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CHICAGO, Feb. 00--Boys and girls in city high schools who are planning to work on Illinois farms this summer will familiarize themselves with the differences between a cow, bull, heifer, calf and yearling, and other farm terms, with the help of a new booklet, *Living and Working on A Farm*, just published by the Illinois State Council of Defense.

Prepared by the University of Illinois College of Agriculture under the direction of the council's committee on Agricultural Resources and Production, the booklet is well illustrated and contains 64 pages and 10 chapters. Subjects covered are work, wages and living conditions on a farm, feeding of livestock, farm equipment and buildings, operation of farm machinery and related subjects.

The foreword contains a message from Gov. Green, chairman of the council, in which he points out to Illinois junior citizens that "you have the opportunity to render a patriotic service that has not come to many boys and girls of past generations."

Dean H. P. Rusk of the University College of Agriculture, and chairman of the council committee, said that hundreds of school district meetings with Illinois farmers are being held to determine the number of city boys and girls that will be needed on farms this summer. Although other sources are being tapped, Dean Rusk said the recruiting of student farm labor is believed a practical and effective method of alleviating the threatened farm labor shortage.

When the number has been determined, he said, classes in which the council text will be used will be formed in Chicago high schools as well as in high schools of larger Illinois communities. All placement of student labor will be made through the United States Employment Service.

Illinois is the first state in the nation to undertake a comprehensive program of this nature and the Illinois plan will be used in other states.