

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION  
Washington

HYBRID SEED CORN SEASONAL EXEMPTION GRANTED

The partial exemption from the hours provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act for the processing of hybrid seed corn as a seasonal industry was announced today by the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor (Federal Register, October 20, 1939). On September 16 it had been announced that a prima facie case had been shown for the granting of an exemption for the husking, sorting, drying, shelling, grading and sacking of hybrid seed corn as a branch of an industry of a seasonal nature. A 15-day period was allowed during which objection could be made, and in the absence of objection the exemption was made final. The exemption had been applied for by the Garst and Thomas Hybrid Corn Company of Coon Rapids, Iowa, the National Hybrid Corn Company of Anamosa, Iowa, and other interested concerns. Under the exemption granted, employees may be worked up to 12 hours a day or 56 hours a week without overtime pay for a 14-week period.

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