Schedule Number: **N1-122-95-003**

All items in this schedule are inactive. Items are either obsolete or have been superseded by newer NARA approved records schedules.

Explanation / Description:

This schedule was for immediate transfer to NARA or disposal. Transfer to NARA took place. See National Archives Identifier 591953. Schedule is no longer needed.

Date Reported: 06/02/2020
**REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY**

(See Instructions on reverse)

1. FROM (Agency or establishment)
   - Federal Trade Commission

2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION
   - Bureau of Economic Studies

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION

4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER

5. TELEPHONE

6. AGENCY CERTIFICATION

   I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified; and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies,

   - [ ] is not required;  [ ] is attached; or  [ ] has been requested.

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7. ITEM NO.

8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION


   **INVESTIGATION INTO THE FERTILIZER INDUSTRY**
   **1938-1950**

   The Department of Justice began an antitrust investigation of the fertilizer industry in the 1930's, specifically looking at nitrogen fertilizers. This inquiry spawned further investigations which were delegated to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). These investigations continued until 1950 with the publication of "Report of the Federal Trade Commission on The Fertilizer Industry."

1. Investigative Reports, 1938 - 1942

      .05 cubic feet. Box 48 (partial):
Typed summary report of the investigation made into the fertilizer industry during World War II, as requested by OPA.

**PERMANENT.** Transfer to NARA upon approval of schedule.

b. Reports, 1938 - 1946.
   .85 cubic feet. Boxes 48 (partial), 51 (partial), and 52 (partial).

Reports of various aspects of the fertilizer industry. Unarranged.

**TEMPORARY.** Destroy upon approval of schedule.

2. Financial Data, 1938 - 1942.
   a. Profit and Loss Statements, 1942.
      11 cubic feet. Boxes 37 - 47.

Handwritten ledger sheets listing profit and loss statements of various fertilizer companies. Arranged alphabetically by company name.

**TEMPORARY.** Destroy upon approval of schedule.

b. Statistical Data, 1938 - 1942.
   3 cubic feet. Boxes 48 (partial), 49, 50 and 51 (partial).

Financial data used in the production of the FTC study on the fertilizer industry. Unarranged

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   .5 cubic feet. Box 52 (partial).

Surveys of kinds of fertilizer companies used as background materials for FTC reports. Arranged by type of report.

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<td><strong>Legal Records from Fertilizer Investigations, 1936 - 1940.</strong> FBI case files, copies of anti-trust cases (U.S. against fertilizer companies), and court exhibits relating to government investigations of the fertilizer industry. Arranged by subject. .5 cubic foot. Box 52 (partial).</td>
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<td>File of correspondence regarding inquiries made by OPA prior to 1944 into the fertilizer industry. Included are original correspondence from the fertilizer companies and copies of correspondence sent out by OPA. Arranged chronologically.</td>
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