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CENSUS WILL SEEK

MANY FARM FACTS

Questions About Personal Affairs to Be Asked to Guide Government in Future

When the census enumerator comes around to the farm shortly after January 1 next year, he will ask some questions that may sound like prying into the purely personal affairs of the farmer. Now, the farmer, like every other self-respecting man, dislikes having his private affairs peeped into and, unless he thinks about this thing in advance, may have a disposition to be unresponsive if not actually resistant.

In actual fact, every question that the enumerator will ask is an essential question and has a direct bearing on the personal welfare and prosperity of the individual farmer as well as upon the advancement of the agriculture of the nation as a whole.

Farm Census in January
When the Bureau of the Census decided to take the farm census in January instead of in April, it did so upon the advice of the United States Department of Agriculture. The farmer is less likely to be very

busy in January than at the spring planting and breeding season, and his products and live stock are in better shape for statistical treatment. Also, every new question—and there are a number of them—inserted in the agricultural schedule was placed there after consultation with the Department of Agriculture and for the purpose of clearing up some specific situation in which the Department of Agriculture is trying to aid the farmer.

Here are some of the questions that will be asked: "Do you own all of this farm?" "Do you rent from others part but all of this farm?" "Do you rent from others all of this farm?" "If you rent all of this farm, what do you pay as rent?" "If you own all or part of this farm, was there any mortgage debt or other incumbrance on the land so owned on January 1, 1920?" "What was the total amount of debt or incumbrance on land on this farm owned by you, January 1, 1920?"

Statistics Will Show

"What the Sam Hill," you may inquire, "has the government got to do with how much money I owe on my land?" Well, two of the things to which the Department of Agriculture

has been giving deepest thought during the past several years are farm tenancy and rural credits. The past three censuses have shown an increase in the number of tenants. Alarmists have felt—and said—that the country is going to the bow-wows by the landlords' process. The Department of Agriculture, however, looked into the matter as well as it was able, and refused to be alarmed. Where it was able to make surveys it discovered that while the number of tenants 25 years old was greater in 1910 than in 1900 or 1890, the number of tenants 45 years old was considerably smaller in 1910 than in 1900 or 1890.

The inference is that tenancy is a step toward ownership, that the young fellow who becomes a tenant farmer, when he marries, say, is likely to be a farm owner before his first child is grown—the farm paid for and the money that used to go to pay off the mortgage available for sending the children to college.

Now, to the Department of Agriculture, that looks like a normal, healthy, and beneficial process. To just the extent that tenancy leads to farm ownership, it is a good thing for the country and for the individual.

Young Farmer To Be Helped
But it has not been possible to get a complete, nation-wide survey of the situation. The forthcoming census offers the opportunity for doing that. If every farmer will answer the enumerator's questions fully and fairly the Department of Agriculture will have the data from which to analyze the situation accurately and to determine what things can be done to best advantage to help the tenant in his aspiration to become a farm owner.

One of the directions that aid may take is encouragement of rural credit—finding all of the ways possible for helping the young farmer to get the money that he may need to borrow. It is necessary, therefore, to know what proportion of farmers who advance from tenants to owners have to borrow money to make the change, and how much, in proportion to total value of the farms bought, they have to borrow.

The road toward ownership does not necessarily start with tenancy. A great many farm owners were first farm hands, then tenants, then owners with a mortgage, then owners debt free. The census will show if the questions are answered fairly how many years, if any, the farmer worked for wages, how many years he was a tenant, and how many years he has been an owner. The Department of Agriculture will have the basic information it needs to help men to success in farm ownership.

To Promote Modern Farm Home
Here are some other questions that will be asked: "Has this farm a telephone?" "Is water piped into operator's house?" "Has the operator's house gas or electric gas?"

Now, that looks like an effort to find out whether or not the farm family has the modern home comforts—and it is just that, but it means something more than mere inquisitiveness. Several months ago, when the Bureau of Farm Management was in process of reorganization, the Secretary of Agriculture called a conference of heads of schools, social workers, and others from all over the country. When the people were assembled in Washington, he asked their opinion as to the most useful thing that could be done by the Office of Farm Management. For a whole day these people discussed the matter. Just before night, with a score of items on the ballot, they took a vote. The work of promoting the comfort and convenience of the farm home reviewed an overwhelming majority of the votes.

That, then, is one of the things that the Department of Agriculture is trying to do in aid of the farm population of this country. In order to do this work intelligently, the department needs as full information as possible of this country.

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