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could purehase approximately half again as many orange stamps if the need actually existed. The remainder of the stamjs in the book would be colored blue and would be good only in exchange for domestically produced agricultural commodities declared to be surplus by the secretary of Agriculture and having definite nutritive and health-protectiv values. All stamps would have a value of twenty-five cents (258). With sach purchase of orange stamps the purchaser would recoive blue stamps, good only f'or surplus commodities, in an anount equal fo fifty porcent of the orange stamps purchased. Thus, a family of four which received $\$ 20$ twice a month could purchase a minimun of ${ }^{*} d .00$ worth of orange stamps for that period, and in that case would be given an aduitional ${ }^{W} 4.00$ worth of blue stsmps which would be good for the purchasc of surplus agricultural products. A relativoly isimpl: plan to on p bls retailers to recuive paymant on the stamps is propos and the nature of the whole plan is such that it would wo enomical to administor. All groccry stores desiring to do so coula participato. This plan would have the advantage, through the usc of the two kinds of stamps, or not only maintaining at least approximately the prescnt rate of exponditure for all foods, but of providing an opportunity to purchasc and uso surplus comnoditios thet will supply valunkle addjtions to the dicts of lov-incomc peoplc. Trmers producing cormoditios which are now surplus would foul the results of such a plan promptly bucouse of the cxpandod market demand for their products. The health of noedy and undernourished familios would be considerably improved at the same time.

The followinp steps and mochnics are proposed for putting the plan into operation:
A. Trade and producer reactions to, and suffestions concerning the plan set forth bolow will be sought and advice solicited as to the areas in which the plan should be put into effect on an experimental basis. If it is felt that such a program merits a trial, interested governmental agencies outside the Department of Agriculture will be consulted with reference to the mechanics of this proposal as it affects their operations.
B. It is proposed that a limited number of cities be selected as experimental aress, ranging in population upward from 50,000 , at least one or two of which should have as one of its primary sources of income agricultural back comery, to get the groatest exporimental value from the farmers' standnoint. Such elomonts as the probable degroe of cooperation which could bo counted unon from wholosole and retail food mon, bankers, local civic bodics, and tho local and State wolfare officials should be given coreful considoration.
C. If the support of the trado association and producor groups is assured and if a decision is made to try to put tho plan into operation, the experimontsl cities will be selocted and tho following stops will be taken in cach aroa.
D. A mecting of reprosontatives of the wholesalc and retail food business, Chember of Commerce officials, local newspaper editors, bankers, a local nutritionist or home conomist, a representetive of the public henlth sorvico, and a ropresentative of the Red Cross, will be scheduled, at which time tho surplus problom and inadequate diet of low-income
people will be discussed and the following proposal outlined.

1. That local food retailers will handle the distribution of all surplus commodities as distinguished from any plen that would not include them.
2. That no effort at fixing sales prices or margins will be made by the Administration. It would count, however, upon the natural working of economic law to bring about a decrease in margins because of the increased volume of business passing through retail stores. The greatest potential value of the plans will be realized if, because of cgeressive merchandising, all consuners are enabled to increase their purchases and consumption of surplus commodities. Under such circumstances a dollar of goverrment money would produce a groctor result then that which takes place under the present program.
3. That all food rotailers, wholesalors, and locul newspapers will be furnished with a bulletin in wich commoditios designated as surplus by the Sccetary of Agriculturo will be listed. These lists will be rovised from time to time but at no more frequent intervals then necessary. Where such changes.are made, reasonable notice will be given so that the trades may govern themselves accordingly.
4. Persons on :rork or direct relief (either Federel, State, or local); needy persons certificd as eligiblc for work or dircet relief but not actually rocciving aid; and persons receiving Socicl Security benefits who are in need of additional aid, will be eligible for the benefits of this proposcd plen.

5. Stamps approximately . 84 of an inch by 1.44 inches will be printed which will contain the following wo raing:

> "For use in accordance with regulations of the Socretary of Agriculture of the United States."

