



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 21, 1950

TO THE RECIPIENT OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE:

The accompanying copy of Yakima Project Public Notice No. 13 is sent to you in connection with the opening to homestead entry of 723 acres of irrigable public land, comprising 11 farm units, on the Yakima Project in south-central Washington.

Also enclosed are a sheet of important information and a farm application blank.

Veterans preference in making application, as described in detail in the public notice, will be extended to veterans of World War II.

If you wish to make application for one of the available farm units, your application should be in the office of the Superintendent, Yakima Project, Bureau of Reclamation, Federal Building, Yakima, Washington, by 2:00 p. m., June 19, 1950, if it is to be considered simultaneously with others filed up to that time. Applications filed after that time will be considered only in the event there are farm units remaining for which there are no qualified applicants.

Please read the instructions, cautionary notes, and the public notice with great care. Your success in applying may depend on filling out your application blank completely and correctly.

Michael W. Stans
Commissioner.

Attachments-

IMPORTANT TO APPLICANTS FOR HOMESTEADS
ON ROZA DIVISION, YAKIMA PROJECT, WASHINGTON

Location

1. The farms subject to homesteading are scattered throughout the Roza Division from a point 6 miles east of Yakima to a point 10 miles northeast of Prosser, Washington. The Roza Division of the Yakima Project lies in a narrow strip varying in width from approximately 0.5 to 4.5 miles, extends 50 miles, and is located parallel to and northeast of U. S. Highway 410 (Washington State Highway No. 3). On roads leading north of Highway 410, the project is located approximately 1 mile from Yakima; 0.5 miles from Zillah; 2.5 miles from Sunny-side; 2 miles from Grandview; and 3 miles from Prosser.

Description of Area

2. The land available for homesteading is undeveloped sagebrush land except for two units which were partly developed. Most of the tracts are in the Roza Division pumping areas where the land will be developed and farmed for the first time in 1950. The soils are mainly silt loam in texture, fertile and easily tilled. Temperatures generally range from zero to 100° and the frost-free period averages 190 days. Rainfall averages about 7 inches per year. Main crops are alfalfa, potatoes, peas, beans, soft fruit, and specialty crops.

General Instructions -- Forms Required

3. Applications and Time Limit.—Applications completely filled out, together with proof of veterans status, should be mailed to the Superintendent, Bureau of Reclamation, Federal Building, Yakima, Washington. Applications received prior to the closing date for filing will be considered as simultaneously filed. The receipt of applications during the last week of the filing period will delay the public land opening; therefore, all required information should be mailed at the earliest possible moment. You will be notified of action taken by the board and given an opportunity to select a farm unit if you are found to be qualified and if your priority, as established by the public drawing, entitles you to such an award. (Caution: Incomplete applications will be subject to rejection. Applications can not be transferred from one public land opening to another.)

4. Veterans Preference.—Preference in making homestead application will be extended to veterans of World War II. Be sure to submit a complete, photostatic, or other copy of your discharge or certificate of service (both sides). (Caution: Do not send originals.) If you were a qualified applicant for the 1947 land opening on the Roza Division, Yakima Project, your proof of veterans status can be transferred from your previous file to the current one. Indicate by enclosing a statement with your application that you were a previously qualified applicant.

Settler Assistance

5. Technical assistance is available to settlers in clearing and leveling land, constructing irrigation systems, developing domestic water supplies, cropping practices, and farm building construction. Applicants awarded farm units will be further advised on the source of these services.

Capital Requirement

6. A capital requirement of \$3,500 was set after an extensive study of homestead development costs. Roza Division homesteaders who were awarded units in the 1947 land opening had the following sources of local income and credit: veteran-on-farm-training payments, crop and livestock production loans, and remuneration for outside work. They could not borrow against their land to make capital improvements until they obtained title, which took two years or longer. Their average development costs, with them doing most of the work, were as follows:

A. Farm Buildings	\$2,000 to \$5,000
B. Domestic Water (well)	1,500 to 3,000
C. Farm Machinery	2,000 to 4,000
D. Livestock	200 to 1,000
E. Land Clearing	7 to 10 per acre
F. Land Leveling	20 to 40 per acre
G. Irrigation Systems	10 to 40 per acre
H. Operating Expenses	20 to 50 per acre yearly

Settlers presently established on this project and whose farm development work is nearly completed have suggested that we pass on to you the fact that their development costs varied between \$7,000 and \$12,000.

Homesteading

7. The development of a reclamation homestead is an arduous but exciting task, and only those who are temperamentally, physically, and financially qualified should undertake it. Experience has demonstrated that finances adequate for some families to develop successfully a farm and home are seriously inadequate for others. Your own and your family's tastes and living habits are a major factor in conforming to the tasks and hardships characteristic of this pioneering venture.

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UNITED STATES
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(Application number)
(Do not fill in)

(Date of application)

IRRIGATION PROJECT

(Name)

(State)

DIVISION

(Name)

FARM APPLICATION BLANK

I, _____ (to be printed by applicant)
(Full name)

of _____
(Post-office address)

hereby apply for one of the farm units described in Public Notice No. _____ dated _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT.—Before attempting to fill out this blank, study the accompanying public notice CAREFULLY.

