

ANIMAL INDUSTRY

The poultry section is providing dual purpose (meat and egg). Chicks for layer flocks are purchased from reliable hatcheries when required, and are available for other districts as well as Saipan.

The swine section sells piglets for production to farmers and ranchers. The demand has increased and 20 more gilts have been added to the herd. EDLF loans have made it possible for several farmers to get established in livestock production.

The cattle section is still short of providing the cattlemen with enough bulls for their herds. If poaching can be held down, the requirements can be satisfied. The present pastures are being increased to hold imported cattle while they are becoming adjusted to climate and "tick fever". The number of cattle on Saipan is not increasing and herd must be imported if the beef requirement on Saipan is to be satisfied.

Disease and insect control assistance is provided to the farmers by a staff Veterinarian, Staff Plant Pathologist, and District Entomologist. These men visit the farmers' fields and herds looking for problems and they make individual calls when required. They are also testing for better controls with new chemicals and improved methods. The greatest loss to the farmers is due to his reluctance to accept the advice of the field technician. It is expected that improvements in this area will increase rapidly.

II. A Five (5) Year Budget is an estimation of development and problems anticipated that can be managed with a given amount of money. It is anticipated that drastic changes can come in the next year that would make this agriculture five (5) year plan obsolete. They are:

1. Additional budget cut would require the Division to eliminate the equipment service.
2. Production credit loans would make it possible for the farmers to buy equipment and agriculture supplies. The extent to which the farmers will use this credit is not known.
3. Lifting the quarantine restrictions for exports to Japan will require the construction of fruit treatment plant so that melons, cantaloups, etc., can be shipped.
4. New Hotels, Military activity, in the Marianas and export to Japan could eliminate the need for a marketing agent in Guam.

III. STAFFING:

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>
U.S.	2	2	2	2	2	2
Micro. ..	66	66	66	66	66	66