

this type before they would become involved in the financing area as well. Now, as to your answer to what we can do to bring in this other young fellow that has no parents on the farm or doesn't have the opportunity to use this equity which his parents have built up, I really don't have an answer other than on the basis of today's discussion relative to corporate farms as, I mentioned, certainly there is a tendency to bring our prices up, land values to a nonrealistic price. Corporate farms come into our area buying at a higher price than what the original appraisal would be.

Senator NELSON. Thank you very much for your fine testimony. We appreciate your coming.

The next witness is Mr. Robert Tyler, Wisconsin Turkey Federation, Madison, Wis.

Mr. Tyler, we appreciate your coming here today to represent the Wisconsin Turkey Federation. Your statement will be printed in full in the record. You may present it any way you desire.

STATEMENT OF ROBERT TYLER, VICE PRESIDENT, WISCONSIN TURKEY FEDERATION, MADISON, WIS.

Mr. TYLER. Thank you.

First of all, the Wisconsin Turkey Federation wishes to thank you for hearing our views on corporate farming.

The Wisconsin Turkey Federation feels that the information sought by this committee could benefit the agriculture of America. Farming has traditionally benefited from and been a victim of economic cycles. Recent years have not been favorable to agriculture. The few good years have not offset the bad ones. As a result, many good family farmers have sought employment elsewhere. The turkey industry has seen this, just as other agricultural industries have.

In my statement I list the number of turkey farms and for brevity I will just state that in 1930 there were eight and a half thousand turkey farms in Wisconsin and the last census record in 1964, there were only 480.

Senator NELSON. How does the total production of turkeys compare?

Mr. TYLER. It is like all other farm commodities, there has been a tremendous increase in the production per farm.

Senator NELSON. You don't have the figures on the total number of birds produced in 1930 with 8,500 producers versus—

Mr. TYLER. I don't have those figures with me, sir.

Senator NELSON. Do you have any figures on the past trend, the past 5 years or so?

Mr. TYLER. Yes, they are available. I don't have them here with me, however, I can get them for you.¹

Senator NELSON. But the production in total numbers continues to rise.

Mr. TYLER. Yes.

¹ Material had not been supplied at time of going to press.