Two corners of the stamps will be decorated with the letters $U$. S. and two corners will contain the figure 25申. An appropriate design will be made up and the words "Food Commodity Stamp" will appear as will the Words "United Effort - The Way to Plenty". Regulations in conncction with the usc of the stamps will be printed on the inside and outside back cover of each book. The stamps which will be good for all commoditics will have an orance backeround and will bo printed in black. Tho stamps which will be good for surplus commodities only will contain the same wording as the orange stamps and will bo decorated in the same manner except that the re will be a blue background.
6. An appropriate design, showing the figures of a farmer, a consumer and a storekeoper, will be printed on the cover of each stamp book. This will scrve to distinguish and identify the books.
7. Both types of stamps will be issued in perforated shects of cight with a perforatcd margin on the loft side of the shect which can be
bound with staples to a front and beck cover. Between the sheets of stamps, which will contain mucilage, will be transperent glue resisting sheets.
8. Books of stamps containing $\$ 4.00$ worth of orenge colored stemps and 2.00 worth of blue stemps (16 and 8 stamps or two sheets and one sheet, respectivcly) will be made up, as will books of $\$ 6.00$ worth of orange stemps and 3.00 worth of blue ( 24 and 12 stamps or three sheets and one and one-half sheets, respectively) and books of \$8.00 morth of orange stamps and 4.00 worth of blue ( 32 and 16 stamps or four sheets and tro sheets, respectively), books of $\$ 10.00$ morth of orenge stamps and $\$ 5.00$ :orth of blue ( 40 and 20 stamps or five sheets and tro and one-helf sheets, respectively), books oi \%l2.00 \%orth of orange stamps and $\$ 6.00$ worth of bluo ( 48 and 24 stamps or six sheets and throe shocts, respectivoly), and of ${ }^{2} 15.00$ worth of orange stamps and 4.50 worth of biue ( 60 and 30 siemps or $7-1 / 2$ and $3-3 / 4$ sheets, respoctively).
9. Appropriate government accounts will be set up from which rodemption payments for used stamps cen be made.
10. Since tho best available figures indicate that the average family recciving public assistence expends for food approximately 1 。00 per week per person, or less, and since resoarch indicates that an expenditure of approximetely $\$ 1.50$ is required for each urban person in order to get the minirum dict necessery for adequate health, it is proposed to make aveilable to persons eligible for the benefits of this plan, as a ninimum, only those books wich contain orenge stanps in an amount approzimately equal to the totel of \$I.OO per week for each
member of the family. As set forth ahove, with each such purchase of oranpe stams there will be included in the book blue stomps totaling 50 percent of the value of the orarge stamps. (M. P. A. workers, who are paid twice a month will be eligible on each pay day to buy a supply of orange stamps sufficient for the half-month period. Each such purchase must be at the rate of at least $\$ 1.00$ per week for each mernbor of the family.) As an exampla, a W. A. worker whose fanily is made up of four perens including himself, who makes $\$ 40$ a month, will receive $\$ 20$ in wages on each pay day. In the past his expenditures for food have probably boon at the rate of approximatoly $\$ 4.00$ a weck ( $\$ 1.00$ per weok for cach momber of tho family) and he would undar this plan bo oligible to purcheso on $\$ 8.00$ book of orango stamps with which thero would bo given him without chargo, in lieu of surplus comoditios he is now cligible to recive outside the normal chamels of trade, $\$ 4.00$ worth of blue stamps. The expenditure of the $\$ 12.00$ in stemps for food would rosult in brinaing to 1.50 a wey the expenditure for ach momber of the family, or the minimu nocossery to maintein odecuately the hoalth of an urben person.

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(Check the value of the bock to winjeh you are mtitled.)
"Please deduct \$ $\qquad$ from ny wages and use this sum to murchase for me a book of Comocituy Stamps good in exchange for food in the amount checked abovs. It is underatood that there will be added to the orange stamps purchased, blue stamps good for sraplus comodities donated by the Secretary of Agriculture of the velue eçual to one-half of the price paid for the orarige stanus.
( ) I will make signod requests for stemn; before each pay day.
( ) Plesso make the sane deduction from my pay each pay dny and purchase the same arount of Commonity Stamps for rie until I notify you othomise.
(Check 1 or 2)

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11. Timekeopers or formen on T.P.A nrojucts will be instructed to advise W.P.A. worlers of their oppontunity to get such comodity stamps if request is made in miting. They will secept and transmit with time sheets all such mittion requests which they receive prior to the time the work records are cont to the District office or the Treasury Accounts office for payroll purposes. Notation will be mede on the payroll of all
workers who have mado the request and the amounts indicated will. be deducted from the wages to be paid. In the envelope in which the Treasury check in the reduced amount will be sent to the worker, there will also be included the commodity starnp bock.
12. After the plan goes into effect similar doductions carı be made onch Day day if the workur so elects or a blank printed request form could be sont in his pry cnv lopo wjith instructions to fill it out and give it to lis foremer as som as possible so thot roquests could be received in the payroll offic and the nozessary action taken during all of the interim botwo in pey periods rather then on the last few days.
13. With recioients of otate and local direct reliof, and bonoficiaries of old aro, aid to the blind and fid to dependent children programs of the Social Security Board, tho meckanics might prove moro difficult from a govornmentol point of viow. It is boliuvca, howaver, that satisfactory fisc 1 and accounting arrangononts con bo mado botwoen tho various agencios involved.
14. The Fodoral Surplus Comoditios Corporation will ask the Jocal walfare agoncios to agrae not to reduce the amount of assistance being ronderod in individuel ceses unloss in a porticular individuel caso circual stances existed which vrould hove wrananted reduction of the anount if the Surplus Comodity Stamns wor not boing fivon. Tho agroment would also provide that stomn bocks will be fiven orly to olimillo persons and that the regulations of the Sicrutry of Agriculture will bo observed.
15. On the front cover of the book would appary in heavy lettering the words "Comodity stamps" and the design described above. Directly below would appery the following larguage:
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19. The cards on which bluc stamps will be affixed will contain a statement substantialiy as follows at tho bottom, which each such food merchant will be roquired to sign: .
"I hereby certify that the stamps afinxed to this card wore used in exchonge for food in the atore lacatwed at the address shom belom; that the stamps mere detached at the time the oxchange was made; that these stamps were used exclusively in exchange for food commoditios declared to be surplus and purchased by the Sccrotary of Arriculure; and that said stomps wore not uscd for any other purpose or as a moans or effocting any other ariongement. I also understand that any grocery store which viol.atos those rules will be unable to participate in this Dlan in the iuture.

