We have asked the people to keep out of the vegetable patches, but it appears futile now since our request has been wholly ignored by some persons who insist on stealing them," related Harvey Suzuki, head of the Dept.

"It may be necessary to change our location, though at the present time the large site in the outskirts of the Center will not be ready for planting for a considerable time as yet.

"This leaves us no alternative but to produce vegetables where they are now found. But equal distribution from now on, to each mess hall, will largely depend on the attitude of the Community to cooperate.

"Let's be fair with everybody--since the loss of crop means the shortage in the kitchen," Mr. Suzuki concluded.

In the recent picking of cucumbers it was discovered only 200 lug boxes were filled, whereas the Div. expected at least a 1000 boxes from the patch.

MORE ONIONS MEAN "BAD BREATH"? BUT "SO WHAT!" WE ALL LIKE IT

PRESS BULLETIN

Nov. 13, 1942, Fri.

VOL. VII NO.4

Postonians can readily assure themselves of sufficient supply of onions as the Truck Crop Div. has planted additional acres of this spicy vegetable in the Rec. area opposite the General Hospital.

The variety planted is the dry onion which will be ready for harvest early next year. The new acreage of "onionization" covers approximately 5 acres according to their information.

TRUCK CROP DIV. REPORTS OF CABBAGES AND LETTUCE

PRESS BULLETIN

Tuesday, November 17, 1942

VOL. VII No. 7

The first thinning process was applied to the lettuce patch, located on the west side of the center, near Blk. 22, according to the Truck Crop Div. reports yesterday.

The "615" variety, which is expected to "do well" since the weather here is "Imperial Valley" type, will harvest in the early months of 1943.

The cabbage seedlings, previously raised in the lath house under the supervision of the Nursery Dept., is now being planted west of the Blk. 6. Under normal growth, these Copenhagen variety cabbages will be ready for harvest in Feb. Approximately three and a half acres are planted.

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The Poultry Division is collecting 200-300 eggs daily from the chicken farm. They are "pee-wee" size and are used by the hospital.

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The Camp II Japanese section of the Poston Chronicle reported that 64,600 pounds of casaba melons and 24,915 pounds of Honey Dews were harvested\* from their 80 acre farm. If they had not been affected by insects they would have gotten more, it reported.

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For the first time in about two months honey dews were distributed to the kitchens. It was reported that this was the first pickings of the initial autumn crop of casaba and honey dews from the 80 acre farm cultivated by the Camp II people near the Indian School.

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Nomura informed me also that the Engineering Department gave the contract of subjugating 600 acres of the land lying west of Unit I to a Caucasian contractor. The land is to be used for farming by the evacuees. The Indian Service had originally intended to employ the evacuee labor for the subjugation work but had realized that it was impossible to get the necessary labor supply from the Japanese on account of the resultant effect upon the labor pool of the WRA relocation program, which had been taking the young, able-bodied evacuees out of Poston. It was said that approximately \$1,000,000 of the Indian Service budget which had been allocated for the reclamation and subjugation remained unused at the end of last fiscal year. "Rupkey (the chief of the Engineering Department ) don't like to return any money to the Treasury. This time he is seeing to spending the money. He's got the contractor to do the work, because he can't depend on the evacuees," Nomura said.

*Farming*

The Hog Division announced in the Japanese section of the paper the following record of production: (from June 14 to September 10)

Month	Heads	Pounds
June	56	18,150
July	95	32,870
August	177	64,400
September	156	37,800
Total	484	153,220

On hand at present( in October) approx. 700 heads  
Expected increase " 400 "  
Expected purchase " 300 "

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The Agricultural Department made an urgent request for 30 farm workers. The department had made a similar request for 25 farm workers (Cf. December 17, page 1), but no one applied. The department personnel, this time, threatened that should they fail to get the workers they would "fold up" and quit the farm project.

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Nomura reported that Wade Head suggested to the Community Council yesterday to plan to raise cows on the project. Head also wanted to expand the agricultural program here. The Project Director stated that the sup-

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ply of meat to Poston can not be increased and <sup>it</sup> should be planned to produce *meat* on the project. The same situation exists in the vegetable supply. Nomura instructed the Committee on Agriculture -- Akiyama, Okabe, M. Okamoto, and Okawa -- to make a study of the agriculture in Unit I and assist the members of the Planning Board of the Community Council from Unit I --- T. Matsumoto, S. Okabe, and Thomas Masuda -- in their planning of agriculture for this unit.

