

The Pledge for Threshermen.

Threshermen have it within their power to save hundreds of thousands perhap millions of bushels of grain.

The food administration has not overlooked this possibility. It has prepared some rules and regulations for threshermen and has asked them to enlist in the great common cause of food conservation.

Here is the pledge every patriotic thresherman should take, as it is outlined by Mr. Hoover:

(1) I will do my best properly to repair my machine so that it can be adjusted to save grain.

(2) I will encourage the threshing of grain only when it is dry and ripe, unless a greater loss will be incurred by waiting, and only then with the approval of my county threshing committee.

(3) I will discourage the tendency to rush threshing operations beyond the capacity of my machine.

(4) If possible I will use a large canvas under and around my machine in order that I may make a thorough grain saving cleanup after each move.

(5) I will insist on careful and regular feeding of the bundles to the machine and supervise my pitchers as much as possible so that they will avoid unnecessary shattering.

(6) I will keep my engine in such condition that it will deliver the necessary power to keep the cylinders moving at the speed required by the manufacturers.

(7) I will advise the raking of shock rows so that no grain is left in the fields by the bundle wagons.

(8) I will encourage the use of a tight-bottom bundle racks so that grain will not shatter and be lost when it is hauled to the machine.

(9) I will encourage the saving of grain, and if any wastage occurs which should be prevented, I will appeal to the county threshing committee, in cases where I cannot adjust the matter myself.