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20. If a morchant does not have a bank account or has a card containing luss then tionty (20) stamps on wich ho must roalize his money, it is hoped that arramgonts can be made by which ho my rodeem that eard at the nearost Post Office upon proper idontification by executing a prescribou vouchor form.
21. "Retail food stores", as uscd herein, shell muen cny store, shop, and so forth, where a food and grocery retailer corries on the businoss of seliing rood or grocery products to consumers and not for the purpose of rescle in ant form. No stemps shell be good for food in rostauconts, delicatossons, and so forth, $\overrightarrow{\text { Ior }}$ consumption on the pronises.
22. "Pood", as used herein, sholl moan any comodity sold in
such rotail staros for intomal human ocnoumption, which is nct $t$. bo censumod on tho promises (such as in restarants, dolicatossins or drugstores) and also shall bo construad to mean houschold necossitics usually purchasod in grecory stures such as spap, starch, and so forth, but shall not inclulo wincs, liquors, beer, ur uthur alchblio buverages: or tobaco in any furm.
23. Since W.P.A. workers are paid twice a fuintly and since porsoms en State or local relief recoivo thoir paymonts in sumeases at inturvais of a wack, in sone cases tivice a nonth, and in othor casus onco a month; and sirce pavonts to the porsins in tho diferent groups vary considerably; it appoars to bo dosirable tu issue the bous ef stamps in tho doncminations sot fortli abou. Evory offert will be mado, however, to have parsons in the vari res groups purchase vange stamps on oach pay day totajing a minimum of ${ }^{2} .00$ por wook for ach menbur or the family. It may bacossary to wait until the cporation of tho plan gots undon way to duviso dofindte moans of assuring the purchase of that anount of rang: stamps on onch successive pay day, in arder to be cortain that the distribution it tho blue stamps is uficeting a not incroase in consumption math that are not boing usce during the subsuquent pay perica fur Pod pirchases whieh would ncrmally have beon paid for cut of monoy subsogumtly recoivod.
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surplus comodities. The retail and wholesale trades can render an enormous service to farmers by cooperating in this plan and by pushing the sele of surplus apricultural cormodities to persons other than those receivinp nublic assistanco.
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The followine veriation to the plan sucgested above is proposed for adoption in part of the experimental areas:
I. Instcad of requesting doductions from his iv. P. A. wages or from his relicf payment, tho person receiving aid will continue to get his assistance in the form of cash.
2. Arrangemonts may be mado for space in the local welfaro office for a foderal oficor who will be stationed there and will soll Commodity Stamp books to persons certificd as cligible for public assistance.
3. The boots will include both orange and bluc stamps in the ratio of 2 orsné stemps for 1 blue stamp and will bo mado up in books containing 4.00 in orange stamps and $\$ 2.00$ in blue, $\$ 6.00$ in orange stamps and 3.00 in blue, $\$ 8.00$ in orange stamps and 4.00 in blue, $\$ 10.00$ in oranpe stamos and $\$ 5.00$ in bluc, $\$ 12.00$ in orange and $\$ 6.00$ in BIuc, and \$15.00 in orongo stamps and $\$ 7.50$ in bluo.
4. Each porson recoiving public assistanco will be required to got from the agoncy which cortifiod him as oligible for aid a card listing the name of the cligible person, his addross, the type of aid he is receiving, and the number of porsons in his fomily or dopendent

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upon him for support. The person will be required to sign the card and on the reverse side space will be provided for entries to show the date and amount of rurchase. The card would be of standard size -aporoximately $2-1 / 4$ inehes wide and $3-3 / 4$ inches long. This would permit six columas across the back of the card which would be divided into 13 squares in each column of enoroximately $1 / 4$ inch square. In the first colurn would be printed the date of purchase by woeks such as "poek of $4 / 16$ ", etc. In the second colum the fodersl disbursing officer would insert in ink the vilue of the orange stamps purchased and in the third column he would insert his initials. The last three column would be a repetition of the first three.
5. The foderal disbursing officer would be supplied a list of persons cortifiod as eligible by the cortifying agency. The list would be on a form which would show the names and addresses of the persons on the left side and the number of persons in the family. The romainder of the form would be divided into blocks opposite each name, into which the amount of each purchase would be inserted. Each column would represont a week and would bo headed with the date.
6. The card and list form would oliminate almost completoly the possibility of exchance of crodentials or overpurchases for rasale purposes and the plan should work expeditiously to get the books of stemps into the hands of persons who neod thom.
7. Any parson receivinp nublic aid who produced his card and whose name was on the fedoral disbursing officer's list could purchase a book of orange stamps equal in value to at least $\$ 1.00$ for each
member of his family for each of the weeks between the time of the purchase date and the date of the next pay period or reliof payment. This formula would be used to determine the minimum amount which the person receiving public aid would be permitted to purchase but would not necessarily represent the maximum. As a practical matter it is probable that fow persons in that status would, or could afford to purchaso moro. Fowever, sinco sone families do oxpend a groator proportion of their income on food than othors, all families would be elimjblo to purchase orange stamps eoual in velue to $\$ 1.00$ for ench member of the family for ench week or could purcheso up to apnroximatoly 50 porcent more if the need actually oxisted nnd would rocoive bluo surplus commodity stamps ocual in value to 50 porcont of the anount of orange stamps purchased.
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4. An official will bo stationod in tho local roliof office and whon a porson reciving aid $\mathfrak{y}$ esonts his card and has his name
checked on a list of the kind described in the variation of the plen immediatcly preceding this, he will be given a book of blue commodity stamps good for the exchange of commodities declared to be surplus by the Secretary of Agriculture. The blue stamps in the book given each such person will be in an amount equal to fifty cents (50申) (or two stamps) for each member of the family for each week betwoen the datc the book is given and the date of the next pay period or relief payment. Thus, a femily of two would reccive a book with $\$ 2.00$ worth of bluc stamps for a tro wCoks' poriod; a family of three would reccive a $\$ 3.00$ book for thet poriod, and so forth.
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This plan is the simplest of all from administrative and accounting points of view. An cxperimontal period is undoubtcaly necessary to detorminc tho effectivenoss of this epproach as a means of bringing about a more adequate diet on the part of the familics involved. Wherever it is tried, a careful check will be made during its oporation to determine the net increase in the local consumption of surplus foods.