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A few passages from a letter written by a Stanford graduate (Class of 1928 in Bacteriology) are reproduced below:

. . . Just received your letter the other other day. You see I moved out to Cleveland about a month after I got married so the letter must have travelled all around the camps. I know it went from Tule to Topaz and then here. . . .

First of all I should tell you a few things about myself and how I happened to be in Tule Lake. Like all Seattle Japanese I was evacuated to Puyallup assembly center on May 10, 1942. Until then I was in the wholesale florist business and was doing very well and I thought I was on my way to make that first million dollars. But of course things don't go that way and I lost everything I owned when I was evacuated. At Puyallup the food was so bad that I had to find a way of getting out. This I did after about two weeks in camp by volunteering to work at the Tule Lake Hospital. You may laugh at me but I became the head medical technician there and loafed my way through. At the hospital I met my wife who was a nurse at the Sutter General Hospital in Sacramento. We were married last August and before segregation we decided to move out to Cleveland. She is at present working

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Tule.

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at St. Vincent's Hospital and I'm a bacteriologist at the same place. We aren't making much but it's nice to be out and eat half way decently. I certainly wish that Dick could find something on the outside so you all can come out. Of course with children I can see that you will have difficulties but nevertheless I wish Dick would attempt to re-settle. . . .

The jobs are plentiful in Cleveland for it is a boom town but like all boom towns the cost of living is extremely high and housing is very bad. But as long as you are working you will be able to make ends meet. Generally speaking it is a mistake to think that you will make big money and be able to save. But there are opportunities for those who look for them. I am looking for some business out here but so far I haven't been successful. But in the meantime I have this job at the hospital and I'm not having such a difficult time. . . .

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8/14/43

## 1500 ACRES TO BE UNDER CULTIVATION OCTOBER 1

Poston has been producing a great deal more food than many of the people here realized, it was indicated by a report from the Agricultural Dept. Because some of the farm land is located at a distance from the center, people do not have the opportunity to see the progress that has been made.

Meanwhile the work of getting more land ready for irrigation and cultivation goes ahead. By the first of October it is hoped that there will be ready for use some 1500 acres. The present acreage of land in truck crop production is about 228 acres and 70 acres of field crops.

A total of 627 tons of vegetables were produced in Poston for the past four month period, according to the report of the agricultural department. In addition the poultry project delivered for use on the project 10,659 pounds of chicken fryers, and the hog project provided 12,922 pounds of pork. There were also 1184 pounds of edible pork products in addition to the meat delivered to the project mess division.

In the industries division more emphasis was placed on the production of food and less on the production of other articles. Some of the other articles were removed from the production list. For the four months period of April; May and June, tofu, moyashi, miso and miscellaneous food production from the industries division amounted to 142,757 pounds.

# FARM EXPANSION PLANS PROCEED <sup>4/18/43</sup> DESPITE DELAYS

By TAKEICHI KADANI

Recently held manpower conference in Unit 1 emerged with official statement that Poston agriculture under the present program cannot supply the subsistence needs for 16,000 people. In order to ameliorate the acute manpower shortage caused by influx of garnishing workers, leave clearance for outside employment; and Army enlistment, manpower commission was established as final conclusion to the two and a half days of conference.

Agriculture expansion in Poston relative to subjugation has progressed beyond expectation in view of the unfavorable conditions during the torrid period. "What has been accomplished as far as truck crops are concerned in subjugated areas to date, according to statistics, is below normal progress, mainly due to lack of water and grading by engineers. The failure in the two stages can only be recalled to the adverse conditions, namely, labor shortage and material.

With more than 700 acres subjugated the areas are now partially utilized by the poultry project located on an 80-acre site in Section 34, Township 8 North, Range 21 West, in Unit 1, where 6,000 chicks are being raised with anticipation of attaining the 30,000 goal as egg and meat needs of the Center, which has been estimated as one egg per person per days in addition to 5,000 meat birds per week. Under the present outlook this goal is underlined by the labor supply which is being curtailed continuously under the WRA resettlement program and Army enlistments. The

major project is under the supervision of Roy and Fred Kobayashi and Min Nitta.

## Slaughter House Ready

Hog project today is taking the spotlight in the agriculture program with meat shortage becoming acute. The project is currently raising 600 hogs for slaughter, some of which will be ready for consumption in the first part of April. With little meat expected from the steward's office in April the construction of the slaughter house is the most important phase of the meat supply. Currently every division of the Agriculture Department is assisting, including office workers and Issei advisors. Progress of construction so far is up to schedule with the boiler and slaughter chamber completed. Construction of the cooling compartment is underway, adjacent to the slaughter chamber, which is expected to require 1,000 pounds of ice daily. Water tower and pump for the well have been set up with the power lines yet to be completed. Two hundred feet square slaughter pen will be constructed west of the cooler as last unit completing the slaughter plant. The project is located on 160 acre site in Section 10, Township 7 North, Range 21 West, approximately midway between Units 1 and 2, with Bill Kobayashi as supervisor.

