Some farmers and ranchers are already suffering from a labor shortage which is bound to become more serious as the year progresses. Some suggestions for overcoming as far as possible this shortage are given by R. W. Roskelley of the Colorado experiment station.

Although designed primarily for the use of labor subcommittees of agricultural planning groups, at least some of the suggestions are readily applicable to individual farmers and ranchers. These follow:

1—Make all needed repairs of all kinds during the winter and early spring to get everything in condition for farm and ranch work for the entire year.

2—Where possible stagger the planting of crops in such a way as to spread the need for labor.

3—Change farming practices to reduce those crops or livestock enterprises that by reason of high seasonal demands do not enable effective use of labor, and do not produce foods most essential to defense.

4—Make living and working conditions on the farm more attractive to farm laborers.

5—Develop potential supply of reserve farm labor, through training and use of professional and "white collar" workers who were reared on farms, using such labor on holidays or vacations when needed.

6—Make more effective use of labor supply now on the farm.

7—Make plans for exchange of farm labor and machinery among neighbors in the community.

8—Care for animals, tractors and other farm machinery in such a way that they can perform the tasks that are necessary when the time comes for such work.

Detailed copies of Roskelley's suggestions are available from county agents from the author at the Colorado experiment station, or through The Western Farm Life.