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This will be compared with the mount of blue stamps issued to determine the extent to which this approach results in a groater movement of surplus agricultural products.
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The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, under authority pranted to the Secretary of Agriculture by Section 32 of Public Iraw No. 320 of the 74 th Conpress, as amended, and with funds transferred by him, is now purchasing certain surplus acricultural comnodities and donating them to the several States for distribution for relief purposes. Under this authority and in a limited number of cities it is now proposed to try verious experimental plans for the distribution of surplus commodities to needy and under-nourished persons through the normal wholesale and retail channels of trade. The aggressire help of business is needed to increase the domestic consumption of surplus agricultural products.

One such plan would involve the issuance of a book of food order stamps to persons now receiving various forms of public assistance. Part of the stamos in the book would be colored orange and could be used for any food product beire sold gt grocery stores. Any pefon recoivino public aid could buy for any one pay-period orance coldred stamps of a total value approximately courl to the amount now bedin expended for food by the family for that beriod. A minimum omount would be fixed which pirsons recoivinc public aid in each, area would be oliorible to purchase. As a practical matter it is probuble that few persons receiving public aid would, or could afford to purchase much more than the minimum amount. However, since some families do
expend a greater proportion of their income on food than others, all families would be eligible to purchase orange stamps in the minimum amount ar could purchase approximately half again as many orange colored stamps if the need actually existed. As an illustration, if the average expenditure for food emong persons receiving public aid in a particular area is about ${ }^{W} 1 . c c$ a week for each member of the family, eny person receiving aid would be elifible to buy for any one pay period as a minimum orance colorad rood order stamps of a total value eoual to $\$ 1.0$ a wo 3 for each member of the family. If the need existed, however, and if the person receiving public aid desired to do so he could purchase approximately half again as many orange colored stamps The remainder of the stamp in the book would be colored blue and would be good only in axchango for domestically produced agricultural commodities declared to be surplus by the Secretary of Aqriculture and having definite nutritive and health-protective values. All stamps would have a value of twenty-five conts (25\&). With each purchasc of orance colored food order stamps the purchaser would receive blue stamps, good only for surolus commoditios, in an arnount equal to fifty percent of the oranpe stemps purchased. Thus, to use the illustration cited above, a family of four which resived $\$ 20$ twice a month could purchase a. minimum of 8 .CO worth of oranee stamps for that period, and in that case would be given an additional $\$ 4.00$ worth of blue stamps which would be pood for the purchase of surplus arricultural products. A relatively simple plan to onable retailors to rocoive payment on the stamps is proposed and the nature of the whole plan is such that it would be
economical to administer. All grocery stores desiring to do so could participate. This plan would have the advantage, through the use of the two kinds of stamps, of not only maintaining at least approxinately the present rate of expenditure for all foods, but of providing an opportunity to purchase and use surplus commodities that will supply voluable additions to the diets of low-income people. Farmers producin commodities which are now surplus would feol the results of such a plan promptly becsuse of the expanded market domend for their products. The heolth of needy and undornourishod families would be consiarably jimpoved at the same time.

The following stips and mochanics aro bronosad for putting the plan into operation:
A. Local reactions to, and surgestions concorning the plan sot forth below will bo soupht and advico solicited as to the aroas in which the plan should be put into effect on an cxporimantal basis. If it is felt that such a program morits a trial, intorostod eovernontal agoncies outsido tho Dopartmont of Agriculturo will bo consulted with reforenco to tho mochanics of this proposal as it affocts thoir oporetions.
B. It is proposod that a limitod number of citios be sol ctod as exporimontal arcas, renging in population upward from 50,000, at loast one or two of which should havo as ono of its primary sources of incomo apricultur back country, to gut tho pruatost oxporimentrl volue from the farmers' stendpoint. Such olomonts as the nroboblo dofroo of coonorstion which could bo countod upon from wholosalc and
retail food men, banvers, locnl civic bodies, and the local and State welfare officials should bo fiven careful considerntion.
C. If the support of the trade ossociation and producer groups is assured and if a decision is made to try to put the plon into operation, the experimental cities will be selocted and the following steps will bo takon in oach area.
D. A meoting of represontatives of the wholesalc and rotail food busincss, Chamber of Commercc officials, local nowspaper editors, bankors, a local nutritionjst or homo conomist, a roprosontative of tho public hoalth scrvico, and a roprosontativo of tho Rod cross, will bo schodulod, at which time the surplus problon and inadequate dict of low-incomo peoplo will bo discussod and the following proposal outlinod.
l. That local food retailors will handlo the distribution of all surplus comoditios as distinquishod from eny plan that would not include them.
2. That no offort at fixing sales pricos or margins will bo mado by the Administration. It would count, however, upon the natural working of conomic law to bring about a docroasc in margins bocauso of the incroasod volumo of businoss passing through rotail storos. Tho greatest potontial valuo of the plans will bo roalizod if, becausc of aggrossivo morchandising, all consumers aro onablod to incroase thoir purchasos and consumption of surplus commoditios. Undor such circumstancos a dollar of government moncy would produce a groator rosult thon that which takos place undor the prosent program.
3. That all food rotailors, wholosalors, and local newspapers
will bo furnished with a bulletin in which commoditics designated as surplus by the Socrotary of Agriculture will be listod. Those lists will be rovised from time to time but at no more froquent intervals than nocessary. Whero such changes aro mado, roasonablo notico will be givon so that the trades may govern thomsolvos accordingily.
4. Porsons on work or direct roliof (cither Fodoral, Stato, or locrl): neody porsons cortified as eliciblo for work or direct relicf but not actunlly racoiving aid; and parsons recoiving Social Security bonefits who aro in nood of additional aid, will bo oligiblo for tho benofits of this pronosed plan.
5. Stamps approximately .84 of an inch by 1.44 inchos will ba printed which will contain the following wordins:

> "Subjoct to conditions prescribod by tho Secrotary of Agriculture" . nd, in the casc of the orango colorod stemp, "Twonty-five cont non-transferable food ordor."

Two corners of tho stamps will be docorated with the lettors F.S.C.C. and two cornors vill contain the figure $25 \notin$ and an appropriato design will appear on the loft side. Regulations in conncetion with the uso of tho stamps will bo printed on the insido and outsido back covor of oach book. Tho stamps which may be used for all food commoditics will have a whito background and will bo printod in orange. The stamps which may be usod for surplus commodities only will contoin tho same wording as the orango stomps and will bo decoratod in tho some mannor oxceot that they will be bluc and whito and that the word "Surplus" will be added just bofore the vords "Food Order".
6. An appropriate desipn, shoving the fipuros of a farmor,
a consumer and a storekeeper, will be printed on the cover of each stamp book and the words "Tnited Effort" and "The Way to Plenty" will appear above and below.
7. Both types of stamns will be issued in perforated sheets of four with a perforatod rarain on the left side of the sheet which can be bound with staplos to a front and back cover. Botween the sheets of stamps, which will contain mucilapo, will be trasmarent glue resisting sheets.
8. Books of stanps containing $\$ 2.00$ worth of orango colored stamps and $\$ 1.00$ worth of blue stamps ( 8 and 4 stamps or two shoets and one sheet respectively) and $\$ 4.00$ worth of orange colored stamps and \$2.00 worth of blue stamps (16 and 8 stamps or four shocts and two sheots, respectively) will be mado up, as will books of $\$ 6.00$ worth of orange stamps and 3.00 worth of blue (24 and 12 stamps or six shects and three shcets, respectivoly) and books of $\$ 8.00$ worth of orange stamps and $\$ 4.00$ worth of blue ( 32 and 16 stamps or eight shects and four sheets, respoctively), books of $\$ 10.00$ worth of orenge stamps and 5.00 worth of bluc ( 40 and 20 stamps or ten sheets and five she ts, respectively),

- Apnropriate eovernnent nccounts will bo sot up from which redmption paymonts for usod stamps can be made.

10. Tho bost nveilable ficures indicate thet the evorage fomily rocoiving public assistence oxponds for food approximetoly $\$ 1.00$ per wozk por person, or loss, and roscarch indicatos that an oxpondituro of approximately $W_{1} .50$ is required for oech person in an average city in order to get the minimum diot nocossary for adoguato hoalth. It is
proposed, therefore, in those experimental areas in which these averages prevail to make available to persons eligible for the benefits of this plan, as a minimum, only those books which contain orange stamps in an amount approximately equal to the total of $\$ 1.00$ per week for each member of the family. As set forth above, with each such purchase of orange stams there will be included in the book blue stamps totaling 50 percent of the value of the orange stamns. In such areas W. P. A. workers, who are paid twice a month and recipients of public aid who receive payments at the same intervals will be eligible on each pay day to buy a sumply of orange stamps sufficient for the half-month period. Each such purchase must be at the rate of at loost $\$ 1.00$ per week for each member of the family. As an example, a W. P. A. worker whose family is mede up of four persons including himself, who makes $\$ 40$ a month, will receive $\$ 20$ in wages on each pay day. If records in that area indicato that in the past his expenditures for food have been at the rate of approximately $\$ 4.00$ a wook ( ${ }^{W} 1.00$ per weok for each member of tho family) ho wrould under this plan be oligiblo to purchase an $\$ 8.00$ book of orange stamps with which thore would be given him without charge, in licu of surplus comoditics he is now eligible to receive outside the rormal channels of trade, $\$ 4.00$ worth of blue stamps. The expenditure of the 12.00 in stamps for food would result in bringing to 1.50 a week the exponditure for ench membor of the family, or the minimum necessary to maintrin adequately the health of a person in the avorapo city. A simple form for exacution by W. P. A. workers in such an
area will be printed in substantially the following form
"I hereby certify that I am supporting a family of $\qquad$ including myself. I am therefore entitled to buy one book of Food Order Stamps containing:

(Check the value of the book to which you are entitled.)
"Please deduct $\$$ from my wages and use this sum to purchase for me a book of Food Order Stamps good in exchange for food in the amount checked above. It is understood that there will be added to the orange colored stamps purchased, blue stamps food for surplus commodities donated by the Secretary of Apriculture of the value equal to one-half of the nrice paid for the orange stamps.
( ) I will make signed recuests for stamps before each pay day.
( ) Please mate the same deduction from my pay each pay day and purchase the same amount of Food Order Stamps for me until I notifv you otherwise. (Check 1 or 2)

Name of Worker
"
11. In those areas in which the averages referred to above do not prevail, persons receiving public aid will be eligible to purchase as a minimum orange colored stamps in approximately the amount they are now expending for food. As an illustration, persons receiving higher W. P. A. wages and reliof payments in industrial cities frequently expend $\$ 1.50$ a wrek for food for oach momber of the family
but duc to higher prevailing living costs have a diet as inadeouate as those in other areas who expend only $\$ 1.00$ a week. In such areas a formula for the minimum and the maximum amounts of orange stamps which such persons will be eligible to purchase will be worked out which will bear a direct relatjonship to the amount each such family is now expending. In these areas, as in the others roferred to above, blue surplus food order stamps will be added to the orange stamps purchased in the ratio of one blue stamp for each two orange stamps.
12. Timekeepers or foremen on W. P. 10 projects will be instructed to advise W. P. A. workers of their opportunity to get such Food Order stamps if request is mede in writing. Thoy will accept and transmit with time sheets all such writton reauests which they receive orior to the time the work records are sent to the District office or the Treasury Accounts office for payroll purposes. Nota ion will be made on the pavroll of all worlers who have made the recuest and the amounts indicatad will bo deducted from the weres to be paid. In the envelope in which the Tronsury checl- in the roduced anount will be sent to the workor, there will also be included the Food Order stamp book.
13. After the plan gocs into effect similar deductions can be made each pay day if the workor so olects or a blank printed roouest form could be sent in his pay envolope with instructions to fill it out and give it to his foreman as soon as possible so that requests could be roceived in tho payroll office and tho nocossary action takon during all of the interim betwoon pay poriods rather than on tho last fow days.
14. With recipients of State and local direct relief, and beneficiaries of old ape, aid to the blind and aid to dependent children programs of the Social Security Board, the mechomics might prove more difficult from a povernmente noint of wiew. It is believed, however, that satisfactory fiscal and accounting arrangements can be mode between the various agencies involved.
15. The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation will ask the local welfare agoncias to agree not to reduce the amount of assistanco being rendercd in individual cases unless in a particular individual case circumstances existod which would have warrantod reduction of the amount if the Surplus Commodity Stomps were not being givon. The agrocment would also provide that stamp books will bo given only to eligiblo persons and that the regulations of the Sceretary of Agriculture will be observed.
16. On a fly leof in the front of tho book would appear the following:
"TO THE OTNER CT ANY RTTAIL FOOD STORE (as defined in the rogulations and conditions in the bsel nortion of this book) OR HIS AGENT:
"Plense doliver to the porson whose name appears on the front cover of this book or his representative:
"a. For each orange colored food order stamp, 'food', as dofincd on the back cover of this book, of a value of $25 \not \subset$.
"b. For cach blue food order stanp, 'food' found by tho Secretary of Agriculture to bo surplus and currontly listod in the Fedoral Surplus Commoditics Corporation bullctin as food for which blue surplus food ordor stamps may bo usod, of a valuo of $25 \not \subset$.
"For each such delivery made in accordance with regulations and conditions of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Foderal Surplus Commodities Corporation will pay $25 \notin$ provided the food order stomps received as ovidence of the delivery are presented to the Federal Surplus Conmodities Corporation in the manner prescribed."
17. Purchasers of the books will be reauired to sign thoir names on a line provided on tho inside cover of each book, ovor which the following statoment wili appear:


#### Abstract

"I hereby certify that I on ontitled to this book of food order stamps; thet I will use the stamps in this book to obtain food; the. I will not attempt to dispose of them in any other way; that I will use the blue surplus food order stamps exclusively to obtain food commodities found to bo surplus by the Secretary of Agriculture; and that these food order stanps will be detached only at the time the delivery of the food is made and in the presence of the merchant making delivery. I understand that if the conditions made by the Secretary of Agriculture are violated, I will be denied food order stamps in the future. I also certify that any food order stamps previously issued to me were used in accordance with the conditions printed in the back portion of the book.


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18. Food merchants will require that stamps be detnched in their presence a.t the time purchoses ere made and will not honor stamps previously detnched. Each such food store will bo suppliod with cards by the Federal Surplus Comodities Corporation sufficiently large to permit 20 stamps to be pasted thereon. Differont cards will be used for blue stamps and orange stemns. Stamps of one type will be pasted on one card in the blocks provided. An attempt will be minde to arrange with local banks so that cards, when filled out with stamps can be deposited in the normal business way and the banks in that event
could effect collection from the Federal Surplus Comodities Corporation in much the same manner that checks on out-of-town banks or drafts are now handled. Banks could forward the cards in lots, together with signed vouchers to the Federal Surplus Comodities Corporation representative who would in turn forward them to the nearest U. S. Treasury Disbursing Officer for the issuance of a check. The whole-hearted cooporation of local banks will be most helpful to merchants in this connectiono
19. The cards on which the ornge stamps will be affixed would contain a statement substantially as follows at the bottom, which each such food merchant would be reauired to sikn:
"I certify that for all the orange-colored food order stamps affixed to this form, representing \$ , I have delivered 'food', as defined in the regulations and conditions on the reverse side of this form, to the value stated on each of such food order stamps, and that the food order stamps were not removed from the booklet prior to presentation at the placo of busincss indicatod below. Payment for the 'food' so delivered is horoby roauostod. I further certify that the conditions printed on the reverse side hereof have beon complied with and I undorstand that any retailer violating such conditions will bo donied furthor participation in the food distribution plan and will be subjoct to all the fines and ponaltic s imposod by law.

