



Farm Operators Are Covered By Social Security

Over three and a half million farm operators will be covered by social security after 1954 in much the same way as millions of self-employed urban business men are now. In the farmer's case, however there is a special provision which seems to make it easier for many farmers in computing their taxable earnings.

Some self-employed farm operators have low incomes, and they don't pay any income taxes on their earnings. Because they pay no income taxes, they have no need to keep records of their finances over the year. And since the self-employed report their earnings for social security purposes right along with their income tax reports, this became a big problem when coverage was extended to include the self-employed farm operators. In fact, it is one of the reasons why social security protection was not given them sooner.

The new Amendments seem to have solved this problem. For now there is a special way for

low income farm operators to report their yearly earnings for social security purposes. Here is the way it works:

A self-employed farm operator with a gross income of \$1,800 or less in a year who reports his income tax on a cash receipt and disbursements basis may choose one of these two methods of reporting his income for social security purposes:

1. He may report his actual Net Earnings, (or)

2. He may report 50 percent of his gross income.

The farm operator will earn his social security credits in the same manner as all self-employed men and women. Earnings of over \$400 and up to \$4,299 in a calendar year are to be reported for social security, and a three percent self-employed social security tax contribution will be paid on these earnings. The report and the taxes are due on the 1955 earnings, and they are to accompany the income-tax return which will be paid by April 15, 1956. The self-employed farm operator's social security number and net income for social security are placed on Schedule C-a of his Income-tax form 1040.

The social security number is important to the farm operator and to all employed and self-employed men and women whose work is covered by the old-age and survivors insurance program. It is the identification of a person's social security insurance program. It is the identification of a person's social security account, and it is the key to future benefits for old age or for the family in case the breadwinner should die. The farm operator will also keep a record of the social security number and the earnings of each of his farm employees. Beginning January 1, 1955, he will be obligated to make an employer social security tax contribution and keep a record of the wages of each of his employees to whom he pays \$100 or more about social security for the farm employee in my next article.

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The Low Down From Hickory Grove

Today I doff my fedora to Hoosierdom—Hoosierdom, the land of my father. And Indiana being the land in which my father chose to be born, I say, I look no further for a land of distinction. I'll tell you a little about what they have been up to in Indiana-land, and are getting away with it. It can be a lesson to 47 other states that should be sufficiently robust and prideful to refuse Govt. alms are not repaid via its tax bill next April 15 should contact a phenologist.

The idea in Indiana is that it can run its own affairs—knows its needs better—and do it for less money than can a far away Govt. that scatters its shots far and wide across our land.

Indianapolis has turned down a Federal grant for slum clearance—turned down a big flood control grant. No threat of any flood thereabouts, said Indianapolis. Statewide they are resisting Federal school construction aid—Federal aid to education—eliminating schools from the "free" school lunch gimmick. They look under the covers—these Hoosierdom folks—they see who is there—they are no green peas—they are equal to the task and they shoulder it. They hoe their own row—with pride—and with distinction—this land of my father.

Yours with the low down, JO CERRA

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Pfc. James Garber of Fort Lee, Va. is spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Garber, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kauffman called on Mrs. Sarah Horst at Lancaster on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mumper and daughter of Neffsville visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mumper Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Brinser of Middletown called on Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ney on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vogel and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vogel at Columbia on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mumper and Mr. and Mrs. John Bender called on Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neidigh at Campbellstown on Sunday.

High Quality Farm Products In Good Supply

Harrisburg — Many of Pennsylvania's high quality farm products will be in excellent supply and receive well-deserved attention from consumers during the month of October, according to K. R. Slamp, director of the Bureau of Markets, State Department of Agriculture.

Apples, beef, cheese, poultry and eggs head the list of foods that will be available in heavy quantities, Slamp said in reviewing food conditions for the month ahead.

October is Cheese Festival Month. A Nation-wide beef and vegetable campaign runs from Sept. 30 thru Oct. 9. National Apple Week starts Oct. 21 and extends through Saturday, Oct. 30 which is National Apple Day. National Honey Week is set for Oct. 25-30, he said.

Producers and distributors—including super markets and corner grocers—are planning to feature the various foods with emphasis on those that call for special promotional observance, Slamp explained.

"Supplies of apples will continue to increase each week during October," he said. "Fall vegetable supplies are ample. The seasonally large supplies of beef from grass cattle plus large numbers of fed cattle coming to market will result in a wide choice of beef with respect to both grade and cut.

"Milk and all other dairy products will be in excellent supply. Healthgiving properties will have special appeal now with children in school and colder weather coming on.

"Eggs of all sizes will be plentiful during the month with mediums in good supply. Restaurants and other food service establishments will be featuring eggs for the more substantial cool-weather breakfasts. Hen prices are at low levels and a good buy for economy-minded shoppers. Supplies should be heavy because farmers are selling their surplus birds. Turkeys are more plentiful than a year ago. Broilers and fryers will be most abundant."

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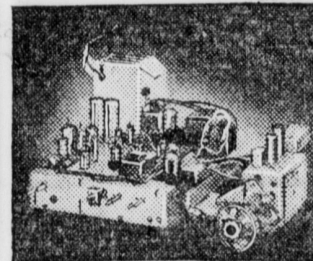
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