

The Home Front

Life in the United States during World War II was in many ways similar to life in America during World War I. The government took on a much greater role in the economy, asking people do their part to help in the war effort.

Think about:

- How did Americans on the Home Front contribute to the war effort?
- Why were Americans willing to conserve and ration during the war?
- Was their contribution valuable to the war effort?



A MESSAGE ABOUT FOOD
FROM THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
UNITED STATES

In this fourth year of war the need for food is greater than ever before.

I call upon every American to help increase the Nation's food supply . . .

By growing larger and better victory gardens and seeing them through to the harvest.

By preserving our food at home or in a community canning center.

By conserving food in every possible way—wasting not an ounce.

Our food will make a real contribution to the final victory and the peace. There can be no lasting peace in a hungry world.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harry Truman".

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WASHINGTON, D. C.
1945



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"Get in The Scrap!" poster (1941-1945)

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"Help Bring Them Back to You" poster

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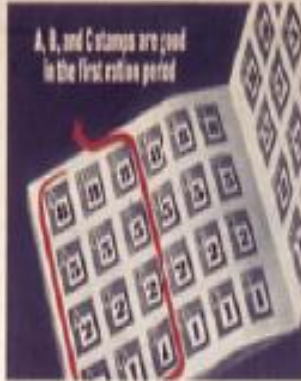
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HOW TO SHOP WITH WAR RATION BOOK TWO

... to Buy Canned, Bottled and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables; Dried Fruits, Juices and all Canned Soups



1. **USE THE RATION BOOK.** You may use one or all of your family's ration books when you shop. You may not shop with loose ration stamps.



2. **USE BLUE STAMPS ONLY.** All blue point stamps marked A, B, and C are good during the first ration period. They add up to 40 points for each member of the family.



3. **THE NUMBERS SHOW POINTS.** You will not be able to get "change" in point stamps, so use your low-value stamps for buying low-point foods.



4. **LOOK AT THE POINT VALUES** before you buy. Prices have nothing to do with prices or quality. Point values will be the same in all stores.



5. **GIVE THE STAMPS TO YOUR CHOICE.** Tear out stamps in the presence of your grocer—or tear them out in the presence of the delivery boy.



6. **FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES** are not rationed. Use them instead of rationed foods whenever possible. Try out recipes that make your rations go further.

YOUR POINT ALLOWANCE MUST LAST FOR THE FULL RATION PERIOD

Plan How Many Points You Will Use Each Time Before You Shop

BUY EARLY IN THE WEEK

Food is going to our fighting men. They come first! Your ration gives you your fair share of the foods that are left.

BUY EARLY IN THE DAY



"Rationing Means a Fair Share for all of Us" poster (1941-1945)

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When You Ride Alone You Ride With Hitler! by Weimer Pursell, 1943

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