## City Acreage Used

Every available and suitable land within the city has been utilized by Truck Crop Division in an effort to augment the fresh vegetable supply. Harvesting of broccoli on recreation area 3A during the past few weeks have been normal with fair quality. Largest acreage of watermelons and cantaloupes, located on Indian Day School Lot, eight miles north of Unit 1, consisting of 40 acres and 4 acres on plot north of Lot FB 3A in Unit 1. Other vegetables planted are eggplants on Lot FB 1A and icicle radish and "gobo", north of Block 26. Vegetable plantings are scheduled in staggering program in order to avoid over-production of one variety, with 944,000 tons of vegetables to be produced as subsistence requirements, pending upon canal and manpower conditions.

## Plan Back Gardens

With limited amount of seeds available for planting the Nursery Department in full cooperation with Truck Crop Division stratified every suitable varieties of seeds to conserve maximum seed requirements. Currently, the department is growing 1,000 fig and 1,200 mulberry cuttings for beautification program, which is well underway. In addition to cuttings, 30,000 zinnias and marigolds are growing in flats ready for distribution to block gardens. The department, which is under the supervision of Harry Kikuchi, is now assisting the guayule rubber project in an effort to promote the much-needed product, which is expected to grow well in the desert climate.

## MORE PORKERS ARRIVE HERE

With the arrival of 556 hogs yesterday for the Ag. Dept., the dept. currently is caring for 910 hogs. The new arrivals included six boars. The average weight for the hogs in two groups were estimated at 75 to 125 lbs. each.

The hogs were purchased by the project from Santa Ana, California according to William Sharp, Ag. Administrator.

During the past

months the hog project under the supervision of Unit 1 Ag. Dept. with the cooperation of Unit 2 Industry Dept., as processing agent, distributed pork and other edible parts to the Center mess halls, it was disclosed.

The augmenting of the hog as future subsistence needs is another indication of the Center's continued existence despite the rumor existing relative to termination of the camp.

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## POSTON SUPPLIED LOCAL PORK

Due to a shortage of pork which was developed in many sections of the country, Poston will have to depend on its own pork supply during the months of August and September, according to chief Stewart C. E. Snelson.

The slaughter house is now equipped with an ammonia cooling plant so as to insure proper chilling of meat before being sent to subsistence reefers. The Subsistence was also fortunate in securing a reefer truck for transporting meat from the reefers to the kitchens.

Chief cooks should consult the menu when meat is delivered to their mess hall, as they may find themselves without meat for a longer period than usual.

Poston mess halls are now receiving fresh vegetables from Tule Lake, some of which are: string beans, lettuce, peas, spinach and nappa. If planting in Tule Lake is successful, daikon may soon be delivered here, Snelson stated. A shortage of eggs is expected during the coming months due to natural causes.

8/10/43

## Slaughter Plant *Industry* Under Operation

The much anticipated slaughter project was officially underway this week after several days of test operations, with three hogs slaughtered per day for the test operations.

Maximum capacity for the plant is expected about twenty-five hogs per day depending upon the crew, and currently under the supervision of the Unit 2 Industry Department. The raising and fattening of the hogs undertaken by the Unit I Hog Division.

The slaughter plant consists of several buildings which includes the pumping plant, slaughter compartment, processing and cooling sections, hot water boiling structure and the water tank tower. The project is located between Units 1 and 2, adjacent to the hog feeding grounds, bordering the main highway on section 10.

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7/14/43

GUAYULE  
PLANTING  
UNDERWAY

With the initial planting of guayule rubber plants unsuccessful, the Ag. Dept. is currently preparing the plot for another planting which is expected to get underway in a few days.

Although the first planting proved negative, the records obtained from the planting provided substantial accounts in promoting a more suitable methods adapted for this region.

Approximately 3 acres will be planted under the supervision of Tomonosuke Hirao, located near the Nursery Dept. adjacent to Blk. 6.

4/17/43

NEWELL SUPPLIES  
POSTON WITH  
VEGETABLES

The Subsistence Dept. has received from the Tule Lake Project, 6 carloads of mixed vegetables during August, with another 3 carloads due this week, according to the Chief Project Steward, C.E. Snellson. This shipment included 451 hampers of peas, 601 crates of spinach, 443 crates of lettuce and 322 crates of green onions.

