

BUSINESS

Selling Electricity to Indiana's
Farmers Aided by Diversification

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INDIANA'S HIGHLY DIVERSIFIED AGRICULTURE is a boon to the private utilities and the Government's Rural Electrification Administration. The more uses there are for electricity on the farm, the easier it is to convince farmers to go to the expense of installing electric power.

Field and truck crops, poultry, dairying and livestock comprise most of the farming in the state. On dairy farms, for example, the REA reports electricity can be used for feed grinders, ensilage cutters, water pumps, stock tank water heaters, milkers, utensil sterilizers, milk coolers. And on the larger farms, it can be used for pasteurizing, bottle washers and cappers.

A recent survey of 4000 REA system members revealed 93% bought radios, 92% had electric irons, 26% had electric refrigerators, 41% had vacuum cleaners, 76% had a washing machine and so on. More than a fourth had electric water pumps. Other uses included electric brooders, fences, electric light fixtures, large and small portable motors, poultry lighting.

A Deatur County REA member installed an electric seed dryer, sheller, elevator and grader to cut costs of drying hybrid seed corn. A Fulton County member used electricity to aid in propagation of millions of tiny celery plants.

Rural hatcheries, nurseries, packing plants, grain elevators, saw mills, CCC camps, coal mines, quarries, hotels, tourist camps and retail stores in farm communities are using REA power lines.

At the end of 1934, there were 23,500 Indiana farms receiving central station electric service, the REA says. By June this year, 73,600 more farms had been connected to distribution lines. The REA claims credit for more than half of this. Today, it reports, half of Indiana farms have electric power available.

THE BUREAU OF MINES is experimenting with a chimney device which vibrates an aluminum cylinder, producing high frequency sound that, in turn, creates high frequency waves. These waves are directed at the smoke, causing particles in the smoke to coagulate into hunks of soot, which fall out of the air stream by gravity.

THE BIG QUESTION worrying the numerous defense agencies, this week is whether the nation's capacity for steel-making ought to be increased. If it is not to be increased, by building new private or Government-owned steel works, then there may be a necessity for Government rationing of steel for consumer needs.

Rationing of steel would mean forcing some users to get along without as much steel as they could make up into automobiles, refrigerators, furnaces, store and office buildings and so on. It would be the same as making people wait for their new automobiles. (One of the ways in mind for accomplishing it, if necessary, would be to shorten the terms of installment financing.)

ODDS AND ENDS—Canada will soon have a \$1,500,000 nylon plant, according to the Financial Post. International Harvester will forge and machine 75-mm. shells at its Milwaukee works, in addition to making tractors, American Machine & Tool Corp. reports. Principal problems confronting furniture dealers are increasing difficulty in keeping up with orders and rising prices. The Institute of Life Insurance reports that although women spend twice as much time as men in the home, they have more accidents. The automobile industry, in the face of steadily rising costs, is making every effort to hold down prices on its products, the Wall Street Journal reports. The Agriculture Department expects a "moderate" increase in food costs during 1941. Aircraft stocks have higher yesterday reports. Britain will build a string of airplane factories in the U. S. New York World's Fair bondholders will receive 39.2 cents on the dollar instead of the 38.4 cents announced two weeks ago because of the large revenue from gate receipts in the final week of the fair which closed Oct. 27 and the lower-than-anticipated cost of demolishing buildings.

DAILY PRICE INDEX
NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (U. P.).—Dun & Bradstreet's daily weighted price index of 30 basic commodities, compiled for United Press (1930-32 average equals 100):
Yesterday 120.22
Week ago 121.38
Month ago 117.91
1940 high (Jan. 2) 122.34
1940 low (Aug. 19) 112.42

