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The papers of Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture during the Eisenhower Administration, were deposited in the Eisenhower Library from 1962 to 2003 by Ezra Taft Benson, Reed Benson, his son, and May Benson, his daughter-in-law.

Linear feet shelf space occupied: 22  
Approximate number of pages: 32,400  
Approximate number of items: 7,000

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Papers of Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture during the Eisenhower Administration, span the years 1936-1961. The collection consists of correspondence, memoranda, reports, publications, statements, outlines, notes, articles, book drafts, legislative bills and acts, agendas, press releases, and speeches relating to Benson's activities during his tenure as Secretary of Agriculture as well as his work with farm cooperatives in the 1930's and 40's and the effects of the New Deal and World War II on farm programs, food supplies, and farm prices. Although a large portion of this material is in original manuscript form, a portion of the collection consists of microfilm copies of manuscripts which were all formerly on deposit in the archives of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. At present, the original documents which appear on the microfilm are divided between this collection and the archives of the Church.

The microfilm segment of the collection was filmed by the office of The Church Historian of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Also, the Church Historian arranged and described the original manuscript material before microfilming.

The Library received the Benson material in six separate accessions which have been combined in this collection. Staff archivists divided the collection into ten series reflecting the arrangement and description devised by the Mormon Church Historian's Office. The first accession included Series I (manuscript copies of Benson's public speeches and statements as Secretary of Agriculture), and Series II (speeches and statements) and III (miscellany) on microfilm. The second accession included microfilm copies of Series V (miscellaneous files) and VI (selected documents). The third accession was comprised of the microfilm copy of Series IV (Benson-Eisenhower correspondence). The first three accessions were processed and made available to researchers in 1975.

The three latest accessions arrived in 2002 and 2003. This material contains many of the manuscript files which were originally microfilmed and form Series V and VI. We have kept the same series arrangement and folder titles as were used on the microfilm version. The Series V manuscript files in boxes 12 to 38 are duplicated on microfilm reel numbers 10 to 35, and the Series VI manuscript files in boxes 38 to 42 are duplicated on microfilm reel numbers 36 to 39. Boxes 42 to 48 contain manuscript materials covering Benson's activities from the late 1930's to the early 1950's, and these files are not included on microfilm.

The manuscript material (Series I) consists of speeches and statements. Series II is a microfilm reproduction of Series I, with a detailed subject index, as well as organization and geographic indexes. Each speech is cited at least once in the organization and geographic indexes, and may be mentioned numerous times in the subject index, depending upon the number of subjects covered by the speech.<sup>1</sup>

Other internal finding aids in the microfilm series are the subject title index at the beginning of Series III (reel 6), an index of subseries and folder titles within each subseries of Series V (reel 10), and an index of subseries and a subject index for Series VI (reel 36).

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<sup>1</sup>

Prior to becoming Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson had a wide range of experience in agriculture. He personally operated a farm, served as a county agricultural agent, was a leading member of the American Institute Cooperative, and served on the National Agricultural Advisory Committee during World War II. His papers strongly reflect his religious devotion and conservative political orientation as expressed in his desire to A...free agriculture [from government controls] and preserve our nation=s liberties.=

The papers of Secretary Benson cover four primary activities during his tenure of office: (1) official duties as USDA Secretary, (2) personal and family, (3) church, and (4) Republican Party activity. The bulk of the material relates to Secretary Benson=s official duties as Secretary of the USDA and consists primarily of correspondence with the President, USDA and other administration officials, representatives of farm organizations, members of Congress, and the general public; transcripts and reports of congressional hearings and committee meetings; and reports issued by the USDA. Most of the correspondence is of a routine nature, but a substantial amount pertains to policy development and administrative decisions. The major areas covered include policy meeting (cabinet and staff), the legislative program re agriculture, development of foreign markets, conservation, reorganization of USDA, commodity price-supports, surplus liquidation, the Soil Bank Program, Food For Peace and the Rural Development Program. Much of the material pertains to the Abattle= over flexible vs. fixed price supports. Most of the material relating to Secretary Benson=s official duties is located in Series IV, V, and VI (microfilm copies on reels 9-39 and manuscript copies in boxes 12 to 42).

The personal and family material (Series V: subseries A, R & S; and Series VI: subseries L) consists primarily of letters to and from Secretary Benson, his children and his wife, biographical and genealogical information, material relating to Benson=s interest in scouting activities, and correspondence with friends.

Secretary Benson=s duties and activities as an official of the Mormon Church are also documented by his papers (Series V: subseries A-see the microfilm version, reels 10 –20, for the most complete documentation on this subject). Included is correspondence with Church Presidents David O. McKay and J. Reuben Clark, Brigham Young University President Ernest L. Wilkinson and other church officials; reports on church activities; and reports of interviews with prospective missionaries.

