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**New York State War Council Farm Manpower Service Farm  
Labor Correspondence A4348**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series contains the correspondence of the Farm Manpower Service detailing how it coordinated and provided information to individuals and organizations concerned with the farm labor shortage during the Second World War. It includes suggestions and inquiries on: placement of both children and adults in food harvesting and processing jobs, additional labor on farms, assistance in buying farms, and details of Selective Service classifications and releases from service in order to work in food production.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York State War Council. Farm Manpower Service
<b>Title:</b>	Farm labor correspondence
<b>Quantity:</b>	3 cubic feet
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1943-1945
<b>Series:</b>	A4348

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## Arrangement

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Alphabetical by correspondent's last name, subject, or organization name.

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## Scope and Content Note

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This series contains the correspondence of the Farm Manpower Service detailing how it coordinated and provided information to individuals and organizations concerned with the farm labor shortage. It includes suggestions, inquiries about the placement of both children and adults in food harvesting and processing jobs, appeals for additional labor on farms, questions concerning assistance in buying farms, and inquiries about the details of Selective Service classifications and releases from service in order to work in food production. Many of these

letters were written in response to an address on farm labor given by Governor Dewey on February 25, 1943.

Also included is correspondence between the Farm Manpower Service and other agencies which details its efforts to alleviate the farm labor shortage. Among the topics discussed in this series are: price ceilings for produce; the possibility of recruiting laborers from non-traditional sources, such as state mental health facilities, to work in food production; and the difficulties in obtaining and repairing farm equipment.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

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## Administrative Information

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### Processing Information

This series was originally accessioned as boxes 211, 212, and part of 213 of old collection #77, accession -71.

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## Access Terms

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- Farmers--New York (State)
- World War, 1939-1945--Food supply
- Farms--New York (State)
- World War, 1939-1945--Manpower--New York (State)
- Manpower planning--New York (State)
- Agricultural laborers--New York (State)
- Harvesting--New York (State)
- New York (State)
- Manpower--New York (State)
- Food prices--Law and legislation
- Migrant agricultural laborers

- Youth--Employment--New York (State)
- Coordinating citizen participation
- Women agricultural laborers
- World War, 1939-1945--Women--New York (State)
- Agricultural administration--New York (State)
- Coordinating farm workers
- New York State War Council. Emergency Food Commission