WAGON WHEAT
Indianapolis grain elevators are paying for No. 1 wheat, 76c; subject to market other grades, 75c. No. 2, 74c; No. 3, 73c; No. 4, 72c; No. 5, 71c; No. 6, 70c; No. 7, 69c; No. 8, 68c; No. 9, 67c; No. 10, 66c; No. 11, 65c; No. 12, 64c; No. 13, 63c; No. 14, 62c; No. 15, 61c; No. 16, 60c; No. 17, 59c; No. 18, 58c; No. 19, 57c; No. 20, 56c; No. 21, 55c; No. 22, 54c; No. 23, 53c; No. 24, 52c; No. 25, 51c; No. 26, 50c; No. 27, 49c; No. 28, 48c; No. 29, 47c; No. 30, 46c; No. 31, 45c; No. 32, 44c; No. 33, 43c; No. 34, 42c; No. 35, 41c; No. 36, 40c; No. 37, 39c; No. 38, 38c; No. 39, 37c; No. 40, 36c; No. 41, 35c; No. 42, 34c; No. 43, 33c; No. 44, 32c; No. 45, 31c; No. 46, 30c; No. 47, 29c; No. 48, 28c; No. 49, 27c; No. 50, 26c; No. 51, 25c; No. 52, 24c; No. 53, 23c; No. 54, 22c; No. 55, 21c; No. 56, 20c; No. 57, 19c; No. 58, 18c; No. 59, 17c; No. 60, 16c; No. 61, 15c; No. 62, 14c; No. 63, 13c; No. 64, 12c; No. 65, 11c; No. 66, 10c; No. 67, 9c; No. 68, 8c; No. 69, 7c; No. 70, 6c; No. 71, 5c; No. 72, 4c; No. 73, 3c; No. 74, 2c; No. 75, 1c; No. 76, 0c; No. 77, 0c; No. 78, 0c; No. 79, 0c; No. 80, 0c; No. 81, 0c; No. 82, 0c; No. 83, 0c; No. 84, 0c; No. 85, 0c; No. 86, 0c; No. 87, 0c; No. 88, 0c; No. 89, 0c; No. 90, 0c; No. 91, 0c; No. 92, 0c; No. 93, 0c; No. 94, 0c; No. 95, 0c; No. 96, 0c; No. 97, 0c; No. 98, 0c; No. 99, 0c; No. 100, 0c.

LOCAL PRODUCE
Heavy bred hens, 12c; barbed chickens, 11c; Lehigh hens, 10c; barbed Lehigh hens, 9c; Barred and White Rock springers, 11c; other colored heavy bred springers, 12c; Lehigh springers, 11c; barbed springers, 10c; other colored springers, 9c; Indiana Grade A medium eggs, 23c; small Grade A medium eggs, 22c; No. 2 eggs, 15c; No. 3 eggs, 14c; No. 4 eggs, 13c; No. 5 eggs, 12c; No. 6 eggs, 11c; No. 7 eggs, 10c; No. 8 eggs, 9c; No. 9 eggs, 8c; No. 10 eggs, 7c; No. 11 eggs, 6c; No. 12 eggs, 5c; No. 13 eggs, 4c; No. 14 eggs, 3c; No. 15 eggs, 2c; No. 16 eggs, 1c; No. 17 eggs, 0c; No. 18 eggs, 0c; No. 19 eggs, 0c; No. 20 eggs, 0c; No. 21 eggs, 0c; No. 22 eggs, 0c; No. 23 eggs, 0c; No. 24 eggs, 0c; No. 25 eggs, 0c; No. 26 eggs, 0c; No. 27 eggs, 0c; No. 28 eggs, 0c; No. 29 eggs, 0c; No. 30 eggs, 0c; No. 31 eggs, 0c; No. 32 eggs, 0c; No. 33 eggs, 0c; No. 34 eggs, 0c; No. 35 eggs, 0c; No. 36 eggs, 0c; No. 37 eggs, 0c; No. 38 eggs, 0c; No. 39 eggs, 0c; No. 40 eggs, 0c; No. 41 eggs, 0c; No. 42 eggs, 0c; No. 43 eggs, 0c; No. 44 eggs, 0c; No. 45 eggs, 0c; No. 46 eggs, 0c; No. 47 eggs, 0c; No. 48 eggs, 0c; No. 49 eggs, 0c; No. 50 eggs, 0c; No. 51 eggs, 0c; No. 52 eggs, 0c; No. 53 eggs, 0c; No. 54 eggs, 0c; No. 55 eggs, 0c; No. 56 eggs, 0c; No. 57 eggs, 0c; No. 58 eggs, 0c; No. 59 eggs, 0c; No. 60 eggs, 0c; No. 61 eggs, 0c; No. 62 eggs, 0c; No. 63 eggs, 0c; No. 64 eggs, 0c; No. 65 eggs, 0c; No. 66 eggs, 0c; No. 67 eggs, 0c; No. 68 eggs, 0c; No. 69 eggs, 0c; No. 70 eggs, 0c; No. 71 eggs, 0c; No. 72 eggs, 0c; No. 73 eggs, 0c; No. 74 eggs, 0c; No. 75 eggs, 0c; No. 76 eggs, 0c; No. 77 eggs, 0c; No. 78 eggs, 0c; No. 79 eggs, 0c; No. 80 eggs, 0c; No. 81 eggs, 0c; No. 82 eggs, 0c; No. 83 eggs, 0c; No. 84 eggs, 0c; No. 85 eggs, 0c; No. 86 eggs, 0c; No. 87 eggs, 0c; No. 88 eggs, 0c; No. 89 eggs, 0c; No. 90 eggs, 0c; No. 91 eggs, 0c; No. 92 eggs, 0c; No. 93 eggs, 0c; No. 94 eggs, 0c; No. 95 eggs, 0c; No. 96 eggs, 0c; No. 97 eggs, 0c; No. 98 eggs, 0c; No. 99 eggs, 0c; No. 100 eggs, 0c.

