

**FINAL REPORT**

**Veteran Farm Cooperative  
Training Program Project**

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## INTRODUCTION

This Final Report is intended to provide a complete description of Whiting & Associates' activity relating to the continued development of the Veteran Cooperative Farm Management Program in Minnesota since December 1, 1972, to the present. The activities of Whiting & Associates during this period of time can be summarized as follows:

1. Research.
2. Promotion and public information.
3. Drafting "A Bill for An Act" and working with members of the State Legislature and staff to appropriate program funds.
4. Accumulate and record names of veteran farmers indicating an interest in the program.
5. Program development.

A detailed description of each phase of activity is included in the Report.

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Section I: Preliminary Research and Data Gathering.

Analysis of PL 92-540, "Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1972," and Rules and Regulations.

Determination of the changes in the Veteran Farm Cooperative Management Program and the veteran assistance benefits necessitated a complete review and analysis of PL 92-540. Contacts with the Veterans Administration indicated that new federal rules and regulations had not been prepared at the time the project began. As a result, the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and the Division of Vocational Technical Education had little knowledge of changes made in program structure or veterans benefits made by the enactment of PL 92-540 on October 24, 1972. Consequently, no changes had been made in rules and regulations or requirements for program approval at the state level. At the same time it was also determined that the state agencies already mentioned, as well as the staff of the Minnesota Department of Manpower Services, had no knowledge of the number or location of veteran farmers who would be eligible for the program under provisions of the new law or the existing law that preceded it.

Program Availability - December 1972:

A review of the 1973 State Plan for Vocational Technical Education indicated that there were 45 Veteran Farm Cooperative Management programs operating in Minnesota at the time the Minnesota Farmers Union entered into this project for a study of the demand for such programs and a concentrated effort to promote their continued development. These 45 programs had 1,033 veteran farmers enrolled in the locations indicated on Map I.

Identification of Program Potential:

The initial efforts to identify the number of veteran farmers in Minnesota consisted of contacts with the staff of the Division of Vocational Technical Education, State Department of Education and a review of information used by them. These efforts indicated that the DVTE did not have statewide data indicating the number or location of veteran farmers. Any additional program expansion and development from one year to another occurred as the result of (1) determining the percent of increase in budget that could be expected and the increase resulting in enrollments, or (2) assuming a flat increase in enrollment, i.e., 10%, and converting such an increase into a budget request. Planning and budget development for the 1973-74 school year (fiscal year 1974) had been completed by early in January, 1973. The Division of Vocational Technical Education had projected a 10% increase in Veteran Farm Cooperative Management enrollment, from 1,104 to 1,196, for fiscal year 1974. Table 1 indicates the relationship between existing and projected enrollments and budget provided by the Division.

Table 1

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Budget*</u>
1972-73	1,196	640,000
1973-74	1,311	645,000
1977-78	1,660	no projection

\*State and federal funds.

Source: Minnesota State Plan for Vocational Technical Education:  
Fiscal Year 1974.

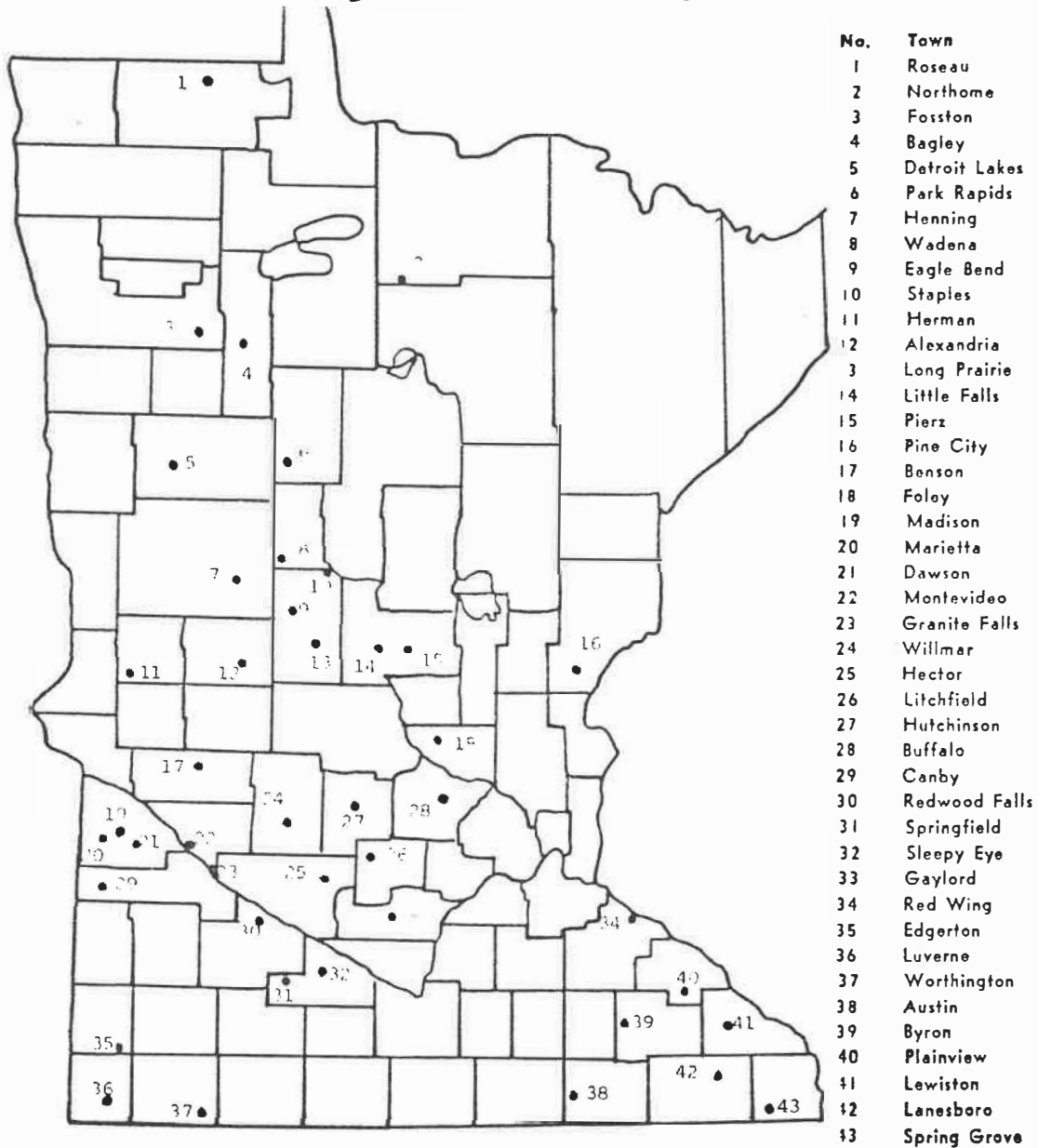
The main thrust of the research phase of the project centered on reviewing the 1970 Census data county by county to determine:

1. The approximate number for farm operators and managers.
2. The size of the work force.
3. The number of veterans (WWI, WWII, Korean & Vietnam).
4. An estimate of the number of veteran farmers.

A comparative analysis of this data and existing program enrollments was made to determine the degree to which current programs were meeting the estimated need. The results of this research and the comparative analysis were submitted to the Minnesota Farmers Union in early January, 1973. A copy of that report is attached. (Appendix 1)

Map 1

## Locations of Existing G.I. Farm Management Classes



Section II: Promotion and Public Information.

As a preliminary effort, meetings were held with a wide range of public officials concerned with veterans, education and agriculture. These meetings were held for two reasons:

1. To gather information and alert these officials to a need that was going unnoticed.
2. To develop support of all state and federal officials.

### Country Meetings

Seventeen winter conference meetings throughout the state with Farmers Union leaders were held to discuss and encourage educational leadership among farmers. These meetings were sponsored by the Minnesota Farmers Union. Appendix II contains a copy of the speech and the visuals that were used at these meetings.

Seven meetings were held with approximately 150 adult ag teachers, school administrators, county veteran service officers and others to discuss:

1. The new Veteran Farm Management Training laws and regulations.
2. The potential service to be rendered and economic benefits.
3. A plan for recruiting.
4. The need for assistance.

This series of meetings was completed on February 9, 1973.

Other meetings held were a series of information and progress reports to the ag coordinators and others assisting with the project.

### Publicity and News Articles

A brochure was developed and used for the country conferences. These brochures were then mailed in quantity to ag teachers, all veteran officers and many others for direct distribution to interested veteran farmers.

General publicity in the form of articles and news releases was as follows:

1. Eight news releases were submitted and printed in "Minnesota Agriculture." One final will follow.
2. One press conference was held on March 30, 1973, at

the Capitol to seek news information on the efforts to pass a Veterans Farm Management Training appropriations bill.

3. Several articles were published in local newspapers throughout the state. Recruitment ads were also used extensively.
4. Educational media carried articles regarding the subject.

Copies of the publicity collected follow. In addition, several articles were published in the following issues of Minnesota Agriculture:

1. January 4, 1973
2. January 11, 1973
3. January 18, 1973
4. February 15, 1973
5. March 15, 1973
6. April, 5, 1973
7. July 5, 1973

# NOW

# YOU CAN CATCH UP

WITH TIME AND OPPORTUNITIES

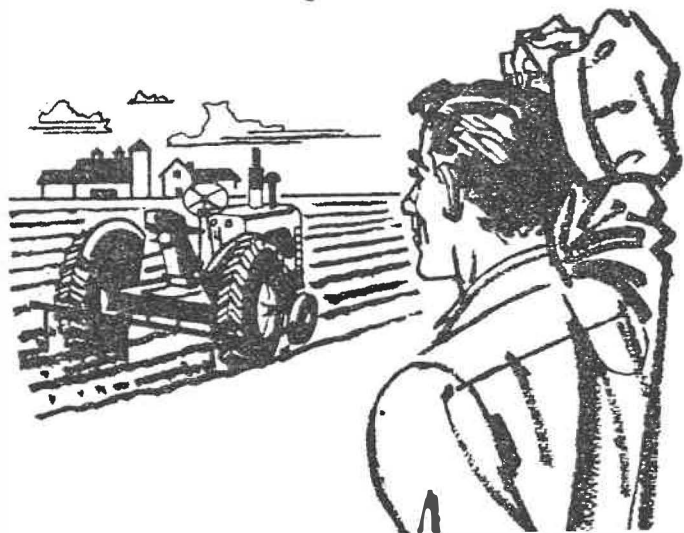
LOST DURING MILITARY SERVICE\*



**Minnesota  
Farmers Union**

JANUARY, 1973

# G.I. Farm Management Training



WILL PAY YOU

WHILE YOU IMPROVE

YOUR FARMING SKILL

AND YOUR FUTURE INCOME POTENTIAL

## \*WHAT THE G.I. BILL INTENDS

The purpose of the Veterans' Readjustment Benefits Act of 1966, as stated in section 1651, chapter 34, title 38, United States Code, follows:

"The Congress of the United States hereby declares that the education program created by this chapter is for the purpose of (1) enhancing and making more attractive service in the Armed Forces of the United States, (2) extending the benefits of a higher education to qualified and deserving young persons who might not otherwise be able to afford such an education, (3) providing vocational readjustment and restoring lost educational opportunities to those service men and women whose careers have been interrupted or impeded by reason of active duty after January 31, 1955, and (4) aiding such persons in attaining the vocational and educational status which they might normally have aspired to and obtained had they not served their country."

## G.I. Farm Training Program —

# What's In It For The Veteran

Now, the G.I. Farm Management training program can help you learn and earn while you farm. You can learn new farm management skills --- on the job --- and in class --- WHILE YOU FARM.

You can earn from \$2124.00 to \$3,504.00 per year or more in monthly subsistence allowances to cover your tuition and provide help towards meeting family living expenses.

## NOW Monthly Payment Schedule

	No Depend.		1 Depend.		2 Depend.		Additional for Ea. Dept. above 2	
	Was	Now	Was	Now	Was	Now	Was	Now
Full time	\$141	177	165	208	190	236	10	14
¾ time	101	133	119	156	138	177	7	11
Half time	67	89	79	104	92	118	4	7

FIGURE  
YOUR OWN

During 1973, the 1100 already enrolled in G.I. farm classes in Minnesota will draw about \$3,000,000 in subsistence payments.

## FUTURE

A "FAMILY FARM SUCCESS STUDY," has shown some remarkable gains as a result of programs such as the G.I. farm management training program. For example---

**FARM EARNINGS---**The study shows that for each \$1 spent in the program, the farm family earns \$4.20 in improved farm income.

**COMMUNITY BENEFITS---**For each \$1 invested in the farm management training, the community realizes \$9.00 in increased business activities.

**CAREERS ---**Persons who complete the farm management training tend to be successful in staying in farming. A survey has shown that 84% of those completing the training were still in farming ten years later.

**NET WORTH ---** The study shows that the farm management trainees who complete the three year program show an average improvement in family net worth of 58.7% during the three-year period.

# PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS AND CHANGES

- \* Monthly payments increased by 25.6%
- \* Classroom hour requirement reduced from 528 to 440 hours, plus greater flexibility in how these hours are computed.
- \* Increased hour credits to be earned in on-the-farm instruction and guidance.
- \* Increased hour allowances for field trips.
- \* More flexible "hour banking" arrangement so that you can attend more hours of classes during slow winter months or slack periods and can have more time for farming during peak farming activities.