In addition to the shipments from Tule Lake, 9 or more deliveries per month of fruits and vegetables from the QMC market center have been received and an extra carload of potatoes has been secured for Aug.

From Denver, Colorado, 7,200 lbs. of Canton Noodles is due soon with another shipment of 7,000 lbs. in Sept. It was also stated that Poston has been able to secure 2 shipments of fresh frozen fish per week and even Poston Pork has saved us from a severe meat shortage but with the arrival of a new stock of Pork supply, it is sure to be adequate.

JULY 30, 43.

PRODUCTION  
REPORT RELEASED

7/30/43

The Agriculture Department has been diligently working to produce vegetables for this center's consumption. The following production report was released by the department:

- Nappa--40,845 lbs.
- Italian Squash--18,537 lbs.
- Cucumber--8,652 lbs.
- Tomatoes--6,358 lbs.
- Watermelons--21,750 lbs.
- Honeydew--35,790 lbs.
- Eggplant--725 lbs.
- 2,700 lbs. of cantaloupes have been harvested by high school Future Farmers.

# Farm Figures Released by Ag Dept.

5/25/43

With the manpower mobilization rapidly reaching the stage where more definite steps in carrying on the project in the Center can be based upon, the Agriculture Department recently released their program in subsistence production. According to the figures released approximately 5940 acres must be under cultivation for the next season as subsistence needs

The acreage to be put under cultivation includes field crops for feed in maintaining the hog, poultry and dairy. Figuring on normal yields, a planting acreage of 3,800 acres will be required upon which to grow enough grain of all kinds to feed sufficient stock to produce meat birds, eggs, pork and milk for this project

The acreage allocated to various crops on the recent estimated program as follows: hog ranch (alfalfa pasture) 100, poultry project, 120; fish farm, 80; nurseries 40; truck crops, melons and green corn, 500; berries, 100; fruits and figs, 200; grain for swine, poultry, dairy 3800; pasture for 500 dairy cows, 500; hay for 500 dairy cows, 500.

The last of its capable members of the supervision category include: Bill, Roy and Fred Kobayashi, hog and poultry division, who left for employment on the Harold Ickes Ranch in Maryland . . . Joe Yoshimura and Jackson Fuji, seed division, to Iowa and Phoenix, respectively . . . Henry Sakemi, production manager, left for Wisconsin . . . Harvey Tanaka, produce inspector, for Phoenix . . . Harvey Suzuki, truck crop, left for Phoenix . . . Charles Onoye, Unit 2, department head, for Michigan . . . James Katayama, seed division, for resettlement in Phoenix

However, estimated production relative to actual cultivation agreed by the three unit agriculture departments, based on water available and the acreage graded to date has been set for 245 acres in addition to the 200 acres under cultivation today. The 245 acre land, located on Section 10, between Units 1 and 2 will be di-

## 242,224 POUNDS OF VEGETABLES GROWN BY AG.

11/24/43

A total of \$8266.68 worth of fresh produce were grown and delivered to the Subsistence Dept. by the Unit 1 Ag. Dept. during the period of Sept. 27 to Nov. 12, the department reported.

Vegetables harvested and delivered included: shiro-uri, 75,365 lbs.; nappa, 52,765 lbs.; eggplant, 46,075 lbs.; daikon, 57,531 lbs.; Armenian cukes, 7,450 lbs., and Sasage beans, 3,038 lbs. The total amount produced is reported to be 242,224 lbs.

In addition to the above items, 300,000 pounds or more vegetables such as sweet potatoes, broccoli, daikon, nappa, spinach, and peanuts are to be harvested before the end of the year.

Furthermore, to assure fresh vegetable supplies for the coming spring, seeding has been started.

verted mainly for truck crop under the combined supervision of all three unit departments.

## Unit 1 Ag. Dept. Delivers Vegetables to Subsistence Dept.

By Takeichi Kadani

During the month of May, 35,529 pounds of vegetables grown by the Agriculture Department were delivered to the subsistence department, according to the report issued. In addition to the vegetables, 1150 fowls were delivered, approximately 3450 pounds, to the mess halls for the same month, with 2,000 chicks received during the month.

Vegetables delivered were as follows: beans, 1130; beets, 13,915; carrots, 11,940; chard, 6,440; dry onions, 900; green onions, 1,240.

The hog project reported an increase of four litters born, numbering 15 pigs; mortalities for the month were 6 hogs, which leaves a balance of 603 hogs for the project.

