

Allotment Plan Arouses Entire Western Section

**Local Farmer, Stockman and Business Man
Disapprove Proposal When No Surplus
Exists; Cooney Wires President.**

VARIED interests of this territory took cognizance of the sugar allotment program as announced from Washington and voiced protests Wednesday as they pictured a possible effect it might have on the beet sugar industry in this area.

The expressions, disapproving the plan to place a maximum upon domestic production of sugar when there is no domestic surplus, came from persons interested from the standpoint of the farmer, stockman and business man.

"Fitting in with the administration's grain curtailment program would be an effort to utilize irrigated wheat acreage for the growing of a crop such as sugar beets for the manufacture of a commodity which we are obliged under present conditions to import" said F. E. Huddleston, farmer east of Billings in the Lockwood district who is president of the Mountain States Beet Growers' Marketing association of Montana.

"Beet raising is the outstanding branch of agriculture which presents real possibilities for expansion in this territory and a limitation upon production would work to the detriment of the farmer who has turned his efforts toward this crop," the beet growers' president said. "There should be no quota on beet production in this country. In this and other areas beets occupy a major position in the outlook for farming development. 'Take my acreage for instance.

They can not expect me to let my land lay idle. If they place a restriction on everything, what is a farmer going to do?"

Mr. Huddleston pointed out that the wheat farmer in Montana is far from being on the same basis as the farmer near wheat markets when it comes to selling his commodity, whereas the beet grower in a factory territory is in a position to market his product without deductions for long hauls.

Beet acreage limitation was viewed from the angle of the financial effect it would have on the community by Elroy H. Westbrook, president of the Midland National bank. "In view of the financial stability of crop loans on the irrigated farms during the last four years of depression, which stability in the main can be attributed to the increasing market would seriously propose to limit the acreage to be devoted to sugar production," he commented.

"Our cropping plan has been to increase progressively sugar beet acreage as grain lands could be fitted for

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