

Survey of Forage Needs & Surpluses

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Our Ref :- AC/680/4/Tn.3.

24 August, 1945

SUBJECT :- Shipment of Hay to Sardinia.

TO :- Agricultural S/C

1. Reference your AGR/851 of 21 Aug.
2. The movement of hay from Leghorn to Bari should be by Rail and a bid should be registered accordingly.
3. Please advise measurement tonnage of hay, when requests will be made for space to shipping authorities concerned for lift to Sardinia.

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Major R.E.Copy to :- Mov. Div. 'Rail Section' ✓
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AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. AGR/851

21 August, 1945

SUBJECT : Emergency movement of 3800 tons of hay from
Leghorn to Sardinia and Apulia.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Reference our AGR/851 of 10 August 1945 on reference subject.

2. 3800 tons of baled hay has been purchased by the Ministry of Agriculture from the U.S. Army Liquidation Commission. This hay is presently located at Leghorn and 2200 tons are for delivery in Sardinia and 1600 tons to Bari. Of the 2200 tons to Sardinia, 800 tons are for the Province of Sassari, 700 tons for the Province of Cagliari and 700 tons for the Province of Nuoro. Much inland transportation could be saved if 800 tons could be delivered at Porto Torres, 700 tons to Cagliari, and 700 tons to Olbia and the other 1600 tons to Bari.

3. This hay is urgently needed at the destination listed above because of the critical forage shortage which is causing an abnormal slaughter at the present time in order to prevent starvation. Immediate delivery of the above mentioned tonnages will greatly aid in the maintenance of the dairy and better breeding herds in the areas involved.

4. It is suggested that consideration be given to the possibility of obtaining approval to use the Port of Leghorn for this emergency need. Your immediate action is requested.

JAMES M. MERRITT
Director/

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cc:- Economic Section
Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari
Ministry of Agriculture.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

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AGR/850

14 July 1945

SUBJECT: Survey of Forage Needs and Surpluses

TO : Economic Section
Attention: Brig. General E. B. McKinley

1. Attached copy of letter, subject as above, is transmitted herewith for your information.

Enclosure:
As above

J. M. Merritt
JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

Distribution:
Transportation S/C
Attn: Col. Sieff
Food S/C
Attn: Col. Legg

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

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AGE/850

11 July 1945

SUBJECT: Survey of Forage Needs and Surpluses

TO : Regional Commissioner, Venezia, Emilia, Toscana,
Liguria, Lombardia, Piemonte
Regions, Attn. Agric. Officer
SCAO, Venezia Giulia; AMG, 5th Army, Attn. Col. Andrews
Agric. Temp. Duty Office, Milano, Attn. Sgt. Colaneri

1. Reference is made to the statement in the minutes of the Milano meeting which states, "it is agreed that immediate action will be taken to determine such forage surpluses (hay) as exist - these to be made available (1) to deficient provinces in the North and (2) for stock piling to meet the demands in deficient areas in other parts of Italy."

2. Attached is a copy of a signal which the Ministry of Agriculture has dispatched to Ispettorati in that part of Italy under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, which they would like to have passed on to the Ispettorati in AMG territory. It is suggested that the information requested in the attached signal be integrated with the survey which you are presently making (according to the above reference minutes) so that the data for all Italy will be on a uniform basis.

3. The forage situation in Sardinia and Southern Italy has become so desperate that many cattle are already being slaughtered. The extent to which this slaughtering is going on is indicated by reports that price of meat has dropped from 500 to 165 lire per kilo in a period of two weeks' time.

4. It is appreciated that there will probably be no extremely large surplus of forage found in the North, but from the standpoint of the national economy and the necessity of maintaining an adequate livestock population, it will be necessary to transfer forage from North to South, even though it means feeding the cattle of the North less well than would normally be done or could be done this year if the North kept all the forage which it produces.

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5. Because of the emergency condition which exists, it is necessary that the requested information on forage needs and surpluses be provided to Headquarters immediately so that a national allocation and transportation program can be implemented in time to prevent too serious consequences.

6. Your immediate action in providing us with this information will be greatly appreciated.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

Enclosure
Copy of signal as per para. 2 above

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T R A N S P O R T A T I O NSIGNAL

TO: Ispettorati Agrari Compartimentali
Torino - Milano - Venezia - Bologna
Ispettorati Provinciali Agricolari
Piemonte - Liguria - Lombardia - Venezia
Tridentina - Veneto - Venezia Giulia - Emilia

N.12907 PD in agreement with Allied Commission schedules for rapid transfers of surplus feedings to deficient areas should be worked up PD Compartmental Ispettorati after accord with Provincial Ispettorati and local Agricultural organizations will formulate detailed plan indicating graduation of minimum requirements of oats and hay and straw for each area PD Also indicate advisable purchasing places for such commodities and relative loading railheads PD In areas having exportable surpluses Ispettorati will state maximum quantities available and prices ex loading stations and minimum needs of baling wire PD plans must be forwarded urgently to Direzione Produzione Agricola.

For the Minister

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