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The President today has declared the Zuni Indian Reservation in New Mexico to be an acute distress area because of drought conditions last summer and unusually severe weather conditions this winter and in making this declaration he is putting into effect the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1949, as amended by section 301 of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, to make emergency livestock feed available to the members of the reservation. The Zuni tribal council does not have the funds to provide the necessary emergency feed to the 4,300 cattle that are on the reservation so the President, taking advantage of the law, or putting the law into effect, is making available from the Commodity Credit Corporation six hundred fifty thousand pounds of feed for livestock which it is estimated will take care of that livestock until April 15 when the range feed should become available. This feed will be furnished free of cost at the railroad siding on the reservation to the members of the Zuni Tribal Council They have had very heavy snows this winter and as of yesterday it is still snowing very heavily on the reservation. It is located at an elevation of about 65 hundred feet (They went on to talk about what kind of feed it was)

(NOTE: This is from transcript of pic statement by Hagerty - not duplicated)