## CLASS SUBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

### FARM MANAGEMENT

1. Setting goals and objectives.
2. Record keeping.
3. Economic principles affecting farm management decisions.

### ANIMAL SCIENCE

1. Animal care.
2. Breeding.
3. Productivity.

### FARM MECHANICS

1. Selection and maintenance of farm equipment.
2. Repair and service of farm equipment.

### SOILS AND AGRONOMY

1. Soil and its ability to produce.
2. Fertilizer use and chemical treatment.
3. Plant growth and productivity.

### AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

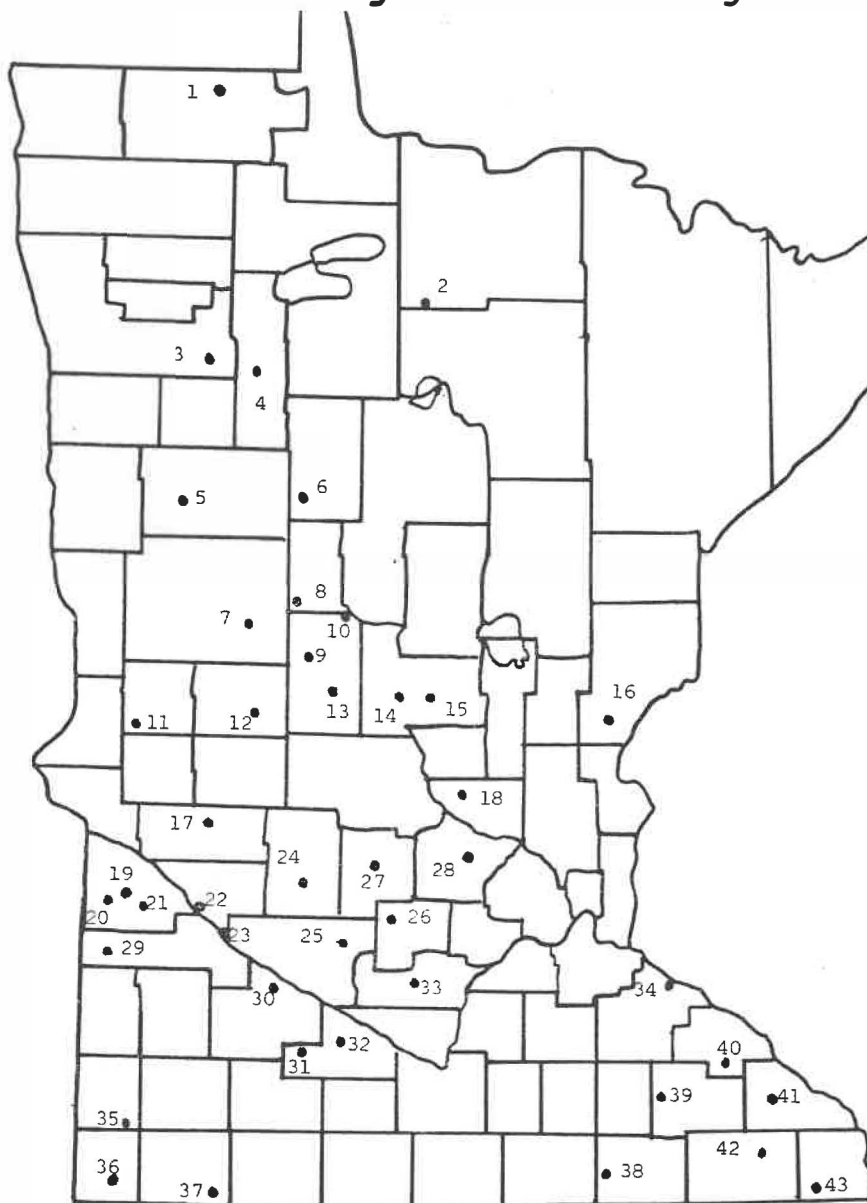
1. Financing of farm operations.
2. Marketing farm products.
3. Purchasing farm supplies.

### RELATED SUBJECTS

1. Factors affecting farm management and operations.
2. Application of course work to individual farm operations.
3. Tax accounting.
4. Computerized farm record analysis.

THIS IS A THREE-YEAR PROGRAM

# Locations of Existing G.I. Farm Management Classes



No.	Town
1	Roseau
2	Northome
3	Fosston
4	Bagley
5	Detroit Lakes
6	Park Rapids
7	Henning
8	Wadena
9	Eagle Bend
10	Staples
11	Herman
12	Alexandria
13	Long Prairie
14	Little Falls
15	Pierz
16	Pine City
17	Benson
18	Foley
19	Madison
20	Marietta
21	Dawson
22	Montevideo
23	Granite Falls
24	Willmar
25	Hector
26	Litchfield
27	Hutchinson
28	Buffalo
29	Canby
30	Redwood Falls
31	Springfield
32	Sleepy Eye
33	Gaylord
34	Red Wing
35	Edgerton
36	Luverne
37	Worthington
38	Austin
39	Byron
40	Plainview
41	Lewiston
42	Lanesboro
43	Spring Grove

## HOW TO ENROLL

In areas where a class already exists, check the instructor to see if there is room for you.

In other areas, check the county veterans service employment officer, local school officials or local agricultural instructors.

If unable to get information locally, use the accompanying coupon to if a class is being considered somewhere within a reasonable driving distance.

## Request for Information

**Minnesota Farmers Union**  
**1275 University Avenue**  
**St. Paul, Minn. 55104**

Please send me information about the G.I. farm management training program and the possibility of a class being formed in my area.

Name

Rt. & Box No.

Postoffice

State  Zip Code

Telephone: Area Code  Number

Farm Operator: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Years of Military Service:

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA -- Strong bi-partisan support was indicated here today for a bill providing additional state educational appropriations for veterans' programs under the G.I. Bill.

A House bill (H.F. 1565) has been introduced by State Representatives Carl Johnson (St. Peter), Wendell Erickson (Hills), Aubrey Dirlam (Redwood), Irvin Anderson (Intl. Falls), and Andrew Skaar (Thief River Falls). A Senate companion measure is to be introduced by State Senator Richard Fitzsimmons (Warren), Howard Olson (St. James) and Charles Berg (Chokio).

JOINT STATEMENT:

"The purpose of this bill is to assure that no Minnesotan is deprived of his educational eligibility because of the lack of programs for which the veteran is entitled to enroll and receive subsistence and other benefits.

"This 'Veterans on-the-farm Training Program' is similar to the one offered to World War II and Korean War veterans. It is a program which has been beneficial in upgrading the skills of farmers.

"Our bill proposes an appropriation of \$2.4 million for state participation in the Veteran Farm Management Training Program for the next two years.

"Currently, about 1,100 veterans are using their G.I. eligibility for farm training. As a result of a statewide survey and enrollment effort carried out by the Minnesota Farmers Union, over 2,000 more veterans are now on waiting lists at schools around the state.

"Many of these veterans will have their educational eligibility run out or shortened unless classes are established soon.

"There are about 12,000 returned servicemen from the Cold War era and from the Vietnam War who have come from farm backgrounds. About 10,000 of these men still have educational eligibility remaining.

March 30, 1973

"Our interest in this project is one which seeks to give our young men an opportunity for obtaining the management skills and technical training which are so necessary in modern day farming.

"No agricultural education program has a better record for retaining its graduates in agriculture as career farmers than does the G.I. farm training program. We look to this legislation as a way to give 3,000 more veterans this same opportunity.

"Much has been said about developing rural Minnesota, We have also seen proposals to build an outstate experimental city. However, if we are to save the family farm, we must retain our young people. This bill is aimed at doing just that, by giving them returning veterans the chance to stay on the farm and providing them with the education and training they need."

### Correspondence with Individual Veteran Farmers

About one-half of the veterans responding did so individually to the Minnesota Farmers Union.

A standard letter was mailed to each, providing special and specific information regarding the program and what steps the veteran should take to enroll in a class.

Continuous correspondence was exchanged with ag teachers, county agents, veteran service officers, ag coordinators and others.

Many Farmers Union county officers did a great deal of work in alerting veterans of the program.

A copy of the form letter sent to each veteran farmer follows.



# Minnesota Farmers Union

1275 UNIVERSITY AVENUE SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55104

Telephone 612 - 646 - 4861

March 27, 1973

The coupon informing us of your interest in the G.I. Farm Management Training Program has been received by our office. We are enclosing for your information a brochure explaining the basics of the program. We trust this information will be of help to you.

Your name, along with names of others from your general community, has been registered and will be submitted to the State Department for Vocational Education with a request that a class be established in your area.

In the meantime I would suggest you contact your county veterans service officer informing him of your interest. You may wish to suggest to him that he contact your local school superintendent encouraging him to start the program in your area.

We are confident that with you taking that kind of action in your community and the Minnesota Farmers Union working with the State Department to release program funding, we can serve the veteran farmers with this very valuable and useful program to which you are entitled.

We will be in touch with you at a later date regarding further enrollment possibilities.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph S. Whiting  
Adult Education Program  
Consultant for the  
Minnesota Farmers Union

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Utilization of Ag Teachers, Veteran Officers, etc.

Much of the publicity and promotion was handled through ag and Veterans Administration staff in each county.

1. We aided in providing news articles for local news media.
2. Advertisements were placed in local papers and radio.
3. Meetings of veterans were held throughout the state by a joint effort of ag teachers, county agents, and veteran service and employment officers.
4. These offices through the ag coordinators maintained a continuous flow of information to the veterans and to legislators.
5. Minnesota Vocational Agriculture Instructors Association and its Board provided the vehicle to maintain a constant flow of information to veterans and to intensify legislative interest.
6. The Adult Ag Section of the Division of Vocational Education also maintained a constant flow of publicity and other information to ag teachers and school administrators and others as well as provided assistance in maintaining contact with the legislature.

Section III: Bill Preparation and Lobbying.

## Bill Preparation and Introduction

During the week of March 13th a proposed "Bill for An Act" appropriating funds for the expansion of the Veteran Farm Cooperative Management Program was drafted. At the same time legislative contacts were made to solicit authors.

House authorship was found in Representatives Carl Johnson, Irvin Anderson, Andrew Skaar, Wendell Erickson and Aubrey Dirlam. Legislation was introduced as recommended by the Minnesota Farmers Union in the House on March 28, 1973 (H.F. 1565). Companion legislation was introduced in the Senate on April 2, 1973, by Senators Howard D. Olson, Richard Fitzsimons and Charles Berg.

A copy of H.F. 1565, as introduced, is included in the Appendices (Appendix III).

These bills, as introduced, contained two provisions. The first, Section 1, represented an overall policy commitment by the State of Minnesota to assure that no veteran would lose his earned educational benefits as the result of the failure of the State of Minnesota to provide him with adequate programs, either in quality or quantity. Section 2 of the bill authorized the appropriation of \$2.4 million for the biennium to accomplish the expansion of the Veteran Farm Cooperative Management Training Program, in particular.

## Legislative Progress

Once, having been introduced, both H.F. 1565 and S.F. 1699 were referred to the Education Committees of the House and Senate, respectively. H.F. 1565 was heard in the House Education Committee on March 20 and recommended to pass as amended and sent to the House Appropriations Committee. The amendment, proposed by Representative Salisbury Adams, and adopted, deleted Section 1 from the bill. In the Senate Education Committee the companion bill (S.F. 1699) was heard, recommended to pass as read, and sent to the Senate Finance Committee on April 16th.

Action in the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees proceeded at a much slower pace than in the respective Education Committees. Initial responses to contacts with the staff and members of these committees indicated that the bills would be scheduled for hearings as an automatic procedure. As the 1973 Legislative Session was entering its final weeks, contacts with committee staff, particularly in the Senate, began to reveal some questions regarding the amount to be appropriated. The figure of \$2.4 million was being questioned by Senate Finance staff from the point of view of determining the amount of funds that would be needed to actually reimburse programs during the 1973-75 biennium -- not the total amount incurred, but delayed reimbursement costs to be paid in 1976 for programs operating in 1975.

Having requested and received from the Division of Vocational Technical Education an estimated of \$2.4 million needed to operate programs for 3,000 additional veteran farmers, the ground for negotiation was to determine the amount needed for reimbursement during the biennium- At that time estimates of the number of veteran farmers expressing an interest in the program would range from 1,600 to 2,000 by the end of June, 1973. Based on those estimates, a letter was sent to each of the House and Senate authors proposing the following analysis of funding requirements for the biennium:

Programs to be financed for FY 1973 and reimbursed in FY 1974	- 6	\$66,000	150 students
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Programs to be financed for FY 1974 and reimbursed in FY 1975	- 66	\$726,000	1600 students
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Total needed for payments -- \$792,000

In view of administration's obvious overstatement of funds needed, it was also recommended to the authors that Section 1 of S.F. 1699 contain some language that would prevent future deficit spending. Both of the above state recommendations became amendments to S.F. 1699, and it passed out of Senate Finance on May 10, 1973. Senate File was read for the third time on May 12, 1973, passed by the Senate without a dissenting vote, and sent to the House.

Action on H.F. 1565 in the House Appropriations Committee was being held pending the receipt of the Senate bill. S.F. 1699 was received, substituted, and recommended to pass by House Appropriations on May 15, 1973. House action came on May 17, 1973, also without a dissenting vote.

Appendix IV contains a copy of S.F. 1699 as passed by both the Senate and House and signed by the Governor.