> (Payce - name under which rotail business is conducted)
(Business Addross)
(Datc) (Signature of Person Authorizod to Certify)"
20. The cards on which blue stamps will be affixed will contain a statement substantially as follows at the bottom, which each such food merchant will be required to sign:
"I certify that for all the blue food order stamps affixed. to this form, representing $\$$ $\qquad$ , I have delivered surplus food, as defined in the regulations and conditions appearing on the reverse side of this form, listed in the Surplus Commodities Bulletin, issued for this purpose, effective at the time of delivery of such food, to the value stated on each of such food order starnps, and that the food order stamps were not removed from the booklet prior to presentation at the place of business indicated below. Payment for the surplus food so delivered is hereby requested. I further certify that the conditions printed on the reverse side hereof have been complied with and I understand that any retailer violating, such conditions will be denied further participation in the food distribution plan and will be subjeot to all the fines and penalties imposed by law.
(Payee - Name under which rotail business is conducted)
(Business Address)
(Date) (Siqnature of Person Authorized to Certify)"
21. If a merchant does not have a benl account or has a card containing less than twenty (20) stamps on which he must realize his money, it is hoped that arrangements can be made by which he may redeom that card at the nearest Post Office upon proper identification.
22. "Retail food stores", as used herein, shall mean any store, shop, and soforth, where a food and grocery retailer carries on the business of selling food or grocery products to consumers and not for the purpose of resale in any form. No stamps shall be good for food
in restaurants, delicatessens, and so forth, for consumbtion on the nremises.
23. "Food", as used herein, shell mean any commodity sold in such retail stores for internal human consumption, which is not to be consumed on the premises (such as in resteurnte, nelicatessens or drupstores) and also shall be construed to mean household necessities usually purchased in grocery stores such as soap, starch, and so forth, but shall not include wines, liquors, beer, or other alcoholic beverages, or tobacco in any form.
24. Since $W_{0}$ P.A. workers are paid twicc a month; and sinco persons on Stato or local relief roceive thoir payments in some cases at intorvals of a weok, in somo cases twice a month, find in other cases once a month; and since payments to the persons in the difforent groups vary considerebly; j.t enpesrs to bo desireble to issue the books of stames in the denominations sot forth above. Evory offort vill be made, howrever, to have porsons in the various groups purchase ornge colored stamps on each ney day totaling aproximetely the same emount which is now buing exnonded for food. It mey bo nocessart to wait until the oporation of the plan gots under way to doviso dufinite morns of assuring the purchase of that amount of orange colored stamps on each successive pay day, in order to bo cortain that tho distribution of tho blue stamps is effecting a net increaso in consumption and that they are not boing usod during the subsequont pay poriod for food purchases which would normally have beon paid for out of money subsequently recoived。
25. No change will be given by merchants in connection with the delivery of food for either orange or blue stamps. In any instance in which the value of the comnodities to bo delivered for orange or blue stamps is more than twonty-five cents (25申) but loss than fifty cents (50ф)), or more than iffty cents (50 4 ) but less than seventy-fivo cents ( $75 \not \subset$ ), and so forth, the amount in excess of a multiple of twonty-five cents will bo paid for with money. Eychenses of commoditics will not be made for orange or blue stamps when the total is less than twentycents five/ $25 \phi$ ) unless the merchent is willing to take the stamp and give the purchasor a credit for tho balance romaining.
26. Furchascrs of Food Order stamp books, after the second book or serics of books have been purchascd, will be roquirod to turn in the covers of the initial book or scries of books purchased beforo additional purchases of a book or books arc pormittod. Thercafter, beforo additional purchascs of books will be authorized, tho purchasor will be rocuircd to turn in the covers of all thoso he has previously recoived oxcopt tho onos purchosod the time immadisty before. 27. During the time tho plan is in oporation in tho oxporimontsl arons nractical roscarch will bo carriod on to dotormino its morits. It is hopod that tho trodo will lond its full support to this work. The Fodoral Surplus Cormodities Corporetion will nood to know the cconomic significanco of this approach to guido it in its futuro policies. Efforts will also be made to have local groups, the Bureau of Home Economics, and the United States and State Public Health Services carry on educntional work and disseminate diet lists and recipes
that will emphasize nutritive surplus comodities. The retail and wholesale trades can render an enormous service to farmers by cnoperating in this plon and by pushing the sale of surplus noficultural commodities to persons other than those recejving public assistence.

