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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408

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Tennessee Valley Authority

2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION
Office of Agricultural and Chemical Development

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION
Division of Agricultural Development

4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER
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UNITED STATES

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8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM
(With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)
Agricultural Flooding Survey Data on Tributaries of the Tennessee River

A program to develop multipurpose water resource development projects including the construction of dams on tributaries of the Tennessee River was started by TVA early in the 1950’s. This record series represents agricultural information collected and used in carrying out these studies and in the preparation of feasibility, environmental assessment, and cost benefit reports. Total benefits, costs, and effects for these long-term projects cannot be established in a short time period. These projects are periodically reevaluated and analyses made to identify ways to improve agricultural flood reduction benefits and to better identify the extent to which floodplain use can be expected to accrue after flood reduction projects are built.

Prior to beginning a project, data was collected and studies made to (1) determine present land use in relation to conservation and utilization, (2) determine water utilization and soil conservation based on sound land management and use, (3) determine benefits and costs of programs in relation to agriculture and flood control, and (4) estimate effects of water control upon agriculture.
Survey forms were used for the collection of agricultural information from persons owning or operating farms within the floodplains of streams within these project areas. Information shown on the survey forms includes: farm type, size, and location; owner or operator name, age, education, tenure situation, and off-farm employment; crop data such as kinds, yields, and marketing data; livestock kinds and numbers; farm buildings status and value; and farm equipment data.

The aerial photographs are annotated to show farm and flood boundaries. The summaries are compilations of data included on the survey forms.

The series contains: original pencil copies of survey forms including form TVA 9456, Agricultural Flooding Survey; unnumbered survey forms; project summaries; summary worksheets; and aerial photographs. Specific projects included are Bear Creek, Beech River, Clinch River, Duck River, Elk River, French Broad River, Hiwassee River, Sequatchie River, and miscellaneous other streams within the Tennessee River watershed area.

Accumulation since 1960 is 13 cubic feet. Series is filed alphabetically by project then by stream.

Disposition

1. Completed Projects

   A. Project Summaries and Photographs -- Destroy 50 years after the dam is constructed.

   B. Survey Forms -- Destroy 10 years after date of data collection.

   C. Photographs -- Destroy in agency 50 years after the dam is constructed.

2. Uncompleted Projects

   Destroy all data immediately after the project is abandoned.