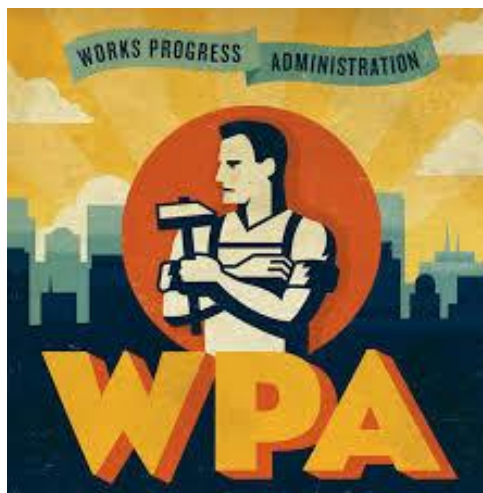


FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

24-Oct-1938	\$0.25
24-Oct-1939	\$0.30
24-Oct-1945	\$0.40
25-Jan-1950	\$0.75
1-Mar-1956	\$1.00
3-Sep-1961	\$1.15
3-Sep-1963	\$1.25
1-Feb-1967	\$1.40
1-Feb-1968	\$1.60
1-May-1974	\$2.00
1-Jan-1975	\$2.10
1-Jan-1976	\$2.30
1-Jan-1978	\$2.65
1-Jan-1979	\$2.90
1-Jan-1980	\$3.10
1-Jan-1981	\$3.35
1-Apr-1990	\$3.80
1-Apr-1991	\$4.25
1-Oct-1996	\$4.75
1-Sep-1997	5.15
24-Jul-2007	\$5.85
24-Jul-2008	\$6.55
24-Jul-2009	\$7.25



Before 1938 there was not a minimum wage an employer had to pay an employee.

**Taken from an interview with Kenny Dupree
Kinsley Library, January 28, 2010**

Kenny: I was living on West 3rd Street in Kinsley.... My dad was working on the WPA. Before that he worked for the City of Kinsley. But politics changed back in them days, and he lost his job. The thing then was when the Depression hit, he had horses. So he went to the WPA, and he made 18 cents an hour, but he'd get a dollar a day for his horses. He had slips that slipped the dirt out of ditches when they went out to work up north of Kinsley.... Three or four farmers, people in town, had horses: Warren Jarvis, Chris Franklin and my dad. So they paid him a dollar a day for the horses. He worked on the relief for six or eight years, and then he went to soil conservation. And he'd go out and plant trees on farms. Then they'd come back and hoe. He worked on that three or four years. Then he started working other places. He got 18 cents an hours. Then when he went to soil conservation he got 20 cents an hour.

Joan: And he had a family with four children.

Kenny: It was tough; it was hard.