Section IV: Documentation of Veteran Farmers Interest.

During the period from January 1, 1973, through June 14, 1973, the names of 2013 veteran farmers were received and logged. These names were used to create a statewide waiting list. A copy of this waiting list will be provided to you under separate cover. These names were provided to Whiting & Associates from the following sources:

1. Individual farmers who returned the information clipping that was published weekly in "Minnesota Agriculture."
2. Veterans service officers who supplied names of farmers in their area who were eligible.
3. Presidents of Farmers Union locals.
4. School representatives (superintendents, vocational agriculture instructors and vocational directors).
5. Individuals hearing about the program and writing for information on behalf of someone else.

Table 2 represents a summary of the veteran farmers who indicated an interest in the Cooperative Farm Management Program as of June 14, 1973.

Table 2			
<u>County</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Number</u>	
Aitkin		2	
	Palisade		2
Becker		16	
	Calloway		1
	Detroit Lakes		5
	Frazee		5
	Lake Park		1
	Ogema		1
	Pansford		2
	Rochert		1
Beltrami		3	
	Pinewood		1
	Solway		2
Benton		3	
	Foley		2
	Sauk Rapids		1
Big Stone		7	
	Clinton		1
	Graceville		4

Big Stone (Cont.)	Johnson	2	2
Blue Earth	Amboy	6	1
	Lake Crystal		1
	Madison Lake		3
	Mankato		1
Brown	Comfrey	40	6
	Sleepy Eye		20
	Springfield		14
Carlton	Barnum	13	2
	Kettle River		7
	Moose Lake		4
Cass	Leader	6	1
	Pillager		3
	Pine River		2
Carver	Cologne	5	1
	Norwood		2
	Watertown		2
Chippewa	Clara City	42	9
	Granite Falls		7
	Maynard		7
	Milan		1
	Montevideo		18
Chisago	Lindstrom	3	3
	Rush City		1
			2
Clay	Barnsville	1	1
Clearwater	Bagley	24	14
	Clearbrook		2
	Ebro		1
	Gonvick		2
	Leonard		2
	Shevlen		3
Cottonwood	Bingham Lake	44	2
	Jeffers		2
	Mountain Lake		4

Cottonwood (Cont.)	Storden	3
	Westbrook	28
	Windom	5
Crow Wing	12	
	Brainerd	6
	Fort Ripley	1
	Pegquot Lakes	5
Dodge	15	
	Dodge Center	2
	Claremont	7
	Hayfield	3
	Kasson	2
	West Concord	1
Douglas	50	
	Alexandria	12
	Brandon	2
	Carlos	7
	Evansville	16
	Garfield	3
	Holmes City	1
	Kensington	1
	Miltona	2
	Osakis	6
Faribault	2	
	Bricelyn	1
	Guckeen	1
Fillmore	72	
	Canton	4
	Fountain	7
	Harmony	9
	Lanesboro	7
	Mabel	6
	Peterson	1
	Preston	17
	Rushford	6
	Spring Valley	7
	Whalen	2
	Wykoff	6
Freeborn	6	
	Hartland	4
	Oakland	2
Goodhue	28	
	Cannon Falls	3
	Goodhue	4
	Pine Island	5
	Red Wing	6
	Wannamingo	3
	Welch	5

Goodhue	Zumbrota		5
Grant		16	8
	Ashley		3
	Barrett		2
	Elbow Lake		3
	Herman		
Houston		68	
	Brownsville		2
	Caledonia		28
	Hokah		5
	Houston		20
	La Crescent		6
	Spring Grove		7
Hubbard		8	
	Akeley		2
	Lake George		1
	LaPorte		1
	Nevis		1
	Park Rapids		3
Isanti		2	
	Braham	1	1
	Dalbo	1	1
Jackson		19	
	Alpha		4
	Heron Lake		2
	Jackson		5
	Lakefield		7
	Okabena		1
Kanabec		2	
	Mora		
Kandiyohi		13	
	Atwater		1
	Lake Lillian		1
	Raymond		1
	Regal		3
	Willmar		7
Kittson		58	
	Hallock		7
	Halma		2
	Humboldt		2
	Karlstad		4
	Kennedy		6
	Lake Bronson		12
	Lancaster		22
	Orleans		3

Lac Qui Parle	59	
	Bellingham	20
	Boyd	2
	Clarkfield	1
	Dawson	3
	Madison	22
	Marietta	7
	Nassau	4
Lake Of The Woods	25	
	Baudette	16
	Graceton	1
	Pitt	3
	Williams	5
Le Sueur	40	
	Cleveland	1
	Elysian	2
	Kilkenny	4
	Le Center	6
	Le Sueur	11
	Montgomery	2
	New Prague	8
	Waterville	6
Lincoln	17	
	Arco	3
	Ivanhoe	4
	Lake Benton	5
	Tyler	2
	Verdi	3
Lyon	45	
	Amiret	4
	Balaton	5
	Cottonwood	2
	Gavin	5
	Minneota	7
	Russell	6
	Taunton	3
	Tracy	13
McLeod	30	
	Brownton	4
	Glencoe	3
	Hutchinson	5
	Plato	2
	Lester Prairie	2
	Silver Lake	5
	Stewart	8
	Winsted	1

Mahnomen	23	
		3
		10
		10
Marshall	72	
		15
		9
		4
		12
		8
		4
		2
		18
Martin	28	
		2
		2
		7
		4
		1
		2
		4
		3
		3
Meeker	19	
		1
		3
		1
		4
		3
		7
Morrison	40	
		1
		1
		2
		11
		3
		9
		1
		6
		6
Mower	8	
		3
		2
		2
		1

Murray	46	
		4
		5
		9
		7
		2
		1
		5
		7
		6
Nicollet	3	
		1
		1
		1
Nobles	46	
		1
		2
		4
		3
		2
		6
		3
		8
		17
Norman	41	
		10
		1
		8
		2
		16
		4
Olmstead	19	
		4
		9
		2
		2
		2
Ottertail	107	
		2
		3
		1
		3
		3
		9
		2
		2
		8

Ottertail (Cont.)

	New York Mills	10
	Ottertail	4
	Parkers Prairie	5
	Pelican Rapids	3
	Perham	3
	Fergus Falls	40
	Richville	1
	Underwood	1
	Vergas	2
	Urbank	3
	Vining	2
Pennington		20
	Goodridge	11
	St. Hilaire	1
	Thief River Falls	8
Pine		15
	Askov	3
	Brook Park	2
	Finlayson	1
	Pine City	1
	Sandstone	3
	Sturgeon Lake	3
	Willow River	2
Pipestone		26
	Edgerton	3
	Holland	2
	Jasper	1
	Pipestone	10
	Ruthton	5
	Woodstock	5
Pope		16
	Glenwood	4
	Lowry	5
	Starbuck	3
	Villard	3
	Sedan	1
Red Lake		12
	Brooks	2
	Oklee	7
	Plummer	2
	Red Lake Falls	1
Redwood		24
	Clements	1
	Lamberton	3
	Lucan	2
	Morgan	1
	North Redwood	2
	Sandborn	5
	Seaforth	1
	Vesta	2

Redwood (Cont.)		1
	Wabasso	6
	Walnut Grove	
Renville		32
	Buffalo Lake	3
	Danube	1
	Fairfax	2
	Hector	2
	Olivia	2
	Renville	18
	Sacred Heart	4
Rice		3
	Lonsdale	
	Northfield	2
		1
Rock		24
	Beaver Creek	4
	Hardwick	1
	Hills	6
	Luverne	12
	Steen	1
Roseau		37
	Badger	2
	Greenbush	10
	Pencer	2
	Roosevelt	4
	Roseau	4
	Ross	1
	Strathcona	1
	Warroad	11
	Wannaska	
	Salol	1
		12
St. Louis		1
	Sedan	1
Scott		10
	Belle Plaine	4
	Jordan	3
	Prior Lake	2
	Shakopee	1
Sibley		27
	Arlington	6
	Gaylord	4
	Gibbon	6
	Green Isle	2
	Henderson	7
	Winthrop	2

Stearns	90	
	Albany	1
	Belgrade	5
	Brooten	14
	Cold Spring	7
	Freeport	2
	Kimball	13
	Melrose	2
	Paynesville	18
	Sauk Centre	3
		30
Steele	67	
	Bixby	1
	Blooming Prairie	8
	Ellendale	9
	Hope	1
	Medford	6
	Owatonna	42
Stevens	30	
	Alberta	4
	Chokio	16
	Donnelly	1
	Hancock	1
	Morris	8
Swift	14	
	Benson	8
	DeGraff	1
	Holloway	1
	Kerkhavan	1
	Murdock	2
	Danvers	1
Todd	85	
	Bertha	12
	Browerville	9
	Burtrum	4
	Clarissa	7
	Eagle Bend	10
	Grey Eagle	2
	Hewitt	6
	Long Prairie	18
	Rose City	1
	Staples	13
	West Union	1
Traverse	5	
	Browns Valley	1
	Wheaton	4



Wabasha	21	
Elgin		5
Kellogg		2
Lake City		3
Mazeppa		5
Millville		1
Minneiska		1
Theilman		1
Wabasha		2
Plainview		1
Wadena	58	
Aldrich		3
Menasha		18
Sebeka		18
Verndale		11
Wadena		8
Waseca	15	
New Richland		12
Waseca		3
Watsonwan	29	
Butterfield		3
Lewisville		3
Madelia		6
Odin		1
St. James		16
Wilken	6	
Breckenridge		1
Nashua		2
Rothsay		3
Winona	10	
Altura		1
Lewiston		2
Winona		2
Utica		1
St. Charles		4
Wright	14	
Annandale		2
Buffalo		1
Cokato		2
Delano		1
Howard Lake		2
Maple Lake		3
Waverly		1

Yellow Medicine

38

Canby	13
Clarkfield	2
Echo	2
Hanley Falls	8
Hazel Run	2
Porter	2
St. Leo	1
Wood Lake	8

Iowa

18

Decorah	1
Dorchester	3
New Alben	2
Spirit Lake	2
Sibley	1
Chester	3
Lime Spring	4
Lake Park	2

South Dakota

Renville	5
Gary	3
Big Stone	1
Ward	2
Trent	1
Sherman	2
Baltic	2
Valley Springs	1

North Dakota

East Drayton	1
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Wisconsin

Ellsworth	1
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GRAND TOTAL  
2013

Section V: Program Development.

### Modifications in Existing Programs

Prior to the action of the 1973 Legislature relating to the Veterans Cooperative Farm Management Program, several modifications in the existing programming were negotiated to facilitate those veteran farmers desiring to enroll. The most significant change was the increase in the maximum enrollment per class from 23 to 25 students. One benefit of this change is the obvious ability to serve more students with little change in the total budget. More importantly, however, for individual veteran farmers is that it creates an environment whereby one or two veterans who would otherwise be placed on a waiting list may be enrolled. This is significant in many locations in the state where the waiting list is not large enough to accomodate a new class or the addition of a class in a community that already has one.

During the course of this project three programs were approved and actually started holding classes. These programs are at Marietta, Red Wing and Benson. The impetus for these programs being requested was the publicity given by the Minnesota Farmers Union.

### Waiting List Disposition

The statewide waiting list was analyzed to determine recommended class locations. Based on the geographic concentration of the names listed, Whiting & Associates recommended to the Division of Vocational Technical Education that the establishment of 87 classes in 84 locations would be necessary to accomodate those veteran farmers that had indicated an interest in the program. A listing of the class locations follows.

#### Recommended Class Locations:

- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Baudette           | 19. Fergus Falls   |
| 2. Warroad            | 20. Fergus Falls   |
| 3. Greenbush          | 21. Henning        |
| 4. Lake Bronson       | 22. New York Mills |
| 5. Lancaster          | 23. Sebeka         |
| 6. Gatzke             | 24. Staples        |
| 7. Newfolden          | 25. Brainerd       |
| 8. Argyle             | 26. Elbow Lake     |
| 9. Angus              | 27. Evansville     |
| 10. Thief River Falls | 28. Alexandria     |
| 11. Red Lake Falls    | 29. Eagle Bend     |
| 12. Climax            | 30. Long Prairie   |
| 13. Fosston           | 31. Little Falls   |
| 14. Bagley            | 32. Pierz          |
| 15. Bemidji           | 33. Moose Lake     |
| 16. Ada               | 34. Sandstone      |
| 16a. Mahnomen         | 35. Braham         |
| 17. Park Rapids       | 36. Albany         |
| 18. Detroit Lakes     | 37. Sauk Centre    |

38. Melrose  
39. Belgrade  
40. Starbuck  
41. Chokio  
42. Graceville  
43. Bellingham  
44. Madison  
45. Benson  
46. Montevideo  
47. Clara City  
48. Litchfield  
49. Canby  
50. Lake Benton  
51. Hanley Falls  
52. Marshall  
53. Danube  
54. Hector  
55. Glencoe  
56. Lamberton  
57. Wabasso  
58. Sleepy Eye  
59. Holland  
60. Pipestone  
61. Beaver Creek

62. Adrian  
63. Worthington  
64. Slayton  
65. Westbrook  
66. Mountain Lake  
67. Jackson  
68. St. James  
69. Fairmont  
70. Mankato  
71. Gaylord  
72. New Richland  
73. Waterville  
74. LeCenter  
75. Goodhue  
76. Owatonna  
77. Owatonna  
78. Kasson  
79. Plainview  
80. St. Charles  
81. Caledonia  
82. Caledonia  
83. Houston  
84. Canton  
85. Preston  
86. Lanesboro

Total 84 locations - maximum enrollment -- 2,375  
87 classes

The recommendation for classes at Bemidji and Lanesboro were made pending additional recruitment efforts in those communities. The waiting list indicated a number of interested veteran farmers but not in sufficient quantity to start a class. Whiting & Associates has received indications from those communities that they would be able to recruit the 18 necessary to start a class. These recommendations are based on that information.

