

FARMERS MUST MARKET GRAIN

Act is War Measure Necessary Ow-
ing to the Shortage of
Food.

All wheat in the hands of farmers has been requisitioned by the United States government, according to an announcement made by Dr. E. F. Ladd, state food administrator, upon receipt of a telegram to that effect from Washington.

Dr. Ladd issued the following statement:

"The United States food administration, because of the shortage of food stuffs available for the allies, has requisitioned all wheat in hands of the farmers as a war measure and issued instructions that wheat must be marketed prior to May 15.

"I am sure that every farmer in North Dakota is sufficiently patriotic that this warning will be all that is necessary to bring the supply of wheat into the proper channels of commerce so that it shall be available for use not only in sections of our country but for supplying the soldiers of our allies.

"Bear in mind that the price of \$2.20 is only available for the 1917 crop until June 1 after which date the price on wheat grown in 1917 becomes subject to any regulation made by the United States food administration.

"We trust that every farmer will take immediate steps to comply with this order, and if there are those who do not comply we call on every citizen in North Dakota to see that such cases are reported. Any wheat held beyond this date must be by special permit for some specific purpose and the price of \$2.20 at the terminal market is not guaranteed after that date for the 1917 crop.

(Signed)

E. F. Ladd.