## SHIPMENT OF CHECKS ARRIVE

Last week with the arrival of the shipment of 3700 chicks the poultry division of Unit 3 reveals that the total of 6500 chicks have been received to date.

The last shipment included 3000 Rhode Island red and 700 unsexed pullets.

One hundred chicken were issued to the hospital for consumption.

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# SONODA REPLACES

## MIZUSAWA AS AG. HEAD

With the resignation of Frank Mizusawa, dept. head, on July 6, Thomas Sonoda, formerly of Imperial Valley, was selected to fill the vacancy was announced at yesterday's meeting held at Rec. 37.

Frank Otsuka and M. Yano were selected by the dept. and approved by the project director as members of the executive board, who will assist Thomas Sonoda.

It was disclosed that every possible means of utilizing workers for the essential construction work in order to provide sufficient water to cultivate the subjugated area was discussed.

Frank Mizusawa, who has held the position as Supervisor of Agriculture of Unit 1, for the past fourteen months is contemplating for outside employment in the near future, it was disclosed by the dept. He is at the present time convalescing at the Poston General Hospital. Frank Mizusawa, formerly of Venice, where he attended Venice High, later attending the University of California, where he received his B.A. and B.S. degrees.

It was stated by Homer Mathiesen, Agr. Administrator, that Frank Mizusawa wishes to thank all the dept. heads for their untiring cooperation during his position in the office and request their continued cooperation to the new dept. head.

### Vegetable Production Figures Indicates Increase Needed

Under the most difficult conditions the Agriculture Department has struggled to produce sufficient food products for the project during the past year, with little result in mass production, held back by lack of water and supplies. The recent figures released by the department for the past four months indicated fair production with 525,039 pounds of vegetables harvested in addition to 259,000 pounds expected to be harvested during the season.

The production schedule released for the four months were as follows: January, 76,675; February, 82,255; March, 207,832; April, 158,277. The major crops harvested includes beets, broccoli, celery, cabbage, green onions, lettuce, swiss chard and radish, which were grown chiefly within

the city limits.

Total production for the past months revealed approximately nine per cent of the vegetable subsistence for the project, with 35 per cent as goal by the project as requirement. In order to offset the difference mass scale productions on large acreage outside the city limit is expected to be under cultivation in the near future, depending upon the main canal which is now under construction. With limited amount of equipment and not adapted for desert farming augments the factors in promoting agriculture under the proposed plan. Until procurement of supplies and materials becomes less difficult to secure the advancement of agriculture is expected to be limited to five hundred acres in truckcrop production.

## AG DEPT. TO BE STREAMLINED

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With the reorganization of Unit I Ag. Dept. completed, the three unit division heads and the executive board convened at Rec. 37, last Saturday afternoon in an effort to streamline the project.

The long considered "bottleneck" supply requisition was the main topic of discussion. In order to promote fair and equal distribution of supply and equipment the previous plan of 2-1-1 ration system was discarded, with the adoption of the new system of distribution according to acreage and in ratio to the amount of goods received.

It was disclosed by the Unit I that the present plan has an estimated acreage of 800 acres to be under cultivation in the near future which is located on Section 34 and 27. However the actual cultivation depends upon the completion of the main canal from the Rock Head Gate in Parker. The Unit 2 will maintain 200 acres as its share in truck crops on Section 15 and Indian Day School areas with Unit 3 undecided in cultivating Section 10.

JUNE 5, 1943

## 745# 01 NOVEMBER HARVESTED

Agriculture department under the supervision of S. Uota has been successfully operating its three divisions, namely production, poultry and nursery with 120 men earnestly working to provide vegetables and chickens for the people.

production division estimates the quantities of vegetables for the harvesting season as follows: 3 3/4 acre of squashes, 12,300 lbs. 1 acre of cucumbers 5,000 lb; 1 1/2 acre of nappas, 5,000 lbs, (picking started); 4 1/2 acre of tomatoes, 45,000 lbs (to be picked end of June); 4 acre of honeydews, 100,000 lbs; 4 acre of watermelons, 80,000 lbs and 2/3 acre of eggplants, 2,000 lbs (these three to be picked at end of July).

poultry division reports that 1,000 chickens, which are 3 lb. each at present will be ready around June 15 to be served on Unit III mess tables. 2,000 layers are expected to lay eggs in October. Additional 3,000 chickens, 1,000 layers and 2,000 meat birds have arrived which made it necessary to build a 18 x 84 chicken house adjoining the others.

Nursery division which have been beautifying this unit with flower beds are now concentrating on vegetable plants and seeds.