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GRAIN COMMITTEE APPOINTED

A committee to recommend a minimum wage for workers engaged in the handling and processing of grain in conjunction with milling operations was appointed today by Thomas W. Holland, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. This committee, the Grain Products Industry Committee, will meet at 10 A. M. on March 10, 1942, in the Wage and Hour Division's offices at 1560 Broadway, New York, New York. James M. Herring of the University of Pennsylvania will be chairman of the committee.

The industry for which the committee will recommend a minimum wage not higher than 40 cents an hour is defined as:

The handling, warehousing, storing of grain when performed in conjunction with milling operations, and the processing of grain or alfalfa into food products or feeds. It includes, but without limitation, the production of flour, prepared or blended flours, breakfast cereals, coffee substitutes, pearl barley, hominy, flakes, grits, rice, meal, feeds and prepared or mixed feeds, including those made wholly or in part from such products as cottonseed, soy beans, or peanuts (but not the crushing of such products), except those made principally from meat products. It does not include the production of bakery products such as bread, cakes, pastries, and macaroni.

About 64,000 workers are employed in the industry as defined. It is estimated that about 19,000 of these workers are presently earning less than 40 cents an hour, the highest minimum which the committee can recommend.

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