Parallel to the development of these recommendations, the Division of Vocational Technical Education reviewed the existing programs to determine the location of classes in the state that would graduate students during the biennium. Table 3 indicates these locations and the time that these classes may be open to new enrollment or transferred to a new location where a waiting list continues to exist.

Table 3

<u>Community</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>
Staples	July, 1973	25
Little Falls	July, 1973	25
Lanesboro	September, 1973	25
Canby	November, 1973	25
Granite Falls	November, 1973	25
Austin	January, 1974	25
Buffalo	January, 1974	25
Sleepy Eye	March, 1974	25
Redwood Falls	April, 1974	25
Wadena	April, 1974	25
Willmar	May, 1974	25

### Program Development

The Division of Vocational Technical Education will act as the coordinator of all activities necessary to develop and implement the 87 programs recommended. The procedure to be used by the Division and the regional Agricultural Program Coordinators is described in the following letter from Mr. Odell T. Barduson dated June 18, 1973. As it is indicated in Mr. Barduson's letter, a second waiting list is being developed. This list will be maintained and utilized in the same manner as the first list has been.

On June 12, 1973, 32 new classes were approved by the Division of Vocational Technical Education to start programs on July 1, 1973. A complete list of these class locations follows.

Ada	Jackson
Angus	Lancaster
Argyle	LeCenter
Barnum	Melrose
Baudette	Owatonna
Belgrade	Pipestone
Bellingham	Preston
Caledonia	St. James
Chokio-Alberta	Sauk Centre
Clarkfield	Sebeka
Climax	Slayton
Danube	Staples
Elbow Lake	Tracy
Evansville	Tyler
Fergus Falls	Waterville
Glencoe	Westbrook

Each of these classes was approved for 25 students.

Since June 14, 1973, Tracy and Worthington have been approved for a class of 25 in each location. Approval of approximately 40 additional class locations is pending.

## Office Memorandum

DEPARTMENT Education

TO : Agriculture Program Coordinators

DATE: June 18, 1973

FROM : Odell T. Barduson - Adult Supervisor, Agriculture Education

SUBJECT: Contacting & Programming Veterans Cooperative Farm Management Programs.  
(2nd phase)

1. 1358 Veterans are now in a farm management training program. (1200 in school)  
(158 completed)
2. 32 schools were authorized to start programs on June 14, 1973. This will serve 800 veterans. (1st phase of Senate File 1699 & H.F. 1565.)
3. This leaves us the task of contacting and recording the wishes of 1201 Veterans who have indicated a desire for farm management training.
4. As per our coordinators meeting on June 12, 1973, I am sending you the names of the veterans in your coordinator area. Thus, each of you will have the responsibility to contact the 32 schools and subtract the names there from your list first and then proceed to contact each veteran through the Vo-Ag teachers, county service officers, or a letter to enable you to make a notation of date contacted and the response of each veteran behind his name on your list of veterans. Please return this list of veterans names with proper notations made to me by July 10, 1973. Be sure to zerox a list of names for your own copy.  
In this manner, we will have the answers for our legislators concerning the wishes of each veteran.
5. Be sure to check the veterans with loss of entitlement first.
6. The next step is programming. You have the list of 86 possible sites that Ralph and I have projected. I would like to have each of you analyze your map of home locations of each veteran and then meet with the people in your area and make a tentative proposal for future programs.
7. As soon as you have a tentative proposal of programming for your coordinator area; please contact me and we will make the final determination together and authorize further funding from S.F. 1699 and H.F. 1565.
8. A second list of veterans names desiring farm management training was started on June 12, 1973. Be sure to keep this list of names, separate so they may be recorded on a map and a home address and separation date list can be made and added to our original list.
9. I realize this is work beyond your normal heavy work load. Each veteran will be indebted to you for your unselfish dedication to his needs and Vocational Education. Thank you.

OTB:bes

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Section VI: Recommendations.

## Results

The goal of adding 1,500 farmer veterans to the enrollment in Veteran Cooperative Farm Management Training programs by fall of 1973 was established at the outset of this effort. A long term goal of locating and placing 6,000 veterans in these programs over the next two year period was also established. As of June 15, 1973, 2013 veterans have requested an opportunity for participation. The Minnesota State Legislature appropriated the sum of \$792,000 for the 1973-75 biennium for the purpose of establishing 66 new classes as a result of the efforts by and on behalf of the Minnesota Farmers Union.

The impact of these accomplishments on the veterans benefits payments to students is as follows:

December 1, 1972 --

Forty-five classes of 23 each existed providing 1,035 farmers with training and benefits. Subsistence income at an average of \$3,000 per year per veteran.

Annual income to state farmers - \$3,105,000.

January 1, 1973 --

Three new classes were added of 23 veterans each. Subsistence income at an average of \$3,000 per year per veteran for 69 additional farmers.

Annual added income to state farmers - \$69,000.

June 15, 1973 --

Class size was increased from 23 to 25 veterans per class in all 48 classes. This added 96 veterans to the program. Subsistence income at an average of \$3,000 per year per veteran.

Added annual income to state farmers - \$288,000.

July 2, 1973 --

Thirty-four new classes of 25 veteran farmers each approved and/or started, adding 850 more veteran farmers. Subsistence income at an average of \$3,000 per veteran per year.

Added annual income to state farmers - \$2,550,000.

The total increase in veteran subsistence benefits to Minnesota veteran farmers to date is \$2,907,000. This increase is a direct result of Minnesota Farmers Union efforts.

Approval of the 42 additional classes recommended is pending. These classes would add 1,040 new veteran farmers, and the resulting state farm income would increase by \$3,120,000.

The total impact of the Minnesota Farmers Union effort will add over \$6,027,000 to the income of Minnesota's veteran farmers.

### Recommendations

This report and the list of veterans and new classes, as well as old class locations, are being provided as a background for followup. It is recommended that the following steps be taken to assure the results aimed for are accomplished:

1. Receive from the Division of Vocational Technical Education starting dates of all new programs.
  - a. Contact the instructor and meet with the class.
  - b. Publicize all new classes via Minnesota Agriculture, Farmers Union Herald, others when possible.
  - c. Use coupon or other means to encourage continued enrollment requests. (Submit requests to Odell Barduson, State Department of Education, Division of Vocational Technical Education.)

Note: Continued publicity and encouragement to the veteran farmer to request enrollment is essential to the goals of the Minnesota Farmers Union.

2. Meet with and encourage coop specialists to meet with all veteran classes on subjects of class interest.
3. Develop and carry out field trip bus tours with each class.
  - a. Publicize.
  - b. Plan bus tours with "before" instruction and "after" followup.
4. Maintain liaison with Division of Vocational Technical Education (Odell Barduson and Dave McCollugh).
  - a. Check on commitment to set up classes.
  - b. Check on "new list" - update current list.
  - c. Evaluate effort.

5. Do legislative followup work as necessary.

Encourage, through publicity, member activity, correspondence with instructors, meetings with veterans groups, continued enrollment and recruiting activity -- to provide opportunity for all eligible farmers to enroll. Follow up with State Department action to provide for new requests for classes.

Appendices:

- I. Veteran Farm Cooperative Training Program Needs Analysis.
- II. Winter Conference Speech and Visuals.
- III. House File 1565 as introduced.
- IV. Senate File 1699 as passed by the Senate and House and signed into law.

Veteran Farm Cooperative  
Training Program  
Needs Analysis

By: Minnesota Farmers Union  
January 1, 1973

Data Compiled by:  
Ralph S. Whiting and Associates  
January 1, 1973

FOREWARD: This study was prompted by needs of veteran farmers being expressed to the Minnesota Farmers Union. These needs were expressed by veterans who did not have the opportunity to use the program due to the absence of programs in their geographic areas, long waiting lists in some areas, and other expressed in-adequacies, as well as a continuous interest of Minnesota Farmers Union in improving the educational resources available for farmers and their families.

The recent enactment of Public Law 92-540--Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1972--was largely a result of the efforts of National Farmers Union and Minnesota Farmers Union working aggressively and in concert with the Veterans Administration and the Minnesota Division of Vocational-Technical Education. The improvements in this law are also a strong factor in the concerns of Minnesota Farmers Union in following through on previous work in an effort to improve the ability of the State of Minnesota to make the provisions and programs, supported by the law more readily available to all of the veterans in Minnesota.

Though the study is aimed primarily at activity and needs assessment of the veteran and existing veteran farm management programs, we have included an assessment study of Adult Farm Management programs and Agri-business programs. The action portion of the study will be coupled with the Winter Conferences held during the months of January and February of 1973.

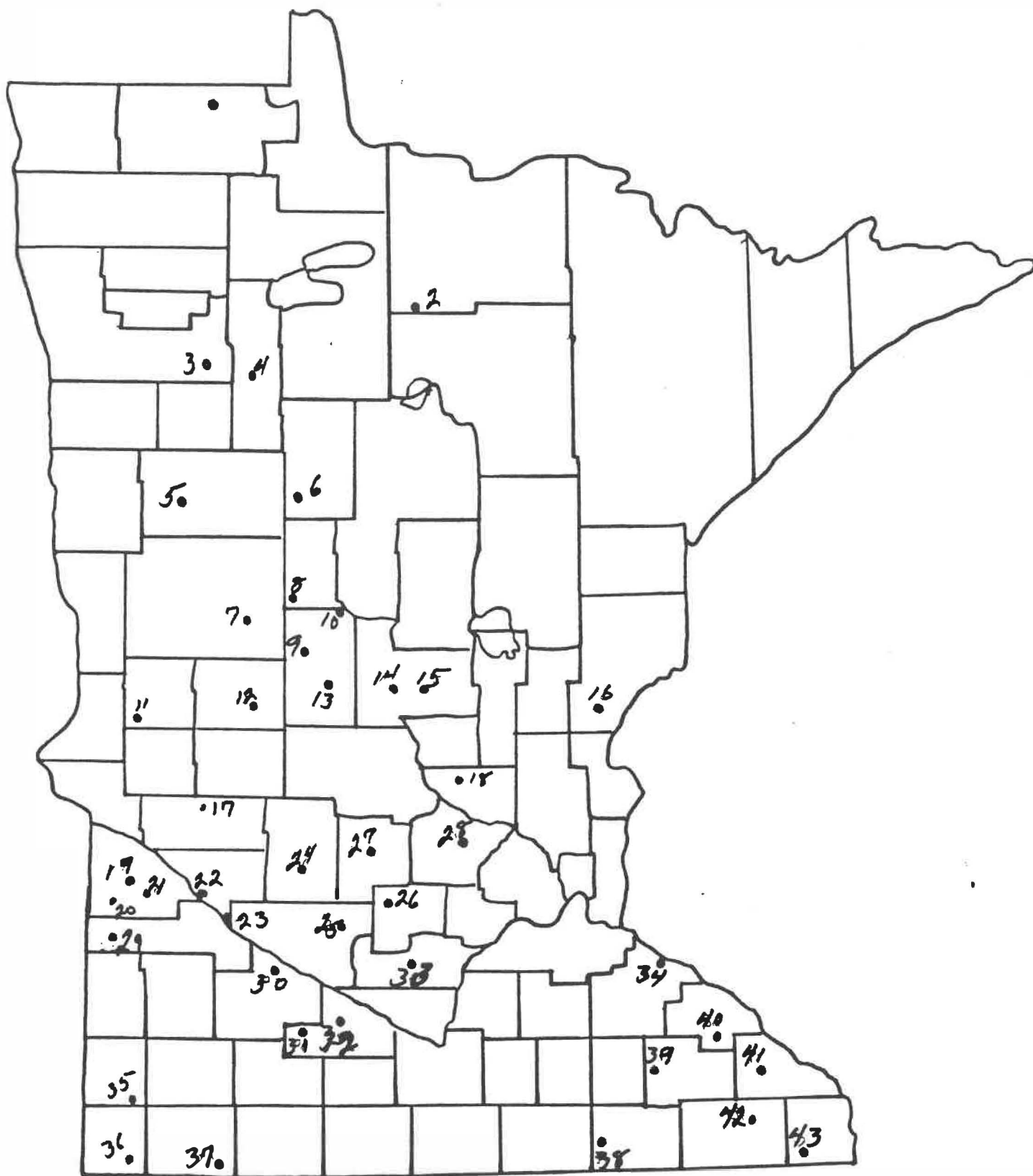
Ralph S. Whiting and Associates  
Project Consultant

VETERAN FARM COPPERATIVE CLASS LOCATIONS IN MINNESOTA: The map and its key is designed to provide a visual concept of the programs of farm management that are currently offered in Minnesota.

Forty-three (43) towns in Minnesota offer the Veterans Farm Management Program as of January 1, 1973. These programs are operated by the local school district in each of the communities shown. Two communities are being served by programs carried on by the school district of Detroit Lakes and are not shown on the Map. These communities are Perham and Mahanomen.

