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Scottsbluff, Nebraska

- Official Name: Scottsbluff Farmsteads.
- Location: In Scottsbluff County, northwest Nebraska, 2 miles west of the City of Scottsbluff.
- Number of Units: 21 houses and combination garage and barn and a poultry house.
- History of Project: Scottsbluff Farmsteads was initiated by the F.E.R.A. in March, 1935, in conjunction with the Nebraska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation. The latter agency assumed control until October 1, 1935 when the management of the project was transferred to the Resettlement Administration and is now under the jurisdiction of the Farm Security Administration.
- Purpose of Project: Scottsbluff Farmsteads was initiated to resettle on small farm units 21 families from the relief rolls of the vicinity. It is an agricultural community with individual farm units and a large cooperative farm. The location of the project in the center of the sugar beet industry of this section insures an ample market for farm crops and, if necessary, supplementary income.
- Project Description: A tract of 356 acres of fertile land was selected for the project site. This tract has been divided into 21 individual farm units of nearly 7 acres each and a cooperative farm of 196 acres, with about 100 additional acres to be leased and also farmed cooperatively. Cabbage, onions, tomatoes, potatoes and poultry will be raised on the individual units. Sugar beets, alfalfa, potatoes, grain, sorghum, barley and legumes will be raised on the cooperative farm. Cooperative facilities, including marketing, and purchasing organizations, are being planned. Water for domestic use is provided by individual wells and water for irrigation will be obtained from existing irrigation systems. Bathrooms have not been built inside the house but outdoor facilities have been constructed. Electricity will be provided and necessary roads have been built.
- House Description: All construction on the project has been completed and all houses are 4-room frame construction. Each house is built on a concrete foundation with full basement, attic, furnace and screened-in back porch.

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Each house has 2 bedrooms, a living room, kitchen and screened-in back porch.

The Homesteaders:

Families selected for occupancy on this project all have low-income, agricultural backgrounds. They are part of that group in rural areas which was caught in the great economic depression and in practically every instance were farm laborers or tenants. Some of the men on the farmstead have specialized in poultry raising, truck gardening or like occupations and have been of great assistance in moulding general farmstead activities. In many instances farmsteaders were removed from submarginal areas where the Land Utilization Division had established projects. All homesteaders have definite farm backgrounds.

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