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EXEMPTION TO BE ISSUED FOR WOOL HANDLING

The receiving and grading of "fleece wool" was found to be an industry of a seasonal nature in a prima facie determination issued today by General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division. As such the industry is entitled to the seasonal exemption from the hours provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act which permits a 12-hour day or 56-hour workweek for not more than 14 weeks a year without payment of overtime. If no objection is received within fifteen days following publication of the determination the exemption becomes final.

The determination, made on application of the National Wool Marketing Corporation, grants the seasonal exemption to "the receiving of raw shorn fleece wool at primary concentration points and country receiving stations directly from the grower, and the assembling, grading, sacking, and preparing of such wool for shipment to market centers."

Fleece wools are produced on small farms in the eastern parts of North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Ohio, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Michigan, Wisconsin, Kentucky, and other central and eastern states. It is delivered to country receiving centers by the growers, where it is graded and shipped to market centers for storage or sale.

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