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Works Progress Administration Drought Relief Employment Quota in Great Plains Area Raised to 89,000 Persons.

Authorization for the employment of 89,000 destitute farmers in ten drought states of the Midwest and West by the Works Progress Administration was announced today by Howard O. Hunter, Assistant Administrator in charge of drought operations, as total employment in these cases rose to nearly 40,000.

The increase in authorizations came with a decision that it will be necessary to employ as many as 5,000 in each of the four states recently designated as emergency drought areas -- Nebraska, Kansas, Kentucky and Missouri. This marked a substantial rise in the tentative quotas indicated for all of these states except Kentucky.

Quotas for all ten states, as of today, are:

North Dakota	25,000	
South Dakota	25,000	
Montana	6,000	
Wyoming	6,000	
Colorado	4,000	
Minnesota	3,000	
Kentucky	5,000	
Kansas	5,000	
Missouri	5,000	
Nebraska	5,000	
	Total	89,000

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"It has been demonstrated by the feeling of the farmers in the drought area," Mr. Hunter said, "that these people want to work on Works Progress Administration projects rather than get relief."

Mr. Hunter added that no serious delay had been encountered in any of the states as to preparation of useful projects for employment of drought victims, who are being cared for as rapidly as their need of aid is certified by the Resettlement Administration and the local welfare boards charged with this duty.

Water conservation programs are providing jobs for a rapidly increasing proportion of those who, impoverished by successive droughts, are now unable to support themselves on wasted farmland, he reported, and such projects will continue to receive first attention by the Works Progress Administration.

Men actually at work on Works Progress Administration projects today in the various drought states were reported as follows:

North Dakota	15,868
South Dakota	14,350
Montana	3,934
Wyoming	812
Colorado	659

Several thousand others had been assigned to projects starting within a few days and by the end of the week a substantial increase is expected as programs get under way in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Kentucky.

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