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## IOWA, INDIANA AND ILLINOIS SHOW US THE WAY OUT

**N**OT to discourage our people by showing how far our farming is behind other sections, but to encourage them by showing just why it is behind and the way out—this is our object in printing herewith this notable cartoon showing the average annual income of each farm worker in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana, as compared with Iowa, Indiana and Illinois, and in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, as compared with Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania—and this is also the object of our more extended review of this whole situation on page 2. It is a hard and ugly fact, for example, that each farm worker in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia in 1900 earned

	MASSACHUSETTS NEW YORK PENNSYLVANIA	VIRGINIA NORTH CAROLINA SOUTH CAROLINA	IOWA INDIANA ILLINOIS	ALABAMA LOUISIANA MISSISSIPPI
AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME PER FARM WORKER	\$388	\$184	\$663	\$189
AVERAGE NUMBER ACRES CULTIVATED PER FARM WORKER	33	22	63	6
AVERAGE VALUE FARM IMPLEMENTS PER FARM WORKER	\$150	\$22	\$110	\$36
AVERAGE NUMBER OF HORSES AND MULES PER FARM WORKER	1.38	.77	3.17	.91
AVERAGE NUMBER MILK COWS PER FARM WORKER	3.41	.56	2.56	.59
AVERAGE AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM SALE OF LIVE STOCK FOR FARM WORKER	\$68	\$23	\$212	\$13

only \$184 as compared with \$663 for each farm worker in Iowa, Indiana and Illinois, but there is great hope and promise for us in finding the reason why—because he used more than four times as much horse power, and exactly five times as much farm implements and machinery as we did, and thereby cultivated nearly three times as many acres, and did it better, and also because he made these acres richer, and doubled the profits on his raw material by feeding nine times as much stock and five times as many dairy cows as we did.

(1) More implements and machinery; and (2) more horse power to run them; and (3) thereby more acres cultivated and better cultivated; (4) more dairy cows and live stock of all kinds to enrich the land and give two profits instead of one on our raw material—these are the four wheels on which you can move your farm on to "\$500 More a Year," and nothing else will take you there.

### Read Page 2.

Whatever else you may read or may not read in this week's paper, you cannot afford to miss a line of the official census showing as to WHY WE ARE MAKING \$500 LESS THAN THE AVERAGE NORTHERN FARMER AND THE WAY OUT as given on page 2. Read it, and get your neighbors to read it.

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