

College Farm

The college farm should be operated to provide food for college consumption, at least during the present emergency. This would:

1. give the students an opportunity to be of service
2. relieve pressure on the food market in certain items
3. help the college budget.

The plan would be to utilize volunteer student labor where ever possible; the present college faculty and staff for organizing, directing; and operating where ever necessary; and the present farm and college maintenance equipment.

Some of the possible projects are :

1. Enough potato culture, also carrots, beets, and parsnips, to supply the college for the non-productive months. This involves the provision of a suitable underground storage space.
2. Vegetable garden.
3. Fattening some pigs on college kitchen waste.
4. Fattening some beef type cattle. It seems unwise to attempt any dairying at the outset.
5. Fattening male poultry. Cockerals can be bought cheap, caponized and fattened on the range during the summer months. Simple range shelters are all that is needed.
6. Growing grain for feed. Rest of plant used too, of course.
7. The whole program of running the farm would be vastly more significant if we could provide a quick freezing and storage room for perishable food. In this way green vegetables and meat could be put away for future use. Such a program is proving to be economical in many farm communities and is superior to canning and dehydrating. Costs of such a unit are being investigated.

If the farm is to be operated this summer it is of utmost importance to order seed, fertilizer, and spray materials immediately, and to carefully inspect and recondition all equipment now.

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