

# INDUSTRIES

By Mark

### The Horse Corral

Another segment of the A.S.P. Correctional Farming Industry is the Horse Corral. The horses cared for and cared for there are used by the Correctional Officers who supervise the various penitents.

There are presently fifteen quarter horse type horses at the Horse Corral. The primary duties of the inmates are to work there, besides feeding, includes, doctoring, shoeing, and general maintenance taking them to the gun gang area each morning, caring for the overall health of the horses and the cleanliness of the

corral. Besides these there are assigned specific horses to care for. In addition to providing for the horses' needs, the inmate crew also takes care of approximately one hundred twenty head of beef and dairy cattle. The only reason for this is to provide more room at the Dairy Industry. There are four inmates assigned to the Horse Corral. Jerry Smith has the task of shoeing the horses, giving the cattle, he picks the cattle for slaughter and he acts as a handyman by moving cattle to and from the Dairy. Besides

Davis is what's called a Horse Boy. He has special horses he cares for, he saddles them, tractors, takes to the penitents each morning, he doctors them and he cares for their overall health. Mike Flannery is also a Horse Boy, by caring for the overall needs of the specially assigned horses. Joe Jameson is in charge of feeding hay to the horses and the general cleanup of the corral. These men consider themselves true animal lovers and they seem more than satisfied with their assignment to the Horse Corral.

# ARIZONA STATE PRISON

## The Mattress Factory

One of the top producing plants of Correctional Industries is the Mattress Factory. As the name implies, the Mattress Factory manufactures mattresses. However, they also manufacture such items as pillows, box-springs, laundry bags, silo feed bags for the farms, and a variety of other canvas products. Some auto and furniture repair is done for the Department of Corrections and its agencies.

Mattresses are the largest single manufactured item of the Mattress Factory, sometimes filling orders for five or six hundred mattresses for such institutions as the State Reformatory Hospital in Coolidge, Northern Arizona State University dormitories, the State Hospital in Phoenix, Adobe Mountain Juvenile Center, and many other schools and institutions in Arizona who submit orders from time to time. Of course, production includes mattresses and pillows for the institution, the Women's Division, Ft. Grant, Safford,

and the factory is responsible for supplying mattresses for any new institutions or new living areas like the new C.T. area to be added to this prison in the near future.

As in most Correctional Industries, manufacturing depends solely on convict labor. The convicts working in the mattress factory include Ruper Gaffney, Head Mattress Maker and Cutter Fred Garcia, Sewing Machine Operator, Edlin Burgar, Tape Edge Operator, Eddie Hernandez, Tape Edge Operator, George Martinez, Box Spring Maker, and David Benjumea, Box Spring Maker. The mattress factory is under the supervision of Chuck Ripley, who has been in charge of the operation approximately fifteen months. Mr. Ripley attended an upholstery school in I.E.C. for some two years before becoming the Mattress Factory Supervisor. According to some convict workers, Mr. Ripley plays an important part in the

manufacturing process. He gets along well with the men and he is exceptionally fair and impartial to the convicts working with him.

Even though job training is not a recognized function of the Correctional Industries, the men working in the Mattress Factory are developing a marketable job skill they can use upon release from prison. Mattress manufacturers on the outside pay better than average wages to some that have experience in the field.

The men who make our mattresses, pillows, laundry bags, and other canvas items say they are very dedicated to their job, and attempt to shooptop any damaged or badly made items from passing on to the institutions. These men receive very little credit for their job well done. If it wasn't for their mattresses that cover that cold slab of steel in the cell, there would surely be a whole lot of aching going on.



LA ROCA

The Arizona State Prison Dairy is another large production industry, serving to the needs of this institution, the Women's Division, Ft. Grant, Safford, the State Hospital in Phoenix, and to some of the State-wide Halfway Houses.

The men working at the Dairy spend from nine to thirteen hours daily on their jobs. Milkings are done twice a day, the first milking at 6:30 in the morning and the second about 7:30 each evening. 175 cows supply approximately 850 gallons of milk daily, to meet the demands of this and other State institutions.