Special significance and attention should be placed upon the cluster effect of communities offering the program, as well as, the vivid absence of programs in a majority of the Red River Valley area, North Eastern Minnesota, and a large section across Southern Minnesota.

This seemingly indicates a lack of responsiveness of the system in certain areas. Local school districts, and the program approval agency of the State Department of Education in coordination with the local Veterans Affairs officer carry the major responsibility for program implementation.



Key:  
Map of Adult Farm Management  
Programs for Veterans

<u>Number</u>	<u>Town</u>
1	Roseau
2	Northome
3	Fosston
4	Bagley
5	Detroit Lakes
6	Park Rapids
7	Henning
8	Wadena
9	Eagle Bend
10	Staples
11	Herman
12	Alexandria
13	Long Prairie
14	Little Falls
15	Pierz
16	Pine City
17	Benson
18	Foley
19	Madison
20	Marietta
21	Dawson
22	Montevideo
23	Granite Falls
24	Willmar
25	Hector
26	Litchfield
27	Hutchinson
28	Buffalo
29	Canby
30	Redwood Falls
31	Springfield
32	Sleepy Eye
33	Gaylord
34	Red Wing
35	Edgerton
36	LaVerne
37	Worthington
38	Austin
39	Byron
40	Plainview
41	Lewiston
42	Lanesboro
43	Spring Grove

ENROLLMENT POTENTIAL CORRELATION REPORT: The materail presented on pages 7 and 8 indicates the current status of program enrollment compared to potential student availability for each county in Minnesota. The following is an explanation of each of the columns:

Column 1: A list of the counties in Minnesota.

Column 2: Veteran Ag. Potential: The figures in this column represent an estimate of the number of farm operators and/or managers that have educational eligibility status under the Veteran Re-Adjustment Acts affecting veterans from the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam era. These figures are based on the 1970 Census of Population.

Column 3: Number Enrolled: This column indicates the total number of veterans currently enrolled in programs of farm management in each county. Only 1,104 persons of the 12,055 to be eligible are currently enrolled. Obviously, some have completed the program in previous years, however, these figures were not available at this time. It should be noted that indications of the number that have already completed the program would place very few persons in this category and thus have a minimal effect of these total estimates.

Column 4: On Waiting List: This column reports the actual number of eligible veteran farm operators/managers whose name is on a waiting list kept by the teacher in the school district. The total count of 510 persons currently waiting to participate appears to be inadequate, since it is reported that many schools do not keep "waiting lists". Of those that do, however, it is evident that some serious holes exist in some areas. The 510 figure can be considered as a positive potential.

Column 5; Net Potential: This column indicates the estimated eligible potential that are not accounted for in either of the recorded "enrollment" or "waiting list" figures. The total figure of 10,441 represents the number of farm veterans to be contacted regarding the availability of the programs.

Column 6: Total: These figures are of veterans on the waiting list and the potential not contacted or involved. This points up the need to expand the programs to provide the programs for an estimated 10,951 farm operator/manager eligible veterans.

Note: Some schools may serve members in two or three counties. The figures in column 2 show the students enrolled in the programs

in the county in which the school district is located, not the county in which the student actually resides. The absence of programs in part of, or all of, most counties in the State would not serve to offset and differences which would occur.

<u>County</u>	<u>Veteran Ag. Potential</u>	<u>Number Enrolled</u>	<u>Not Enrolled</u>		
			<u>Waiting List (on)</u>	<u>Net Potential</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aitken	66			66	66
Anoka	58			58	58
Becker	167	69	36	62	98
Beltrami	76			76	76
Benton	140	23	3	114	117
Big Stone	78			78	78
Blue Earth	240			240	240
Brown	201	46	23	132	155
Carlton	40			40	40
Carver	165			165	165
Cass	48			48	48
Chippewa	137	69	17	51	68
Chisago	87			87	87
Clay	142			142	142
Clearwater	94	23	10	61	71
Cook	3			3	3
Cottonwood	127			127	127
Crow Wing	45			45	45
Dakota	142			142	142
Dodge	126			126	126
Douglas	173	23	27	123	150
Faribault	175			175	175
Fillmore	229	23	80	126	206
Freeborn	219			219	219
Goodhue	204	23	14	167	181
Grant	63	23	4	36	40
Hennepin	134			134	134
Houston	168	23	13	132	145
Hubbard	45	23	8	14	22
Isanti	58			58	58
Itasca	30			30	30
Jackson	192			192	192
Kanabec	76			76	76
Kandiyohi	210	23	7	180	187
Kittson	52			52	52
Koochiching	12	23	5	-16	-11
Lac qui Parle	164	69	16	79	95
Lake	1			1	1
Lake of the Woods	12			12	12
LeSueur	142			142	142
Lincoln	144			144	144
Lyon	173			173	173
McLeod	229	23	12	194	206
Mahnomen	80			80	80
Marshall	123			123	123
Martin	195			195	195
Meeker	184	46	8	130	138
Mille Lacs	94			94	94
Morrison	206	69	29	108	137
Mower	188	23	3	162	165

<u>County</u>	<u>Veteran Ag. Potential</u>	<u>Number Enrolled</u>	<u>Not Enrolled</u>		
			<u>Waiting List (on)</u>	<u>Net Potential</u>	<u>Total</u>
Murray	180			180	180
Nicollet	161			161	161
Nobles	222	23	75	124	199
Norman	115			115	115
Olmsted	199	23	7	169	176
Ottertail	399	23	11	365	376
Pennington	64			64	64
Pine	148	23	7	118	125
Pipestone	125	23	2	100	102
Polk	237	23	3	211	214
Pope	106			106	106
Ramsey	31			31	31
Red Lake	35			35	35
Redwood	183	23	8	152	160
Renville	234	23	3	208	211
Rice	141			141	141
Rock	151	23	8	120	128
Roseau	138	23	5	110	115
St. Louis	57			57	57
Scott	128			128	128
Sherburne	73			73	73
Sibley	195	23	8	164	172
Stearns	502			502	502
Steele	139			139	139
Stevens	69			69	69
Swift	126	23	8	95	103
Todd	249	69	7	173	180
Traverse	248			248	248
Wabasha	172	23	15	134	149
Wadena	71	23	2	46	48
Waseca	112			112	112
Washington	96			96	96
Watonwan	126			126	126
Wilkin	85			85	85
Winona	156	23	6	127	133
Wright	251	23	10	218	228
Yellow Medicine	174	23	10	141	151
TOTALS	12,055	1,104	510	10,441	10,951

ADULT AG EDUCATION-EMPLOYMENT COORELATION REPORT--RE-CAP MINNESOTA  
The following is an explaination of the columns of the table that appears on page 11:

Column 1: Indicates the Ag Education Districts by number.

Column 2: The total number of counties that are in each of the Ag Education Districts.

Column 3: The number of school districts which offer Farm Management and/or Agri-Business programs which adults may enroll.

Column 4: The number of Adult Farm Management programs that exist in each of the Ag Education Districts.

Column 5: The enrollment in Adult Farm Management programs. These figures will be entered when they become available.

Column 6: The total number of Veteran Farm Cooperative Classes in each Ag Education District.

Column 7: The enrollment in the Veteran Farm Cooperative Classes.

Column 8: The total number of agri-business programs being offered in each Ag Education District.

Column 9: The total enrollment in agri-business programs for each Ag Education District. These figures will be added when they become available.

Column 10: The number of Ag coordinators.

Column 11: The total number of designated full-time instructors in the three categories of instruction.

Column 12: The number of Vocational-Agriculture teachers who teach adult agriculture on a part time basis.

Column 13: Total work force over age 16, by Ag Education District in Minnesota. Source: 1970 Census of Population.

Column 14: The total number of Farm Operators/Managers by Ag Education District. Source: 1970 Census of Population. These include farm operators/managers whose primary occupation is farming.

Column 15: VETS; The total number of eligible veterans in Minnesota. Source: 1970 Census of Population and the Veterans Administration.

Column 16: The total number of eligible veterans currently operating farms. These figures are estimated, based on the work force distribution.

Column 17: Vietnam Potential: The number of Vietnam Era veterans who are current farm operators/managers.

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## AG EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT REPORT

\*1970 Census

## RE-CAP - MINNESOTA

Dist	# Ctys	# Town	Number									Total Work Force*	Number* Farmers	Vets.*	Est. V.Ag. Pot.*	Viet. Farm. Pot.*
			Adlt	Enrl	Vets	Enrl	AgBs	Enrl	Coor	Instr.	Coop.In					
1	12	26	28		6	138	4		1	30	10	77,793	11,084	11,505	1,637	814
2	17	16	14		11	253	8		2	35	1	170,679	8,155	25,816	1,203	577
3	15	25	22		13	299	7		1	34	9	78,935	16,748	10,711	2,282	1,140
4	6	12	12		3	69	5		1	21	2	31,391	7,060	4,364	997	500
5	11	19	19		4	92	5		1	25	4	108,488	13,001	16,996	1,957	1,079
6	8	19	19		2	46	5		1	22	4	156,264	8,805	24,749	1,266	684
7	6	16	14		5	115	2		1	18	4	81,612	7,262	12,849	1,025	556
8	12	16	14		4	92	17		1	32	4	763,035	10,213	123,761	1,688	950
TOT	87	149	142		48	1,104	53		9	217	38	1,468,197	82,328	230,751	12,055	6,300

WORK FORCE-FARM EMPLOYMENT-VETERAN COUNTY DISTRIBUTION

Each of the following eight pages show the breakdown of the work force, the employment of farm managers/operators, and the number of veterans by eligibility classification. It also extends the information to the total number of eligible farm veterans. The count of Vietnam Veterans is included in the "farm potential" column. These groups were separated to determine the numbers by eligibility group.

## DISTRICT #1

County	Work Force Employed Over 16	Work Force		Veteran Status				No. Farm Pot.	No. Viet. Pot.
		Farmer	Percent	Viet.	Korea	K- W.W.2	Total		
Kittson	2,327	425	18.3	143	142	0	285	52	26
Roseau	3,693	501	13.6	195	210	613	1,018	138	27
Marshall	3,923	1,009	25.7	265	203	14	482	123	68
Polk	11,884	1,507	12.7	955	850	63	1,868	237	121
Pennington	5,016	423	8.4	413	324	21	758	64	35
Red Lake	1,594	300	18.8	104	77	5	186	35	20
Norman	3,164	899	28.4	229	169	6	404	115	65
Mahnomen	1,782	487	27.3	110	184	0	294	80	30
Clay	17,718	966	5.5	1,592	935	55	2,582	142	88
Becker	7,420	1,021	13.8	565	597	45	1,207	167	78
Wadena	3,112	700	22.5	213	156	8	377	85	48
Otter Tail	16,160	3,146	19.5	1,068	936	40	2,044	399	208
12 Counties	77,793	11,084	14.6	5,852	4,783	870	11,505	1,637	814

## DISTRICT #2

County	Work Force Employed Over 16	Work Force		Veteran Status				No. Farm Pot.	No. V Pot.
		Farmer	Percent	Viet.	Korea	K- W.W.2	Total		
Lake of the Woods	1,107	122	11.0	61	46	0	107	12	7
Koochiching	5,676	82	1.4	435	398	46	879	12	6
St. Louis	75,930	355	0.5	6,009	4,674	674	11,357	57	30
Lake	4,323	9	0.2	413	419	65	897	1	1
Cook	1,296	16	1.2	101	91	11	203	3	1
Beltrami	8,727	477	5.5	802	524	54	1,380	76	44
Itasca	10,399	175	1.7	921	688	142	1,751	30	16
Clearwater	2,608	628	24.1	177	204	7	388	94	43
Hubbard	3,101	268	8.6	183	264	45	492	45	18
Cass	4,785	331	6.9	338	335	27	700	48	23
Wadena	3,859	457	11.8	269	323	15	607	71	32
Crow Wing	10,812	306	2.8	773	750	55	1,578	45	2
Aitkin	7,299	515	7.1	437	417	83	937	66	31
Carlton	9,397	265	2.8	626	742	49	1,417	40	18
Todd	7,217	1,787	24.8	440	539	25	1,004	249	109
Morrison	8,559	1,389	16.2	681	515	78	1,274	206	110
Pine	5,584	973	17.4	377	417	51	845	148	66
17 Counties	178,679	8,155	4.8	13,043	11,346	1,427	25,816	1,203	577

## DISTRICT #3

County	Work Force Employed Over 16	Work Force		Veteran Status				No. Farm Pot.	No. Viet. Pot.
		Farmer	Percent	Viet.	Korea	K- W.W.2	Total		
Traverse	2,096	561	26.8	480	425	20	925	248	129
Grant	2,413	616	25.5	99	148	0	247	63	25
Douglas	8,258	1,364	16.5	583	441	28	1,052	173	96
Stevens	4,111	817	19.9	158	193	5	356	69	31
Pope	4,010	1,016	25.3	243	166	13	422	106	61
Big Stone	2,847	669	23.5	168	152	14	334	78	39
Swift	4,559	995	21.5	361	198	22	581	126	78
Lac qui Parle	3,841	1,158	30.1	260	281	6	547	164	78
Chippewa	5,239	1,149	21.9	293	320	13	626	137	64
Kandiyohi	11,032	1,457	13.2	805	737	44	1,586	210	106
Yellow Medicine	4,888	1,268	25.9	333	321	17	671	174	86
Polk	2,718	1,075	39.6	164	191	8	363	144	65
Lyon	9,070	1,226	13.5	735	518	35	1,288	173	99
Renville	7,196	1,886	26.2	427	439	28	894	234	112
Redwood	6,657	1,491	22.4	319	453	47	819	183	71
15 Counties	78,935	16,748	21.2	5,428	4,983	300	10,711	2,282	1,140

