

## Economic Trends Affecting Agriculture

Year	Wholesale	Index of Prices		Prices Paid	Cost of Living
	Price Index	Received by		by Farmers <sup>3</sup>	Index <sup>1</sup>
	of all Commodities <sup>1</sup> (1910-14=100)	Farmers <sup>2</sup> (1910-14=100)		(1910-14=100)	(1935-39=100)
	U. S.	N. Dak.	U. S.	U. S.	U. S.
1935	117	101	109	130	98
1936	118	111	114	128	99
1937	126	126	122	134	103
1938	115	88	97	127	101
1939	113	80	95	125	99
1940	115	86	100	126	100
1941	127	102	124	133	105
1942	144	129	159	151	117
1943	151	162	192	164	124
1944	152	174	195	170	126
1945	154	184	202	172	128
1946	177	224	233	193	139
1947	222	308	278	231	159
1948	241	292	287	249	171
1949:					
Jan.....	234	259	268	248	171
Feb.....	231	251	258	245	169
Mar.....	231	253	261	246	170
Apr.....	229	253	260	246	170
May.....	227	242	256	245	170
June.....	225	239	252	245	.....
July.....		243	249	244	.....
Aug.....		236	245	243	.....

<sup>1</sup>Bureau of Labor Statistics.<sup>2</sup>United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.<sup>3</sup>Agricultural Prices, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

## INTRODUCING JOHN BURNHAM

New Experiment Station Editor

John Burnham, appointed Experiment Station Editor, became editor of Experiment Station publications on August 1, 1949. Beginning with this issue, Vol. XII, No. 1—September-October, 1949, Mr. Burnham will edit the Bimonthly Bulletin. The Bimonthly will continue to report what the Experiment Station is doing, where it is carrying on its work and the results of the observations and experiments of the staff. Mr. Burnham expects to give special attention to producing well balanced issues representative of the research work going on and to increasing the readability and timeliness of the articles. He comes to his new assignment with a fine background of newspaper experience and of publicity on agricultural affairs.

—H. L. Walster, Director

## FEDERAL GRASSHOPPER FIELDMAN

William R. Forsyth, field supervisor of the Federal Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, has been assigned to North Dakota to work on grasshopper control in co-operation with the NDAC extension service and other agencies. He is stationed in Mandan. He will work with state personnel in meeting the serious grasshopper problems anticipated in 1950. Forsyth is a graduate of Montana State College and began his grasshopper control work with the federal bureau 10 years ago.