The followinc varintion to the plan sureested nhove is pronosed for adontion in pert of the experinertal arens:

1. Insteod of requestin deductions fron his ". P. A. weges or from his relief peyment, the person raceiving aid will cortinue to get his assistence in the forin of cash.
2. Arrangements may be ine de for space in the local welfare office for a federal officer who will be stationed there and will sell Food Order Stomp books to persons certified as elifible for publio assistance。
3. The books will include both orenge colored and blue stamps in the ratio of 2 orange stamps for 1 blue stemp and will bo mode up in books contrining $\$ 2.00$ in orenge colored stmps and $\$ 7.00$ in blue,征 4.00 in orange stomps and $\$ 2.00$ in blue, 5.00 in orago stemps and \#3.CO in blue, $\$ 8.00$ in orange strmps and $\$ 4.00$ in bIuc, and $\$ 1 C .00$ in ornere stamps and :35.OC in blue.
4. Rach person roceiving nublic assistonce mill be rocuirod to get from the aconoy wizch cortified him os oli"iblo for aid a card listing the nerne of tho oliriblo nurson, his nddross, tho typo of aid he is receiving, and the number of porsons in his fomily or depencent
unon him for supnort. The person will be required to sign the card and on the reverse side space will be provided for entries to show the date and amount of purchase. The card would be of standard size.... approximately $2-1 / 4$ inches wide and $3-3 / 4$ inches long. This would permit six colums across the back of the card which wruld be divided into 3.3 squares in each column of approximately $1 / 4$ inch square. In the first colum would be printed the date of purchase by weeks such as "Week of $4 / 16^{\prime \prime}$, etc. In the sccond column the federal disbursing officor would irsert in ink the walus of the oranpo stamps purchased and in the third cclumn he wold insort his initials. The last three colums would be a reostition of the first thre?.
5. The federsl disbursins officer would be supplied a list of persons certified as oligible by the certifying agency. The list would be on a form which would show the names and addrosses of the porsons on the left side and the number of persons in the family. The romainder of the form would bo divided into blocks opposite ach name, into which the amount of each purchase wrould be inscrted. Eech column would ropresent a wook and would be headod with tho dote.
6. The card and list form would oliminate almost completely the possibility of exchengo of credentials or overpurchasos for resale purposos and the plan should work expeditiously to gat the books of stamps into tho hends of porsons who noed thom.
7. Any norson roceiving public aid who produced his card and whose neme was on the fodorn disbursing officer's list could nurchaso a book of ornno stamns caunl in value to tho aproximate amount he
is now expending for each of the weoks between the time of the purchase date and the date of the next pay period or relief payment. A formula would be used to determine the minimum and maximum amounts of orange stamps each person receiving public aid would be permitted to purchase and he would receive blue surplus comodity stamps equal in value to 50 percent of the amount of orange stamps purchased.
8. The cards could be used for a period of 26 weeks or a half year, at the end of which time new cards would have to be secured. Any person whose status changes during the half-year period and who is to be dropnet from the relief rolls as a result theroof would also have his name dropnod from the list wich the disbursing officer would have and mould not, therefore, be able to purchase books of Food Order stamps from that time on unless apain certified as eligible. It might be good public policy in some cases, however, to nermit $W$. P. A. workers to continue to recoive stomps for a period after termination by W. P. A. This would annly in those cases in which W. P. A. workers rere cut off from federal employment and were not able at once to get private jobs.
9. The same entry would be made by the disbursing office on both the card and the eligible list form and the card if altered could be taken up for investigation.
10. Purchasers of Food Order stamp books, after the second book or series of books have been purchased, will be required to turn in the covers of the initial book or series of books purchased before additional purchases of a book or bools are permitted. Thereafter, before additionel purchases of books vill be authorized, the purchaser will be
required to turn in the covers of all those he has previously receivod except the ones purchased the time irmediately before.

The following variation to the plan first suggested is proposod for adoption in part of the experimental areas:

1. Persons on W. P. A. or persons receiving relief payments will continue to get their assistance in the form of cash.
2. Books containing only blue Food Order stamps and no orange stamps will be printed. They will be modo up in lots of $\$ 2.00$ or 8 stamps, $\beta_{\beta} 3.00$ or 12 stamps, $\$ 4.00$ or 16 starnps, $\$ 5.00$ or 20 staraps, and $\$ 6.00$ or 24 stamps and will be good only to exchange for surplus comodities.
3. As in the vrriation of the plan immodiately preceding this, ench nerson receiving public assistonce will be reouired to get a card of the twpe described there shorinf his name, address, and the number of persons in his family.
4. An officinl will be strinned in the locn relief office and when a person recoiving aid presents his card and has his nane checked on \& list of the kind described in the voriation of the plan inmediately preceding this, he wrill be given a book of blue Food order stamps good for cormodities declared to be surplus by the Secretary of Agriculture. The blue stamps in the book given each such person will be in an anount equal to fifty conts (50\&) (or two stamps) for each member of the fanily for each week between the date the book is given

and the date of the next pay period or relief payment. Thus, a family of two would receive a book with $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{h}} 2.00$ worth of blue stamps for a two weeks' oeriod; a family of three mould receive a 3.00 book for that period, and so forth.
5. Recinients of blue Food Order stomp books, after the second book or series of boots have been received, will be required to turn in the covers of the initial book or series of books received before an additional book or series of books may be issued to him. Thereafter, before additional distribution of books will be authorized, the person receiving such books will be required to turn in the covers of all those he has previously received except the ones issued to him the time imediatély before.

This plan is the simplest of $2 l l$ from administrative and accounting points of vicw. An experimental poriod is undoubtedly necessary to determine the effectiveness of this approach as a means of bringing about a more adequate diet on the part of the families involved. Thorever it is tried, a ceroful cheok will be mede during its opration to dotormine the net incrose in the local consumption of surplus foods. This will be comn red with the amount of blue stamps issuod to detormine the extent to which this anproach results in a groetar movenent of surplus apricultural products.

