

2. Resolution adopted by Joint Economic Committees respecting agriculture, February 27, 1942, and which came into force March 19, 1942

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Resolution (No.8)
respecting cooperation in regard to the
production of oats, barley, flax and soy-
beans and oil

Adopted by the Joint Economic Committees
of Canada and the United States
February 27, 1942

WHEREAS the United States and Canada are confronted by a serious shortage of fats and oils due to inability to obtain customary imports owing to war operations and the shortage of shipping, increased wartime requirements, and the necessity of supplying substantial quantities of these products to the United Nations, chiefly the United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and

WHEREAS the United States and Canada, in addition to meeting their own expanded requirements, have each undertaken to supply the United Kingdom with extensive quantities of livestock products involving the necessity of increasing the supplies of feed grains; and

WHEREAS an increased supply of oil can be obtained by expanding the acreage of soybeans in the United States and of flax-seed in Canada; and

WHEREAS a material increase in feed supplies can be obtained by expanding the acreage of oats and barley in Canada; and

WHEREAS the facilitating of such a program of expansion would contribute to the joint war effort of the two countries, and at the same time encourage a more effective use of their respective resources;

THEREFORE the Joint Economic Committees of Canada and the United States recommend;

A. That the Governments of the two countries, through their appropriate departments or agencies, undertake the following:

1) The United States to increase its acreage of oil-producing crops with the object of alleviating the impending shortage of oils in both the United States and Canada.

2) Canada to increase its acreage of flax-seed to provide as large a volume as possible for domestic needs and an excess to offset in part the reduction in North American imports of vegetable oil and oil seeds.

3) Canada to increase its acreage of oats and barley with the object of obtaining adequate supplies of feed grains for the expanded live-stock program of Canada and supplementary supplies for the United States.

B. That in order to encourage such a program, while at the same time providing necessary assurances in the matter of