## DISTRICT #4

County	Work Force Employed Over 16	Work Force		Veteran Status				No. Farm Pot.	No. V Pot.
		Farmer	Percent	Viet.	Korea	K- W.W.2	Total		
Pipestone	4,458	865	19.4	291	332	23	646	125	56
Murray	4,020	1,308	32.5	297	259	0	556	180	97
Cottonwood	5,386	1,061	19.7	383	238	28	649	127	75
Rock	4,153	984	23.7	387	218	28	633	151	92
Nobles	8,375	1,536	18.3	557	600	59	1,216	222	102
Jackson	4,999	1,306	26.1	298	343	23	664	192	78
6 Counties	31,391	7,060	22.5	2,213	1,990	161	4,364	997	500

## DISTRICT #5

County	Work Force Employed Over 16	Work Force		Veteran Status				No. Farm Pot.	No. Viet. Pot.
		Farmer	Percent	Viet.	Korea	K- W.W.2	Total		
McLeod	11,007	1,528	13.9	888	686	79	1,653	229	123
Carver	11,138	1,078	9.7	880	763	65	1,708	165	85
Sibley	5,907	1,358	23.0	454	364	30	848	195	104
Scott	11,981	718	6.0	1,248	814	72	2,134	128	75
Nicollet	9,162	968	10.6	893	512	119	1,524	161	95
LeSueur	7,397	878	11.9	657	479	58	1,194	142	78
Brown	10,692	1,449	13.6	809	625	65	1,499	201	110
Blue Earth	20,581	1,368	6.6	2,448	1,065	122	3,635	240	162
Martin	8,825	1,472	16.7	655	467	49	1,171	195	109
Faribault	7,121	1,312	18.4	408	529	15	952	175	75
Watsonwan	4,677	872	18.6	341	308	29	678	126	63
11 Counties	108,488	13,001	11.2	9,681	6,612	703	16,996	1,957	1,079

## DISTRICT #6

County	Work Force Employed Over 16	Work Force		Veteran Status				No. Farm Pot.	No. Vi Pot.
		Farmer	Percent	Viet.	Korea	K- W.W.2	Total		
Freeborn	14,200	1,453	10.2	1,030	1,000	104	2,134	219	105
Mower	16,144	1,328	8.2	1,093	1,075	117	2,285	188	90
Steele	10,968	1,090	9.9	733	594	77	1,404	139	73
Dodge	4,960	967	19.5	352	262	28	642	126	69
Olmsted	34,961	1,325	3.8	3,060	2,053	132	5,245	199	116
Rice	15,523	1,072	6.9	1,176	762	119	2,057	141	81
Dakota	53,355	732	1.4	5,272	4,307	577	10,156	142	74
Waseca	6,153	838	13.6	559	257	10	826	112	76
8 Counties	156,264	8,805	5.6	13,275	10,310	1,164	24,749	1,266	684

DISTRICT #7

County	Work Force Employed Over 16	Work Force		Veteran Status				No. Farm Pot.	No. Viet. Pot.
		Farmer	Percent	Viet.	Korea	K- W.W.2	Total		
Fillmore	7,999	1,916	24.0	510	410	36	956	229	122
Houston	6,713	1,164	17.3	563	372	35	970	168	97
Winona	17,157	1,151	6.7	1,463	773	97	2,333	156	98
Wabasha	6,279	1,062	16.9	576	425	20	1,021	172	97
Goodhue	13,320	1,451	10.9	922	905	48	1,875	204	100
Washington	30,144	518	1.7	2,480	2,789	425	5,694	96	42
6 Counties	81,612	7,262	8.9	6,514	5,674	661	12,849	1,025	556

## DISTRICT #8

County	Work Force Employed Over 16	Work Force		Veteran Status				No. Farm Pot.	No. Vi Pot.
		Farmer	Percent	Viet.	Korea	K- W.W.2	Total		
Stearns	32,205	3,019	9.4	3,215	1,980	148	5,343	502	302
Meeker	6,532	1,217	18.6	539	420	32	991	184	100
Wright	13,840	1,587	11.5	1,146	922	64	2,132	251	132
Benton	7,410	761	10.3	845	477	38	1,360	140	87
Sherburne	6,215	346	5.6	871	389	30	1,290	73	49
Isanti	5,772	362	6.3	440	387	39	866	58	28
Mille Lacs	5,275	704	13.3	329	369	6	704	94	44
Kanabec	3,604	516	14.3	290	207	36	533	76	41
Chisago	6,075	582	9.6	461	333	120	914	87	44
Anoka	58,457	286	0.5	5,768	5,114	651	11,533	58	29
Ramsey	197,736	152	0.1	18,167	10,686	2,114	30,967	31	18
Anepin	419,914	681	0.2	38,285	24,288	4,555	67,128	134	
12 Counties	763,035	10,213	1.4	70,356	45,572	7,833	123,761	1,688	950

## AG EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT REPORTS

The balance of the report provides a breakdown of the Ag Education programs, by county, by school district, and by instructor.

This report will be used to extend to each community for the purpose of stimulating new programs.

This report was designed to determine the potential need, and the services performed by each school district in Minnesota.

A final report will be completed as the project progresses. Included in the final report will be the information in this report and:

1. An assessment of the need for programs.
2. Projected action to fill the need.
3. Action taken to institute new programs.
4. Results of the effort.

This report is preliminary and serves only to identify the needs.

## AG-EDUCATION - EMPLOYMENT REPORT

\*1970 Census

## AG DISTRICT #1

County	Town	Prog	Designated Instructor	Co-op Instructor	No. Enr.	Total* Work Fce.	No.* Farmers	%*	Vets*	Est. V.Ag. Pot.*	Viet. Farm. Pot.*
Kittson	Hallock Humbolt	Adlt Adlt		Jerome Siebold Rog.Schwentz- friar		2,327	425	18.3	285	52	26
Roseau	Greenbush Roseau	Adlt Vets Adlt	Art Bosse El.Leverington Gary Olsen	Bernard Nelson	23	3,693	501	13.6	1,018	138	27
Marshall						3,923	1,009	25.7	482	123	68
Polk	Crookston Fertile Fosston	Adlt Adlt Adlt Vet	Conrad Carlson D.Gilbertson	Erman Ueland Wilho Kemp	23	11,884	1,507	12.7	1,868	237	121
Pennington	Goodridge Thief River Falls	Adlt Cord Adlt Adlt Adlt Adlt AgBs AgBs	Wallace Shodian Ed Sisler Don Johnsen Harry Oen Harvey Peterson Vern Spengler Lawrence Helt Alan Dalen			5,016	423	8.4	758	64	35
Red Lake	Plummer Red Lk.Falls Oklee	Adlt	Harry Oen			1,594	300	18.8	186	35	20
Norman	Ada Halstad Twin Valley	Adlt Adlt Adlt		Lowell Gunder- son Lannis Bergs- gaard		3,164	899	28.4	404	115	65
Mahnomen						1,782	487	27.3	294	80	30
Clay	Moorhead Hawley	Adlt Adlt	Ray Maxson John Hest			17,718	966	5.5	2,582	142	88

## AG DISTRICT # 1

County	Town	Prog	Designated Instructor	Co-op Instructor	No. Enr.	Total* Work Fce.	No.* Farmers	%*	Vets*	Est. V.A. Pot.*	Viet. Farm. Pot.*
Becker	Frazee Detroit Lk.	Adlt	Dell Christianson Sharon Clancy Duane Lemmon Clayton Olsen Jerry Beck Gerald Bartel Pete Revier Gunder Hanson Ken. Shroyer	Gerald Johnson		7,420	1,021	13.8	1,207	167	78
		Adlt									
		Adlt									
		Adlt									
		Adlt									
		Vets			23						
		Vets			23						
		Vets			23						
		AgBs									
		AgBs									
Wilkin	Breckenrdge.	Adlt	Rod Carter			3,112	400	22.5	377	85	48
Ottertail	Fergus Fls.	Adlt	Chas. Davis	Bert Winger		16,160	3,146	19.5	2,044	399	208
	Parkers Pr.	Adlt									
	Pelican Rpd.	Adlt	Elvin Andrews	Alton Carlson							
	Battle Lake	Adlt									
	Henning	Vets	Chas. Erickson		23						
12 Counties	26 Towns		30 Instruct.	10 Co-Op Inst.		77,793	11,084	14.6	11,505	1,637	814
		28 Adlt			138						
		6 Vets			Vets						
		4 AgBs									
		1 Cord									

## AG-EDUCATION - EMPLOYMENT REPORT

\*1970 Census

## AG DISTRICT # 2

County	Town	Prog	Designated Instructor	Co-op Instructor	No. Enr.	Total* Work Fce.	No.* Farmers	%*	Vets*	Est. V.Ag. Pot.*	Viet. Farm. Pot.*
Lake of the Woods	Baudette	Adlt		Robt. Borchart		1,107	122	11.0	107	12	7
Koochich- ing	Northome	Vets	Paul Jordan		23	5,676	82	1.4	879	12	6
St. Louis	Cherry Duluth	Adlt Cord	Edwin Takala Roger Plamer			75,930	355	0.5	1,357	57	30
Lake						4,323	9	0.2	897	1	1
Cook						1,296	16	1.2	203	3	1
Beltrami						8,727	477	5.5	1,380	76	44
Itasca						10,399	175	1.7	1,751	30	16
Clearwater	Bagley	Adlt Vets	Ken. Ostlund Bill Wendtlandt		23	2,608	628	24.1	388	94	43
Hubbard	Pk. Rapids	Vets	A.W. Francis		23	3,101	268	8.6	492	45	18
Wadena	Wadena Sebeka	Vets Adlt	John Johnson Del. Harrington		23	3,859	457	11.8	607	71	32
Cass						4,785	331	6.9	700	48	23
Crow Wing	Brainerd	AgBs AgBs AgBs AgBs AgBs AgBs	Ernest Erickson John Gill Roger Landsberg Geo. Rostron Elwood Wessman Chas. Widmark			18,812	306	2.8	1,578	45	22
Aitkin						7,299	515	7.1	937	66	31
Carlton						9,397	265	2.8	1,417	40	18

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## AG DISTRICT # 2

County	Town	Prog	Designated Instructor	Co-op Instructor	No. Enr.	Total* Work Fce.	No.* Farmers	%*	Vets*	Est. V.Ag. Pot.*	Viet. Farm. Pot.*
Todd	Eagle Bend Staples	Vets	Tom Harper		23	7,217	1,787	24.8	1,004	249	109
		Adlt	Wm. Ladwig								
		Adlt	Jas. Erredge								
		1	Jerry Speir								
		Adlt	Wayne Haglin								
		Adlt	Tom Kajer								
		Adlt	Lennon Naley								
		Adlt	Jim Sutherland								
		Adlt	Nel Weins								
		Vets	Don. Boustian								
	AgBs	Wil. Meierhofer									
	AgBs	Eugene Ulring									
	Cord	Wm. Guelker									
	Osakis	Adlt	Leland Wilkin		23						
Lg. Prairie	Vets	Lloyd Laine									
	Adlt	Robt. Johnson									
Pine	Pine City	Adlt	Arvid Anderson		23	5,584	973	17.4	1,274	206	110
		Vets	Garland Kotek								
Morrison	Little Fls.	Vets	Robt. Anderson		23	8,559	1,389	16.2	845	148	66
		Vets	Wallace Payne		23						
	Pierz	Vets	Ben. Jorgenson		23						
17 Counties	16 Towns		35 Instruct.	1 Co-Op Inst.		178,679	8,155	4.7	25,816	1,203	577
		11 Vets			253						
		14 Adlt			Vets						
		2 Cord									
		8 AgBs									

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## AG-EDUCATION - EMPLOYMENT REPORT

\*1970 Census

## AG DISTRICT # 3

County	Town	Prog	Designated Instructor	Co-op Instructor	No. Enr.	Total* Work Fce.	No.* Farmers	%*	Vets*	Est. V.Ag. Pot.*	Viet. Farm. Pot.*
Traverse						2,096	561	26.8	925	248	129
Grant	Herman Hoffman Elbow Lake	Vets Adlt Adlt	Del Glanyer	Thos. Larson Paul Aakre	23	2,413	616	25.5	247	63	25
Douglas	Alexandria	Adlt Adlt AgBs AgBs Vets	Bruno Carr Bern. Sonstegaard Vernon Taylor Carl Thompson Theo. Kasmak			8,258	1,364	16.5	1,052	173	96
	Brandon Evansville	Adlt Adlt		Jer. Kalinowski	23						
Stevens						4,111	817	19.9	356	69	31
Pope						4,010	1,016	25.3	422	106	61
Big Stone						2,847	669	23.5	334	78	39
Swift	Benson	Vets			23	4,559	995	21.5	581	126	78
LacQuiParle	Dawson	Vets	Al Schwandt		23	3,841	1,158	30.1	547	164	78
	Madison	Vets	Ralph Butterfield		23						
	Marietta	Vets			23						
Chippewa	Montevedio	Vets Adlt	Norman Brakken Myron Warner	Don Rondorf	23	5,239	1,149	21.9	626	137	64
	Granite Fls.	Vets Adlt Vets	Peter Fransky LaVerne House Wayne Stevens		23 23						
Kandiyohi	Willmar	Adlt Adlt Vets Cord AgBs AgBs Ag Bs	Glenn Arfstrom David Shodean Floyd Borden John Thell Wm. Ruf R. L. Johnson Amb. Maenkedick		23	11,032	1,457	13.2	1,586	210	106

