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NEW "AREA OF PRODUCTION" REGULATIONS POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 1
FOR CANNING OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES

The effective date of the new "area of production" regulations has been postponed from October 1, 1940, to November 1, 1940, for canners canning the following items, it was announced today by Baird Snyder, Acting Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor: tomatoes, black-eyed peas, pimientos, snap beans, lima beans, carrots, cabbage, okra, and beets.

The postponement was made necessary because unusual weather conditions have delayed the canning season for these items, Mr. Snyder explained. The October first date was set after conferences with representatives of the canning and packing industry, because the Division desired to make the change effective during the slack season. The unusual weather conditions, however, have made the further delay necessary.

The extension of the date is not being granted in connection with any of the new crops that are about to come along, such as citrus, Mr. Snyder pointed out. Packers and canners of citrus will start in full compliance with the minimum wage requirements of the law on October 1.

Under the new definition of "area of production," the only plants exempt from the requirement to pay the minimum wage of 30 cents an hour, are those which employ ten persons or less. Under the old definition, which has now been extended until November 1 for the items mentioned, plants located in communities of less than 2,500 population and drawing all of their supplies of fresh fruits and vegetables from not more than ten miles away, were exempt from both the wage and hour provisions of the Act.

The effective date of the new regulation had previously been postponed until December 1 for the packing of apples and pears.

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