

Feed a Fighter in Forty-Four

COMMENTARY AND SIDEBAR NOTES BY DAVID WALBERT

North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, "Join the 4H Club in the Food for Freedom Fight" (1944). Special Collections Research Center, North Carolina State University Libraries.

As you read...

This pamphlet was sent by the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service to 4-H members and other interested youth in the spring of 1944. It was part of the ongoing "Feed a Fighter" campaign. (See the previous documents in this chapter for more information.)

This page contains only the text of the pamphlet. You may also want to view the original, which is available from North Carolina State University Libraries (see <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/resolver/1840.6/80>). It's a big PDF file and will take awhile to download and to open.

BUSHEL?

This guide to U.S. Commercial Bushel Sizes (see <http://www.unc.edu/~rowlett/units/scales/bushels.html>) will help you figure out, for example, how many sweet potatoes are in 135 bushels.

1. How does this pamphlet differ from the "Enlistment for Victory" letter sent in 1943? Why do you think that might be?
2. How much food were participants in the "Feed a Fighter" campaign asked to grow?
3. What kinds of projects were suggested? Do any of them surprise you? Why?
4. How would these projects help the war effort?
5. How much time do you think projects like these would take over the course of a year?
6. What kinds of resources would a 4-H member have needed to complete one of these projects?

This is your war

That you and future generations may enjoy Freedom and Justice we are fighting this war. While men give their lives on the battlefield, those of us on the farm must see to it that they have the necessary food to fight the war; to defend and preserve the America we enjoy.

During 1944 the 4-H program will stress those activities which will aid most in the war effort. Every farm boy and girl in North Carolina should join in the Feed A Fighter for Freedom program in Forty-Four.

Here's how you can help!

1. Join a 4-H Club.
2. Take an active part in 4-H Club meetings.
3. Consult Neighborhood Leader for help.
4. Participate in special 4-H activities, such as, Church Sunday, 4-H Achievement Day, 4-H Camp, Health Program.
5. Maintain morale on the home front. Preserve for our soldiers when they return something of the kind of an America they left to defend.

Produce and conserve food

1. Select a project you can and will carry through to completion.
2. Select your project early and begin work on it.
3. Increase the size of projects.
4. Conserve all the food possible.
5. Keep accurate records to determine best methods.
6. Secure new members.

Contribute to the war effort

1. Do your part in salvage collections.
2. Put all your cash profits in War Bonds and Stamps — more, if possible.
3. Cooperate with Red Cross, Civilian Defense and other war agencies.
4. Write letters to friends in the Armed Service.
5. Participate in all worthy community activities.

Feed a Fighter in '44

Here's How: Any one of the following is the equivalent of the total amount of food required to feed a man in the Armed Service for one year.

Check the one you will do; tear off this sheet and mail or hand it to your farm or home agent for information and instructions as to how best to do the job.

- Conduct a meat animal project which will produce 1300 lbs. of meat. Either of the following should be sufficient:
- Feed 2 Baby Beef Animals
 - Feed 6 Pigs

- Feed 16 Lambs
- Grow 300 broilers to 2½ lbs., or a total of 750 lbs.
- Care for 50 hens that will produce 470 dozen eggs.
- Feed and handle one milk cow which will produce 5500 lbs. of milk.
- Grow 113 bushels of corn.
- Grow 110 bushels of tomatoes.
- Grow 135 bushels of sweet potatoes.
- Grow 135 bushels of Irish potatoes.
- Produce 270 gallons of cane syrup.
- Grow one acre of mixed vegetables.
- Can 500 quarts of vegetables.

Name _____

Address _____

Our men in the armed services must have

- Fresh Vegetables
- Canned Food
- Potatoes
- Poultry
- Bread
- Meat
- Milk
- Eggs

YOU CAN HELP TO SUPPLY THESE AND THE MANY OTHER FOODS NECESSARY FOR VICTORY

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