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# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Morris County NJ historic price survey 1908-2008

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- Beef, prime rib, .14/lb
- Butter, Elgin Creamery, .27/lb
- Cake, coffee cake, .10/each
- Cereal, Wheat Flatina, .07/box
- Cheese, cream, .15/lb
- Chocolate marshmallows, .15/two pkgs
- Cocoa, White Rose, .09/box
- Coffee, Choice, .12/lb
- Cookies, National Biscuit Company, ZuZu's ginger snaps, .10/three pkgs
- Crackers, National Biscuit Company, Unecda, .05/pkg
- Eggs, .19/dozen
- Fish, salmon, .08/8oz can
- Flour, Christian's Best, 6.25/bbl
- Hominy, Van Camps, hulled corn, .09/three one pound cans
- Jell-O, .08/pkg
- Ham, Swift's honey cured California, 8.5 cents/pound
- Juice, grape, .15/bottle
- Ketchup, Jacob Steiner, .25/three bottles
- Lamb, stew, .07/lb
- Lemons, .15/dozen
- Mustard, Heinz, .09/bottle
- Nuts, mixed, .25/2 lbs
- Olives, .25/three bottles
- Peas, Early June, .25/three cans
- Pork & beans, Van Camp's, .09/can
- Root Beer Extract, .10/bottle
- Salad dressing, .09/bottle
- Salt, Ivory, .09/box
- Srimp, White Rose, .12/lb
- Tapioca, pearl, .07/box
- Tea, Fomosa, .25/lb
- Tomatoes, .25/three no. 1 cans

OFFICIAL STATISTICAL REPORT

NOVEMBER 30, 1947

Total Number of Inmates	925
Male	809
Female	116
Received for Period	38
Received from Court	35
Received from State Hospital	1
Parole Violators	1
Escapes Returned	0
Released for Period	42
Released to Court	39
Released by Court Order	1
Expiration	10
Released to State Hospital	0
Released by Reinstatement of Parole	0
Died	0
Discharged	0
Life Termers	56
Low Number	5345
High Number	1452

- ### Clothing
- Boy's knee pants, .21-1.00/pair
  - Boy's suits, Buster Brown, .69/each
  - Boy's suspenders, .08-.45/pair
  - Children's hats, straw, .15-.35/each
  - Gloves, canvas, .05-10/pair
  - Men's hat, straw, 3.50/each
  - Men's overalls, stripped, .45/pair
  - Men's shirt, .79-1.50/each
  - Men's shoes, 1.49-3.50/pair
  - Men's suit, blue serge, 7.99-15.00/each
  - Men's trousers, 1.23-1.75/pair
  - Women's shoes, patent leather, 1.98/pair
  - Women's skirt, white linen, 1.95-3.00/each
  - Women's slippers, .39-.45/pair
  - Women's suit, 7.98-15.00/each
  - Women's waist (blouse), .79-.98/each

## The Hog Ranch

As you might have guessed, the Hog Ranch cares for and breeds hogs. There are some 300 hogs cared for, which after slaughter are used to help feed this institution, the Women's Division, Ft. Grant, Safford, the State Hospital, and other State-wide institutions.

Breeding hogs is an intricate process, and every aspect of the process must be carefully maintained in order to produce a fine stock. The A.S.P. Correctional Farming Industry sometimes buy quality boars for breeding purposes. It is important to have properly match boars and sows as to color, to produce healthier piglets at birth.

Sows go into heat approximately twice yearly, and it takes one hundred eleven days, after conception, for birth. At birth, the Hog Ranch Crew will usually cut the young pig's tails and pull their teeth to prevent them from injuring each other at the grower. The sows usually wean their pigs within six weeks. A year or a year and a half later, the young pigs have reached 200 to 250 pounds, they are cut out of the herd and are sent for slaughter.

The Hog Ranch inmate crews have fairly routine days. Each man is assigned four pens to care for, and each day he must clean each pen and feed the hogs in that pen. These men are responsible for watching the hogs carefully, seeing that they are proper weight, and in good health to ensure we get good quality pork. Their job is not very glamorous, but it is very desirable to us. But, many of them seem to enjoy being dedicated to seeing there is enough bacon on our breakfast tables. They receive very little credit that is due for a job well done.



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From my view, the future looks bleak!

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