 Publication of the first of three social research reports on the drought areas was announced today by Aubrey Williams, Acting Administrator of the Works Progress Administration. The other reports, continuing the study of human elements in the drought problem, will follow shortly.

In the 803 counties studied, two areas of acute drought distress were found. The northern area embraces almost the entire States of North and South Dakota, the eastern third of Montana, northeastern Wyoming, west central Minnesota, and one county in northern Nebraska. The southern area centers in the Texas-Oklahoma Panhandle region and includes parts of six States: Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics and the Resettlement Administration cooperated with the WPA Division of Social Research in preparation of the reports, under the general direction of Corrington Gill, Assistant Administrator of WPA. The series is designed to provide widely varied source material to aid agencies and experts planning remedial measures in the stricken areas of the Middle West.

(A copy of the bulletin is attached.)