## AG DISTRICT # 3

County	Town	Prog	Designated Instructor	Co-op Instructor	No. Enr.	Total* Work Fce.	No.* Farmers	%*	Vets*	Est. V. Ag. Pot.*	Viet. Farm. Pot.*
Yellow Medicine	Echo Canby	Adlt Adlt Adlt Adlt Vets AgBs AgBs	Law. Dunn Don. Shippy Ron Stengel Steve Yackley Roger Fransen Norm. Haugaard	David Murray	23	4,888	1,268	25.9	671	174	86
Lincoln	Hendricks	Adlt		Bruce Wosje		2,718	1,075	39.6	363	144	65
Lyon	Tracy	Adlt	Gary Erdmann			9,070	1,226	13.5	1,288	173	99
Renville	Fairfax Hector Buffalo Lk. Danube Renville Franklin	Adlt Vets Adlt Adlt Adlt Adlt	Frank Dahlke Tony Bauman Stan VanderKoski Marlyn Wacholz	Ken. Anderson Dan Sullivan	23	7,196	1,886	26.2	894	234	112
Redwood	Morgan Redwood Fl.	Adlt Vets	Law. Ludtke John Turner	Dave Vaupel	23	6,657	1,491	22.4	819	183	71
15 Counties	25 Towns	13 Vets 22 Adlt 7 AgBs 1 Cord	34 Instruct.	9 Co-op Inst.	299 Vets	78,935	16,748	21.2	10,711	2,282	1,140

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## AG DISTRICT #4

County	Town	Prog	Designated Instructor	Co-op Instructor	No. Enr.	Total* Work Fce.	No.* Farmers	%*	Vets*	Est. V.Ag. Pot.*	Viet. Farm. Pot.*
Pipestone	Pipestone	Adlt	D. Holaway	Marlin Berg		4,458	865	19.4	646	125	56
		Adlt	Heimen Swanson								
		AgBs	Orville Olson								
		AgBs	T.Gordon Ray								
	Edgerton	Vets	Floyd Lehman		23						
Murray	Fulda	Adlt	Mel Faltinson			4,020	1,308	32.5	556	180	97
	Slayton	Adlt	Geo. Crompton								
Cottonwood	Windom	Adlt	Leland Thiesen			5,386	1,061	19.7	649	127	75
	Storden	Adlt	Vic. Richardson								
Rock	Hills-Beaver										
	Creek	Adlt	Wendell Erickson			4,153	984	23.7	633	151	92
	Luverne	Adlt	Gar. Anderson								
		Vets	Jerry Reu		23						
Nobles	Worthington	Adlt	Wayne Flynn			8,375	1,536	18.3	1,216	222	102
		Vets	Ken Milan		23						
	Brewster	Adlt	Ger. McConkey								
Jackson	Jackson	Cord	John Murray			4,999	1,306	26.1	664	192	78
		Adlt	Richard Amendt								
		Adlt	Chas. Asmen								
		AgBs	Dennis Finsted								
		AgBs	Larry Griffin								
		AgBs	Ron Jaske								
	Lakefield			Chas. Rockard							
6 Counties	12 Towns		21 Instruct.	2 Co-op Inst.		31,391	7,060	22.5	4,364	997	500
		12 Adlt			69						
		3 Vets			Vets						
		5 AgBs									
		1 Cord									

## AG DISTRICT # 5

County	Town	Prog	Designated Instructor	Co-op Instructor	No. Enr.	Total* Work Fce.	No.* Farmers	%*	Vets*	Est. V. Ag. Pot.*	Viet. Farm. Pot.*
McLeod	Glencoe Hutchinson	Adlt Adlt Vets	Ken. Stengel Robert Kroil Warren Ekstrom		23	11,007	1,528	13.9	1,653	229	123
Carver	Watertown	Adlt	Richard Bonde			11,138	1,078	9.7	1,708	165	85
Sibley	Gaylord Winthrop	Vets Adlt	Jan Bents Dary Talley		23	5,907	1,358	23.0	848	195	104
Scott	Belle Pln.	Adlt	Maynard Harms			11,981	718	6.0	2,134	128	75
Nicollet	St. Peter Nicollet	Adlt Adlt	Delvin Tupper	Chas. Walerius		9,162	968	10.6	1,524	161	95
LeSueur	LeSueur	Adlt		Wayne Fahning		7,397	878	11.9	1,194	142	78
Brown	Springfield New Ulm Sleepy Eye	Adlt Vets Adlt Adlt Vets	John McCracken Chas. Peters Kermit Kleene Giles Roehl Lee Anderson		23  23	10,692	1,449	13.6	1,499	201	110
Watonwan	St. James Madelia	Adlt Adlt		Allen Botten		4,677	872	18.6	678	126	63
Blue Earth	Mankato	Adlt Adlt Cord AgBs AgBs AgBs AgBs AgBs	Paul Callaran Ernest Freier Delbert Hodgkins Gordon Jindra Don. Krasnicka Lyle Phelps Bernard Snaya Roger Torgerson			20,581	1,368	6.6	3,635	240	162
Martin	Fairmont	Adlt	J.H. Tschettir			8,825	1,472	16.7	1,171	195	109

## AG DISTRICT # 5

County	Town	Prog	Designated Instructor	Co-op Instructor	No. Enr.	Total* Work Fce.	No.* Farmers	%*	Vets*	Est. V.Ag. Pot.*	Viet. Farm. Pot.*
Faribault	Blue Earth Wells Winnebago	Adlt Adlt Adlt	Gene Uppena Arnold Carlson	Paul Loomis		7,121	1,312	18.4	952	175	75
11 Counties	19 Towns	19 Adlt 4 Vets 5 AgBs 1 Cord	25 Instruct.	4 Co-op Inst.	92 Vets	108,488	13,001	11.2	16,996	1,957	1,079

## AG DISTRICT #6

County	Town	Prog	Designated Instructor	Co-op Instructor	No. Enr.	Total* Work Pce.	No.* Farmers	%*	Vets*	Est. V. Ag. Pot.*	Viet. Farm. Pot.*
Dakota	Rosemount	AgBs	Dale Connolly	Al. Lehman		53,355	732	1.4	10,156	142	74
	Hastings	AgBs	Rich. Doyscher								
		Adlt									
Rice	Faribault	Adlt	Ken. Stassen			15,523	1,072	6.9	2,057	141	81
		Adlt	Den. Uttanbegaard								
		AgBs	Carl Ziebarth								
	Northfield	AgBs	Clar. Anderson								
		Adlt	Harold Paulson								
Steele	Owatonna	Adlt	John Zwiebel			10,968	1,090	9.9	1,404	139	73
	Blmg. Prairie	Adlt	Eugene Francis								
Dodge	Hayfield	Adlt	Bruce Oxton	Harold Long		4,960	967	19.5	642	126	69
	W. Concord	Adlt									
Waseca	New Richld.	Adlt	Rus. Schmissing			6,153	838	13.6	826	112	76
	Waseca	Adlt	Norm. Bombach								
Olmsted	Rochester	Adlt	Frank Quam		23	34,961	1,325	3.8	5,245	199	116
	Stewartvle.	Adlt	Frank Quam								
	Byron	Vets	Gilman Shubert								
Freeborn	Albert Lea	Adlt	Rich. Rowe	John Nelson		14,200	1,453	10.2	2,134	219	105
		Adlt	Larry Irvine								
	Alden	Adlt									
Mower	Adams	Adlt	B. Vangsness	Terry Adams	23	16,144	1,328	8.2	2,285	188	90
	LeRoy	Adlt	Ter. Phillips								
	Gr. Meadow	Adlt									
	Austin	Vets	Loel Gorden								
		Adlt	Ron Hayes								
		AgBs	Ramsey Johnson								
		Cord	Jos. Raine								
8 Counties	19 Towns		22 Instruct.	4 Co-op Inst.		156,264	8,805	5.6	24,749	1,266	684

## AG DISTRICT # 6

County	Town	Prog	Designated Instructor	Co-op Instructor	No. Enr.	Total* Work Fce.	No.* Farmers	%*	Vets*	Est. V.Ag Pot.*	Viet. Farm. Pot.*
		19 Adlt 2 Vets 5 AgBs 1 Cord			46 Vets						

## AG DISTRICT # 7

County	Town	Prog	Designated Instructor	Co-op Instructor	No. Enr.	Total* Work Fce.	No.* Farmers	%*	Vets*	Est. V.Ag. Pot.*	Viet. Farm. Pot.*
Washington						30,144	518	1.7	5,694	96	42
Goodhue	Pine Island	Adlt	Frank White	John Rollings	23	13,320	1,451	10.9	1,875	204	100
	Kenyon	Adlt		Eugene Hundebly							
	Zumbrota	Adlt									
	Goodhue	Adlt									
	Red Wing	Vets	Chris Beck								
			Romeo Cyr								
Wabasha	Plainview	Vets	Glenn Hahn		23	6,279	1,062	16.9	1,021	172	97
		Adlt	Norb. Phillips								
	Lake City	Adlt	Henning Swanson								
Winona	St. Charles	Adlt	John Januschka	Neale Deters	23	17,157	1,151	6.7	2,333	156	98
	Winona	Adlt									
		AgBs									
		AgBs									
		Cord									
	Lewiston	Adlt									
		Vets	Al. Byram								
			Art. Elliott								
Fillmore	Mabel	Adlt	Jas. Erridge	Robt. Hobbs	23	7,999	1,916	24.0	956	229	122
	Spr. Valley	Adlt									
	Lanesboro	Adlt									
		Vets									
	Rushford	Adlt	Vern. Groen								
			Curtis Halstad								
			Stan. Novlan								
Houston	Spr. Grove	Vets	Boyd Anderson		23	6,713	1,164	17.3	970	168	97
	Caledonia	Adlt	Carlyn Kroebe								
6 Counties	16 Towns	18 Instruct.	4 Co-op Inst.		115 Vets	81,612	7,262	8.9	12,849	1,025	556
		14 Adlt									
		5 Vets									
		2 AgBs									
		1 Cord									

## AG DISTRICT # 8

County	Town	Prog	Designated Instructor	Co-op Instructor	No. Enr.	Total* Work Fce.	No.* Farmers	%*	Vets*	Est. V. Ag. Pot.*	Viet. Farm. Pot.*
Mille Lacs	Milaca	Adlt	John R. Larson			5,275	704	13.3	704	94	44
Stearns	Kimball	Adlt		Monte Dahlin		32,205	3,019	9.4	5,343	502	302
	Paynesville	Adlt	LeRoy Hillbrand								
	Cold Sprg.	Adlt	Gary Luebke								
	St. Cloud	Adlt	Robt. Underwood								
		Adlt	Ray. Anderson								
		Adlt	David Stewart								
		Cord	E.J. O'Connell								
	Albany	Adlt	Jas. Kastenek								
	Melrose	Adlt	Michael Foley								
	Holdingford	Adlt	Jos. Fitzgerald								
Benton	Foley	Adlt	Warrwn Anderson			7,410	761	10.3	1,360	140	87
		Vets	John Pokorney		23						
Sherburne						6,215	346	5.6	1,290	73	49
Isanti						5,772	362	6.3	866	58	28
Chisago						6,075	582	9.6	914	87	44
Anoka	Anoka	AgBs	Dennis Arthur			58,457	286	0.5	11,533	58	29
		AgBs	Lowell Blom								
		AgBs	Stan Droogsma								
		AgBs	Rich. Duggan								
		AgBs	Robt. Fesser								
		AgBs	Dale Gustafson								
		AgBs	Earl Halverson								
		AgBs	Maynard Hughes								
		AgBs	Ernest Larson								
		AgBs	Larry Oatman								
Wright	Cokato	Adlt		Wayne Ahlbrecht		13,840	1,587	11.5	2,132	251	132
	Buffalo	Vets	Geo. Bigalke		23						

## AG DISTRICT # 8

County	Town	Prog	Designated Instructor	Co-op Instructor	No. Enr.	Total* Work Fce.	No.* Farmers	%*	Vets*	Est. V. Ag. Pot.*	Viet. Farm. Pot.*
Meeker	Grove City Litchfield	Adlt Adlt Vets Vets	Frank Rose Osborne Arlier	Barry Miller Winton Nelson	23 23	6,532	1,217	18.6	991	184	100
Ramsey	St. Paul	AgBs	Robt. Rannels			197,736	152	0.1	30,967	31	18
Hennepin	Minneapolis	AgBs AgBs AgBs AgBs AgBs AgBs	Curt Nelson Ken Ingvelson Dave Schaefer Don Huff And. Marthaler Roger Lillemo			419,914	681	0.2	67,128	134	76
Kanabec						3,604	516	14.3	533	76	41
12 Counties	16 Towns	14 Adlt 4 Vets 17 AgBs 1 Cord	32 Instruct.	4 Co-op Inst.	92 Vets	763,035	10,213	1.7	123,761	1,688	950

## EDUCATION

About two years ago I traveled across the northern United States to talk with school administrators, farm families and community leaders.