SECTION 1. Personal and Family Status.—Sex _____ Date of birth _____

Place of birth _____ Married or single _____
(State which)

If a married woman, or a person under 21 years of age who is not entitled to veteran's preference, are you the head of a family as defined in section 11 (d) of the public notice? _____

SEC. 2. Citizenship.—Are you a citizen of the United States? _____ If not native-born, have you been naturalized or declared your intention to become a citizen of the United States? _____ (See section 11 (a) of the public notice.)

SEC. 3. Health.—Will your health and physical condition permit you to engage in normal farm work? _____

SEC. 4. Veteran's Preference.—Do you claim preference rights with respect to entry on a public land homestead: (a) As a veteran of World War II? _____; (b) As a spouse of such a veteran? _____; (c) As the widow of such a veteran? _____; or (d) As the guardian of the minor child or children of such a veteran? _____ (See section 4 of the public notice.)

If you claim veteran's preference, include with this application proof as required by section 6 of the public notice.

SEC. 7. *Education*.—Circle highest grade completed: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12. State College training in agriculture, if any, which you feel will help meet farm experience requirements: (See section 8 (b) of the public notice.)

(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

SEC. 8. *Technical Agricultural Experience.*—State experience, if any, in work closely associated with farming which you feel will help you meet the farm experience requirements. List job title or describe positions held such as teaching Vocational Agriculture, Agricultural Extension work, field supervision of production and marketing of agricultural products, etc. (See section 8 (b) of the public notice.)

(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

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FARM EXPERIENCE SINCE REACHING AGE OF 15	SIZE OF FARM (Acres)	TYPE OF FARMING*	LOCATION (State and County)	MONTH AND YEAR		APPLICANT WILL NOT WRITE IN THIS COLUMN
				From—	To—	
(a) Living and working on farm while attending school.						
(b) As farm laborer, full time (list employers' names be- low):						
(c) As farm manager, full time (list employers' names be- low):						
(d) For yourself, full time:						
1. As owner.						
2. As renter or share cropper.						
(e) Additional remarks on farm experience.						

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DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF—	MARKET VALUE PER UNIT	TOTAL MARKET VALUE	WHERE LOCATED
1. Cattle.....				
2. Horses.....				
3. Sheep.....				
4. Hogs.....				
5. Other livestock.....				
6.				
7. Truck, tractor, and other equipment.....				
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8. List farm products owned and subject to quick sale or use.....				
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9. Passenger car*.....				
10. Household goods*.....	x x x	x x x x x		
11. Farmland.....				
12. Other real estate (city property, etc.).....				
13.				
14. Other personal or real property.....				
15. Total personal or real property.....	x x x x x x	x x x x x x x x x x	\$.....	x x x x x x x x x x

DESCRIPTION	FACE OR PAR VALUE	PRESENT CASH VALUE
1. Life insurance.....		
2. Securities (bonds, stocks, etc.).....		
3. Cash on hand (not credit).....	X X X X X X X X X	
4. Total value (insurance, securities, cash, etc.).....	X X X X X X X X X	\$.....

Assets:		
1. Total value personal and real property (line (a) 15 above).....	\$.....	
2. Total value insurance, securities, cash, etc. (line (b) 4 above).....		
3. Total assets.....		\$.....
Liabilities:		
4. Mortgages and/or notes.....	\$.....	
5. Other debts and liabilities.....		
6. Total liabilities.....		\$.....
7. Net worth (line 3 less line 6).....		\$.....

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SEC. 11. *Remarks.*—(Any explanation or additional information you may wish to supply regarding your assets, liabilities, or other income.)

SEC. 12. *References.*—Give names and complete, current addresses of five responsible individuals who can and are willing to certify, on the reference forms provided for that purpose, as to your farm experience, character, and industry. (Do not give relatives or persons under 21 years of age as references. Before filling in the list below, see section 9 of the public notice for a definition of acceptable references.)

NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	POSITION OR TITLE
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

NOTE.—The information furnished the United States, in writing or otherwise, by any or all of the above-named persons given as references, shall be treated by the United States as confidential, and the applicant hereby waives any right which he might have or claim to have for damages or otherwise against any of the said persons on account of the information so furnished by them to the United States.

STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

I declare under the penalties of perjury that: (a) I am the person who subscribed the foregoing application; (b) my post-office address is as stated at the head of this application; (c) the said application is made in my own behalf and not at the instances or for the benefit, directly or indirectly, of any other person or any firm, association, or corporation; (d) my present assets and liabilities are fully and truly stated in the above application and all of my other statements therein are true; (e) that I have read and am willing to comply with all the terms and conditions as specified in the public notice, especially those relating to payment of the charges therein mentioned.

(Signature of applicant)

NOTE.—THIS PAGE IS NOT TO BE WRITTEN ON BY APPLICANT

REPORT ON FARM APPLICATION

Application No. Date received

Is applicant entitled to veteran's preference?

Preference Group: First Second Final

Date applicant appeared before the Board of Examiners

RESULT OF EXAMINATION

QUALIFYING FACTORS	REVIEWED AND ACTION TAKEN		IS APPLICANT QUALIFIED?	INITIALS OF INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS
	Initials	Action and Date		
Character				
Industry				
Farm experience				
Capital				
Physical fitness				
Citizen of U. S.				
Land ownership				

Application {approved/disapproved} on this day of , 19

Farm unit Sec. T. R. irrigable acres,

awarded to applicant on the day of , 19

Construction } payment made, if required, on day of , 19
Water rental }

Homestead entry made day of , 19

Serial No.

