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Hopi Indian Agency
Keams Canyon, Arizona
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Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith is the statistical section of the Annual Extension Report for 1941. The narrative section will follow in a few days.

The delay in submitting this report was due to an unusual amount of work arising at this time. Mr. Fall, the only extension employee, has been on sick leave for several months, and work on the report was detained for some time in order to get more accurate information from an agricultural survey now in progress by the S.M.C.O.

The Hopi way of life and the manner of ranging livestock, makes the breakdown by families and ownership very difficult. Very often a band of sheep will be in the name of one person who represents several families; again the band will be shown by individual family ownership.

The dipping records obtained in July of each year give a fairly accurate record of the number of sheep and goats but there is no accurate record of cattle, horses, mules or burros. An effort will be made this spring to get the accurate records on these classes.

All animals are sold by individuals who collect for them and our records of these transactions are very inadequate. However, we get accurate records from licensed traders which are a great help.

There are fifty-eight families at Moencopi. The village and school are under Hopi Jurisdiction but all agricultural operations are under Navajo Service. Therefore, although we show the families we do not include the income as it will probably be shown by Navajo Service.

As stated before, actual ownership of livestock is almost impossible to obtain. Although there seems to be an apparent drop in income from last year, there is a noticeable increase in the closing inventory as sales do not correspond with production.

An adjustment of the number of livestock to available forage must be made and the year 1942 will probably have very heavy sales due to short sales in 1941.

Very encouraging results in organizing livestock associations have been obtained.

Estimated yield of crops, fruits and vegetables do not include school tracts used for demonstrational purposes. The yield is used by the schools. Results of the Keams Canyon School garden, which receives some irrigation, and of the orchard, which is terraced but not irrigated, are shown on the attached sheet. statement of yield is conservative since only the best was gathered for storage.

Plans are being considered for the establishing of more of these demonstrational tracts to be cared for by the high school boys under conditions similar to those existing with the average Hopi farmers.

In submitting this report, your sympathetic attitude and consideration of our problems and difficulties will certainly be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Range Supervisor

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Approved;

Seth Wilson, Superintendent