What we wanted to talk about was the dire need of trained people to work in the field of agriculture.

At that time there were only four programs in a ten state area that offered any training for agri-business. Many schools trained vo-ag students; very few trained farmers.

I watched young ag students and parents working hard to send their young to the city - to learn a job - to move away. We listened to town and village leaders plan a reduction of the activity of their community.

We listened to ag-teachers speak in discouraged tones - why teach ag - when the students do not farm.

We watched and heard farmers prepare to sell their way of life to corporation farming -- the uselessness of their community.

I guess we all do this at times because we want our children to have a better life than ours has been. The problem

is that we are looking at the pasture on the other side of the fence. It sure looks good - but we need to keep in mind that if we haven't studied it or tested it we can't know of the cancer producing characteristics it has.

My twelve years of living in St. Paul after a lifetime on the farm or in a rural community has illustrated what's happened. We've sent our young to the city because we thought it looked better. As a training director for the Farmers Union Central Exchange I've had the chance to see young people "come to town," with ambition, excitement and fervor for a new world, only to become cynical and broken.

We now breath contaminated air, drink polluted water - filled with protective chemicals. We get on a concrete treadmill that seems to come from nowhere and goes nowhere. Our closest contact with nature in any form is an occasional trip to the country for what's called a "vacation."

But the worst part, the search for a "better life" does not prove our theory - for today the people in the city are looking to the country for a "better life."

In the early 1900's a farmer was considered a separate segment of our economic life. As technology and efficiency increased, he became more dependent on and involved in the "outside" world.

In response to these profound changes, three interrelated, but distinctly different industries have evolved:

- 1) Farm operations--producing crops and livestock.
- 2) Farm supply--providing production supplies to the producer, such as fuel, feed, seed, fertilizer, etc.
- 3) Marketing system--buy the produce, process it, wholesale it and retail it.

Corporate farming is an effort to put these units together into one operation - under one head - for one reason -- to make many smaller farms more efficient. At least that's what has been said in defense of corporate farming.

That may be true, but the efficiency is in the ability to control. Greater control of inputs. Buy in large enough quantities or produce your own and you tend to keep the costs down. Control the marketing of farm produce and you tend to force the price up.

Farming has now become a part of a completely integrated unit. 150 years ago 80 percent of our population lived on farms. Four farm families produced enough food and fiber for themselves and one extra family. Today, one agricultural worker can produce enough food and fiber to supply 40 people.

The change is not only severe in the ability to produce but even more severe in the technical changes in methods of production.

Today the technical change is so rapid that if the operator stopped learning, in three years his ability would be obsolete.

This is true with the total agricultural industry. And the farmer finds himself more integrated with the total economic, social and political changes that occur on a day to day basis - not only locally, but nationally as well as internationally. The recent sale of wheat to Russia is a perfect example of that. Or the political action of one visit to China.

Farmers now have the structure to do this. They have ---

- 1) Cooperative manufacturing and supply organizations.

- 2) Cooperative processing and marketing organizations.
- 3) Cooperative finance organizations.

These organizations can provide the same strength to farmers - in massive numbers - who retain their local and management independence - as a large corporate farm operation can.

There are two major units missing from that list that the large agri-cultural corporation uses.

What the farmer does with these two will determine whether or not the family farm will continue to exist.

Let me toss in a personal prediction here. If the corporate farm does control the land resources in this country, your children will see a land use revolution that could destroy our ability to produce food and fiber for a hungry world. We cannot continue to confine more and more people in the horrible "people stacking" complex cities without a violent outcry. It is already starting to happen - "crime in the streets" - hundreds of thousands of young families searching for a way to escape - land use reform groups in the schools.

The two devices you have that can change the direction

and create a new destiny for agriculture ---

- 1) Farm organizations. The Farmers Union has the knowledge, the political influence methods, and the philosophy that I've spoken of. Only through farm organizations can farmers come together in one unit and through that organized effort cause change to happen.  
If farmers can agree on what they need - through farm organization - they can effect market activity - laws in the political and governmental areas. Only through farmers organizations have farmers built large marketing and farm supply organizations. They can control them only through the combined strength and involvement in them. In other words, the day of "let George do it" is long past.

- 2) Educational Institutions. Here is the strongest "long term" influence in the United States -- and it's getting stronger.

Farmers Union members must be aware of the effect of

education in their lives.

Keep in mind that each child in America will be vastly influenced by their teachers and lessons. Their attitude toward life gets set there - six hours a day - 180 days a year.

Let's take a critical look at education in Minnesota and rural America.

Years ago we centered our educational development institutions in large cities. We then allowed those institutions to develop a system which eventually encouraged great numbers of our farm youth to leave the rural community.

The college system in South Dakota two years ago graduated 90 percent of its seniors into teaching degrees - non agriculture. The most South Dakota could use in the state were one-half of that number. Most of that number were farm youth. Where did the rest go? Why? Because we told the educators - government and, worse, the kids - that farming is a declining business. We've let our schools stop teaching ag in high school -- it never was taught in elementary schools. We've sent our youth to the city.

We've let our universities do agricultural research that gets applied too often to large agri-business organizations or to large corporate farms. We have allowed them to ignore research efforts aimed at maintaining the small family farm.

I have two proposals made by rural people for applied research on family farms in rural Minnesota. These proposals are aimed at developing and promoting and teaching methods of farming that would increase the ability of the family farmer to stay on the farm. They were denied in favor of bigger research programs in favor of "big" farming.

So far I've only mentioned the professional "college" system and its impact.

What about the semi, or para-, professional?

In our rural setting the farmer can only produce as well as his support services perform. If you can't get the right fertilizer, at the right time, in the right amounts, applied right, your crop production efforts are severely hampered. Or --- if you cannot get the expert marketing knowledge working for you, you are the one that takes the losses.

The integration we talked about earlier is very real and has a drastic effect on your ability to produce.

Wouldn't it be nice if you could hire a nutritionist and a veterinary for your livestock, an agronomist for your crops, a horticulturist for the plants, a grain specialist for your grain, a grain salesman to reach world markets, etc. If you could have those people on your payroll imagine what they could do. You might have even gotten you in on the Russian grain sale.

Well -- this, of course, is ridiculous. The payroll would create disaster. Besides that, if you each did that, there would be nowhere near enough people to go around.

This is partly what corporation farming is all about. To locate and afford the cost of management or professional services necessary to increase production and the efficiency of production.

However, corporate farming is only one way to do it and certainly not the best way.

How do you - the farmer - accomplish this same objective?

You have the basic organizations. The Farmers Union with the hired specialists:

1. Legislative staff.
2. Educational staff.
3. Communications staff.
4. Etc.

Your farm supply organizations -- Farmers Union Central  
Exchange.

Your marketing organizations -- Farmers Union Grain  
Terminal.

Your finance organizations -- St. Paul Bank for Co-Ops  
and Production Credit Association.

The question is - are the experts or specialists there  
when you need them? If not, why not?

Are their programs for your use? If not, why not?

Let's look first at programs of information and training  
for farm managers.

This map shows the locations of veterans farm management  
training programs.

1004 veterans in 43 locations. There is a need for programs  
of over 6000 veterans.

## RE-CAP - MINNESOTA

Dist	# Days	# Town	Number									Total Work Force*	Number* Farmers	Vets.*	Est. V.Ag. Pop.*	Vets. Pop.*
			Adlt	Enrl	Vets	Enrl	AgBs	Enrl	Coor	Instr.	Coop.In					
1	12	26	28		6	138	4		1	30	10	77,793	11,084	11,505	1,637	314
2	17	16	14		11	253	8		2	35	1	170,679	8,155	25,816	1,203	577
3	15	25	22		13	299	7		1	34	9	78,935	16,748	10,711	2,222	1,140
4	6	12	12		3	69	5		1	21	2	31,391	7,060	4,364	997	510
5	11	19	19		4	92	5		1	25	4	108,488	13,001	16,956	1,957	1,072
6	8	19	19		2	46	5		1	22	4	156,264	8,805	24,749	1,266	634
7	6	16	14		5	115	2		1	18	4	81,612	7,262	12,849	1,025	550
8	12	16	14		4	92	17		1	32	4	763,035	10,213	123,761	1,633	930
TOT	87	149	142		48	1,104	53		9	217	38	1,468,197	82,328	230,751	12,055	6,300

These 1004 veterans will generate over \$3,000,000 in direct income in the state per year. Plus the income improvement realized from improved management.

Which amounts to about \$4.00 for every \$1.00 of cost.

Income to the community results in about \$9.00 for every \$1.00 spent.

Why aren't programs being started?

There is an effort to reduce vo ag. Why?

Here are a picture of adult ag programs in the state.

Only \_\_\_\_\_ farmers out of the state's 87,000 farm operators.

Why not more?

Now let's take a quick look at agribusiness farm support services.

What's happened to business management?

Ability level versus performance requirements change.

Non-management - turnover exceeds 37 percent per year.

Why? Inability to perform? 75 percent - lack of ability to perform.

Now let's look at what the need is --

1. What do we in agri-business need?
2. Age in elementary education.
3. Vocational ag in secondary schools.
4. Production ag technical skills.
5. Integrate vocational ag with ag technical skills.
6. Members - managers.
7. Support and improve programs.
8. Here's where.

How?

Serve on boards.

Work in the system.

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COUNTY	VETERAN AG POTENTIAL	NUMBER ENROLLED	NOT ENROLLED		
			WAITING LIST (ON)	NET POTENTIAL	TOTAL
CROW WING	45			45	45
MORRISON	206	69	29	108	137
BENTON	140	23	3	114	117
STEARNS	502			502	502
AITKIN	66			66	66
CARLTON	40			40	40
KANABEC	76			76	76
INE	148	23	7	118	125
ISANTI	58			58	58
CHISAGO	87			87	87
OTTERTAIL	399	23	11	365	376
CLAY	142			142	142
BECKER	167	69	36	62	98
LAKE OF THE WOODS	12			12	12
BELTRAMI	76			76	76
CLEARWATER	94	23	10	61	71

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			<u>WAITING LIST (ON)</u>	<u>NET POTENTIAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
KANDIYOHI	210	23	7	180	187
CHIPPEWA	137	69	17	51	68
McLEOD	229	23	12	194	206
RENVILLE	234	23	3	208	211
MEEKER	184	46	8	130	138
SHERBURNE	73			73	73
WRIGHT	251	23	10	218	228
JARVER	165			165	165
HENNEPIN	134			134	134
ANOKA	58			58	58
TRAVERSE	248			248	248
WILKIN	85			85	85
GRANT	63	23	4	36	40
DOUGLAS	173	23	27	123	150
OTTERTAIL	399	23	11	365	376
WADENA	71	23	2	46	48
TODD	249	69	7	173	180
CASS	48			48	48
HUBBARD	45	23	8	14	22

COUNTY	VETERAN AG POTENTIAL	NUMBER ENROLLED	NOT ENROLLED		TOTAL
			WAITING LIST (ON)	NET POTENTIAL	
PIPESTONE	125	23	2	100	102
COTTONWOOD	127			127	127
ROCK	151	23	8	120	128
WATONWAN	126	126		126	126
MURRAY	180			180	180
NOBLES	222	23	75	124	199
JACKSON	192			192	192
MARTIN	195			195	195
LAC QUI PARLE	164	69	16	79	95
LINCOLN	144			144	144
LYON	173			173	173
YELLOW MEDICINE	174	23	10	141	151
REDWOOD	183	23	8	152	160
STEVENS	69			69	69
BIG STONE	78			78	78
SWIFT	126	23	8	95	103
POPE	106			106	106

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			<u>WAITING LIST (ON)</u>	<u>NET POTENTIAL</u>	
KITTSOON	52			52	52
ROSEAU	138	23	5	110	115
PENNINGTON	64			64	64
RED LAKE	35			35	35
MARSHALL	123			123	123
POLK	237	23	3	211	214
NORMAN	115			115	115
MAHNOMEN	80			80	80

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Appendix 3

1 A bill for an act

2 relating to education; veteran farmer  
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7 and support educational programs for the benefit of veterans  
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9 veterans benefits by virtue of the unavailability of  
10 programs for which the veteran is entitled to enroll and  
11 receive subsistence, tuition, and other benefits under  
12 federal programs. It shall be the responsibility of the  
13 state board to measure the demand for veterans service  
14 educational programs based on the criteria mandated by  
15 federal veterans benefits laws and to authorize, promote,  
16 and make grants to assure such program availability.

17 Sec. 2. [APPROPRIATION.] The sum of \$2,400,000 is  
18 appropriated from the general fund to the department of  
19 education, division of vocational-education, for state  
20 participation in the veteran farmer cooperative training  
21 program, established under the Veterans Readjustment  
22 Benefits Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-358, as amended), during the  
23 biennium beginning July 1, 1973, and ending June 30, 1975.

Introduced by Perg, Fitzsimons and Olson, H. D.  
Read First Time Apr. 2, 1973, and Referred to  
the Committee on Education.

Committee Recommendation. To Pass and Re-referred to  
the Committee on Finance.

Committee Report Adopted Apr. 2, 1973.

Committee Recommendation. To Pass as Amended.

Committee Report Adopted May 10, 1973.

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19 year ending June 30, 1974 and \$726,000 for the year ending  
20 June 30, 1975 are appropriated from the general fund to the  
21 department of education for state reimbursement, in addition  
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