

# Taking Care of Animals Costume Research



# Farm Laborers in Fort Dodge, Iowa, August 1957



Originally, many farmers were skeptical about using women for farm work. By the end of 1944, however, many had come to appreciate the WLA recruits. (16-G-323-5-N-5960)





**1954**



**A farmer fixes a gate wrecked by a  
700-pound pig on an Iowa farm.**



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Patricia, John, Marilyn and uncle Robert. Dad  
always thought the hogs needed to be in the  
picture. Sherrill's Mound



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Fred Richtsmeier with his pigs.

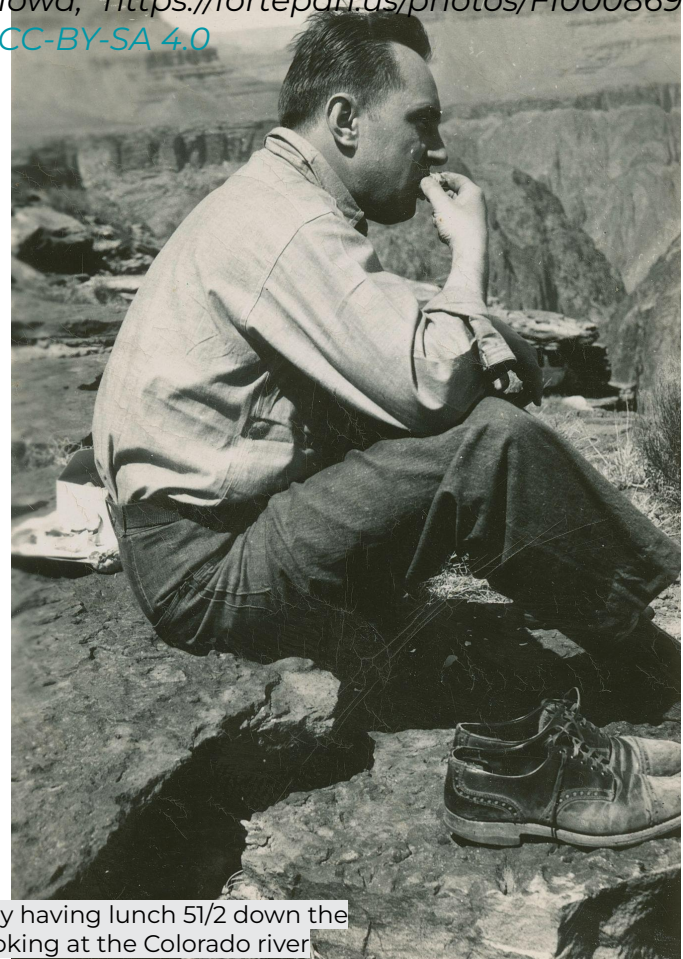


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LaVern Jacobson with his pigs

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Robert Fay having lunch 51/2 down the canyon looking at the Colorado river

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## Contemporary pig farming

<https://www.npr.org/2017/02/06/512190807/pig-farming-in-iowa-means-dirt-under-your-fingernails-and-a-strong-sense-of-pride>





<https://www.nimanranch.com/blog/humane-animal-care/keeping-outdoor-pigs-warm-in-cold-weather/>





Farmer David Rosmann feeds hogs on his family farm in Harlan, Iowa, on Jan. 25, 2020.  
(Daniel Acker for The Washington Post)

The ratio of pigs to people in Iowa is about 7 to 1

We long have known that chemical fertilizer (anhydrous ammonia) and livestock manure (from cattle, swine, poultry) have conspired to make Midwestern surface waters toxic with nitrate and phosphorous, which promote deadly blue-green algae from Toledo to Des Moines. It's suffocating the Gulf of Mexico, too. All sorts of maladies result from drinking the water from Lake Erie in northwestern Ohio and the Raccoon River in Iowa.



Happy Hula Farm, owned by Noel Texiera, right, raises Berkshire hogs, many of which end up as artisanal prosciutto. (Photo by Amy Mayer, Harvest Public Media)



# ABISAI - Illya deTorres

More “real” actual farmhand attire

Sweater

Jeans

Rubber boots



# AMELIA - Annie Trevisan





# BRUCE - Michael Heidingsfelder

Stiffer “dickies” style dark wash jeans

Classical americana



# GERALD - Ted Rooney