Material relating to Secretary Benson=s role as an active and leading member of the Republican party (primarily Series V: subseries Y) includes correspondence with the chairman of the Republican National Committee, Republican leaders and officials throughout the country, members of the administration, and the general public; and reports on political situations in various states and regions. The files include correspondence and articles from Republican politicians and journalists who viewed Benson as a political liability to the President and were critical of the Administration=s farm program. Responses by Benson and the Administration to these criticisms are also documented. One item of particular interest is a letter from Benson to radio commentator Paul Harvey giving his definition of “what is a Republican.” Another interesting facet which these materials document is Benson=s backing of Nelson Rockefeller for President in 1960.

Scattered throughout the collection are various publications and speeches. They relate to all four of the previously-mentioned areas but primarily concern agricultural policy and management and Benson's devotion for the free enterprise system. They consist of books, articles, sermons, reports, press releases, statements, and speeches. The speeches are contained in Series I, II, VII, VIII, and IX, while most publications are located in Series V (primarily subseries A, W, and Z), VII, and VIII.

In surveying the manuscript files in boxes 12 to 42, Library staff found that entire files which are on the microfilm copy are not included with the manuscripts. Files which pertain to personal, family, and church matters have been retained by the donor. In addition, in comparing the contents of folders, particularly alphabetical correspondence files, we find that correspondence with church leaders and family members which appear on microfilm are not present in the identical original manuscript files. In some of the manuscript folders every document is identical to what is on microfilm, but in in other manuscript files there are additional materials which are not on the microfilm version.

The materials found in boxes 42 to 48, Series VII to X, represent Benson's activities from the late 1930's to the early 1950's. Series VII, Agricultural Subject File, includes materials on changing government policies, government controls and farm programs during the New Deal, and World War II food shortages and price controls. Besides correspondence, reports, booklets, and articles, there are also a number of speeches as well as speech materials.

Ezra Taft Benson was organizer and secretary of the Idaho Cooperative Council, 1933-1938, executive secretary of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, 1939-1944, and a member of the executive council and board of trustees of the American Institute of Cooperatives, 1942-1952. Series VII, Farm Cooperatives, contains speeches, articles, booklets, reports, and historical background relating to farm cooperatives. One issue that generated considerable controversy was the tax exemptions that the cooperatives enjoyed. This series documents the attacks by Fulton Lewis, Jr., a radio commentator, on the tax status of the cooperatives. Series IX contains some of Benson's speeches from 1948 to 1951, and Series X has book drafts for Farmers at the Crossroads (1956) as well as indexes and photographs. The last four series have some useful documentation on the agricultural situation during and after World War II as well as on the history of farm cooperatives. All materials in this collection are available to researchers; there are no closed or restricted items. A number of photographs and slides have been removed from the files and transferred to the audiovisual archives.

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<sup>1</sup> As an example, his speech given at the 175th Anniversary of the N.J. Agricultural Society is referred to in each of the three indexed in the following manner:

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Aug 4, 1899	Born, Whitney, Idaho
1914-18	Student, Oneida State Academy, Preston, Idaho
1918-21	Student, Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah
1921-23	Mission in British Isles and Europe, president of the Newcastle District
1923-30	Farm operator
1926	B.S., Brigham Young University
Sep 10, 1926	Married Flora Smith Amussen
1927	M.S., Agricultural Economics, Iowa State University
1929-30	County agricultural agent, University of Idaho Extension Service, Preston, Idaho
1930-38	Extension economist and marketing specialist, University of Idaho Extension Service, in charge of economics and marketing work for State of Idaho
1933-37	Member, Boise Stake Presidency, Latter Day Saints Church
1933-38	Organizer and secretary of the Idaho Cooperative Council
1933-39	President, Boise Stake
1939-44	Executive secretary, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
1940-43	Member, National Farm Credit Commission
1940-44	President, Washington, D.C. Stake
1942-52	Member, executive committee, board of trustees, American Institute Cooperative; Chairman, 1952
1943	Ordained Apostle, Member Council of Twelve
World War II	Member, National Agricultural Advisory Committee
1946	Delegate, First International Conference of Farm Organizations, London, England

1946

President, European Mission, LDS Church

1946-50	Director, Farm Foundation
1948-66	Member, national executive board, Boy Scouts of America
1953-61	Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture
1963-65	Member, General Church Board of Education
1985-1994	President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
May 30, 1994	Died, Salt Lake City, Utah

## DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Box Nos.   Series

- 1-4    I.    SPEECHES AND STATEMENTS OF EZRA TAFT BENSON. 1953-1961. 4 containers.