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New officers of the Indiana Association of Insurance Agents, elected yesterday at the Indianapolis Athletic Club, are (left to right) J. W. Larrew of Valparaiso, first vice president; Simpson Stoner of Greencastle, president; Fred C. Richart of Evansville, chairman of the board, and Howard Bradshaw of Delphi, second vice president.

N. Y. STOCKS

By UNITED PRESS

Adams Exp.	6 1/4	6 1/4	0	Yesterday	132.98			
Air Reduc.	42 1/2	42 1/2	0	Week Ago	121.36			
Alcoa	17 1/2	17 1/2	0	Month Ago	135.09			
Alum. Ind.	11 1/4	11 1/4	0	Year Ago	111.56			
Am. Can.	29 1/2	29 1/2	0	High 1940, 153.89; Low, 111.56				
Am. Cel.	21 1/2	21 1/2	0	High, 1939, 158.92; Low, 121.44				
Am. Cigar	12 1/2	12 1/2	0	20 RAILROADS				
Am. Glass	12 1/2	12 1/2	0	Yesterday	29.90			
Am. Lumber	12 1/2	12 1/2	0	Week Ago	28.60			
Am. Oil	12 1/2	12 1/2	0	Month Ago	29.97			
Am. Paper	12 1/2	12 1/2	0	Year Ago	33.63			
Am. Shoe	37 1/2	37 1/2	0	High 1940, 32.67; Low, 22.16				
Am. Steel	29 1/2	29 1/2	0	High 1939, 35.90; Low, 24.14				
Am. Text.	11 1/4	11 1/4	0	15 UTILITIES				
Am. Tobacco	7 1/2	7 1/2	0	Yesterday	22.74			
Am. Water	12 1/2	12 1/2	0	Week Ago	22.18			
Armstrong	12 1/2	12 1/2	0	Month Ago	22.90			
Atlas Corp.	7 1/2	7 1/2	0	Year Ago	15.83			
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	4 1/2	0	High 1940, 38.45; Low, 16.89				
				High 1939, 37.10; Low, 39.71				
				High Low Last Change				
McKeesport	7 1/2	7 1/2	0					
McKees & Robb	5 1/2	5 1/2	0					
Midvale R. R. pt	7 1/2	7 1/2	0					
Miami	8 1/2	8 1/2	0					
Midcont. Pac.	11 1/2	11 1/2	0					