

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

HEARING JUNE 2 IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE ON
SEASONAL NATURE OF THE FLAT WAREHOUSING OF GRAIN IN SACKS

The California Warehousemen's Association will present evidence for the exemption as a seasonal industry of the flat warehousing of grain in sacks and the storage of other agricultural commodities from the 40-hour week of the Wage and Hour Law at a hearing at 10 am, June 2 in Room 317, Humboldt Bank Building, 785 Market Street, San Francisco, California. Harold Stein, Assistant Director of the Hearings Branch, Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. will preside.

If found to be a "seasonal" industry as one which "engages in the packing or storing of agricultural commodities in their raw or natural state, and receives for packing or storing 50 percent or more of the annual volume in a period or periods amounting in the aggregate to not more than 14 workweeks," the flat warehousing of grain in sacks can be carried on by employees for 12 hours a day or 56 hours a week for as much as 14 weeks a year without overtime pay. The minimum wage requirement of at least 30 cents an hour is not affected.

The evidence will be additional to the record of a Wage and Hour hearing in Chicago on December 9, 1940. The presiding officer at this hearing found in part that:

"No determination is possible on the flat warehousing of grain by processors other than flour millers, or the storage of grain in combination with grass or legume seeds,"

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