Printed and Xerox reproductions of speeches and statements made by Ezra Taft Benson before various groups (primarily agricultural and Republican). A detailed subject index is located in the microfilm series of speeches (see Series II). Arranged chronologically.

- 5        II.    SPEECHES AND STATEMENTS OF EZRA TAFT BENSON. 1953-1961. 5 2 reels. (Reel Nos. 1-6)

Microfilm reproductions of Series I. The pages of Ezra Taft Benson's speeches and statements are numbered consecutively. At the beginning of reel #1 are located subject, organization, and geographic indexes. The three cross-reference indexes are followed by the speeches with a chronological index preceding roughly every 300 pages (see reel list). Arranged chronologically.

- 5-6    III.    MISCELLANY. 1952-1961. 2 2 reels. (Reel Nos. 6-8).

Microfilm reproductions of appointment schedules, book reviews, congressional testimony transcripts, clippings, correspondence, informational booklets and circulars (USDA), agricultural policy statements, presidential messages and speech excerpts, recommendations, regulations, and reports. A subject title index is located at the beginning of the series. Arranged chronologically by subject.

- 6        IV.    EZRA TAFT BENSON - DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER CORRESPONDENCE. 1953-1961. 2 reel. (Reel No. 9)

Personal, social, and official correspondence between Secretary Benson and President Eisenhower. Also included are presidential reports, speeches, statements, and excerpts from news conferences. Arrangement is roughly chronological.

Box Nos. Series

7-11 V. MISCELLANEOUS FILES. 1952-1961. 26 1/4 reels. (Reel Nos. 10-36)  
(Microfilm)

12-38  
(Manuscripts)

This series is available on both microfilm and as original manuscripts. The microfilm version is a more complete file. Books, bulletins, charts, circulars, correspondence, clippings, directives, inquiries, minutes, resolutions, regulations, schedules, speeches, statements, and transcripts, relating primarily to agricultural policy and management, personal, family, church, and political matters. This series is divided into 27 subseries. An index of subseries and file folder titles is located at the beginning of reel #10. Arranged by subject within each subseries and roughly chronologically thereunder (in the case of some subseries the filming was in reverse chronological order, with the latest document filmed first).

11 VI. SELECTED DOCUMENTS FROM THE FILES OF HON. EZRA TAFT,  
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE. 1952-1961. 3 1/4 reels. (Reel Nos. 36-39)  
(Microfilm)

38-42  
(Manuscripts)

This series is also available on microfilm and as original manuscripts. Circulars, clippings, correspondence, photographs, publications, reports, speeches, and statements relating primarily to agricultural policy and management, and personal matters. This series is divided into 26 subseries, of which the last 12 [O-Z] are void of material. An index of Acategories≡ (subseries), an index of correspondent names in the APersonal Contacts≡ subseries, and a subject index are located at the beginning of the series (reel 36). The file folders are numbered consecutively for indexing purposes. Arranged by subseries and in reverse chronological order thereunder.

42-45 VII. AGRICULTURAL SUBJECT FILE, 1937-1950  
(Manuscripts)

Reports, booklets, articles, correspondence, speeches, and statements relating to agricultural developments in the 1930's and 40's, including adjustments caused by New Deal programs and World War II shortages and price controls. Arranged alphabetically by folder title and in reverse chronological order within each folder.

45-47 VIII. FARM COOPERATIVES, 1936-1952  
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Speeches, articles, booklets, reports, and other publications relating to the history, growth,

and progress of farm cooperatives. The folders are arranged in alphabetical order by title, and the contents of the folders are in reverse chronological order.

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47-48        IX. EZRA TAFT BENSON TALKS, 1948-1951  
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Speech drafts, speech texts, and notes relating to speeches and talks Benson gave from 1948 to 1951. The speeches cover such topics as farm cooperatives, values, chemurgy, and the American way of life. The speeches are organized in reverse chronological order.

48            X. BENSON MISCELLANEOUS SERIES  
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Book drafts, memoranda, notes, lists, and photographs relating to Benson's tenure as Secretary of Agriculture. Folders are filed in alphabetical order by folder titles.

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- 1956 [Farm Program] [Agricultural Act of 1956; price supports; surplus disposal; resolutions on agriculture]
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Consumption [1940 report by Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, USDA, "The  
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movements]

Decentralization [1945 press release on the Lyme Foundation and the Hewes Plan for  
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Economic Position of Farmers [office rules for 1872; brief memo re changes in farmers'  
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