

# "The Dignity Of The Farmer"

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The farmer's calling is among the noblest in all the world. He is not one of the millions, who in thick formation, swarm through factory gates. He is a free man! As he works his fields guiding a plow, sowing the seed or harvesting the crop, he commands the respect of all. For farming is among the greatest of human arts. The farmstead with its land, animals, fences, barns, granaries, tools and machinery, demands a multitude of special skills and knowledge. A farmer must be an artisan, a veterinarian, a carpenter, a weatherman, a mechanic, a capitalist and financier, a manager, a laborer, producer and salesman. He must know soil and seed, poultry and cattle. He must know when to till the soil, plant his crop, cultivate his fields and harvest his crops. The successful farmer is the one who produces more than he needs, and thus helps others to eat and prosper. In the presence of his Lord, the farmer should recall all this, not in a spirit of vainglory or pride, but in grateful appreciation of the calling God gave him as a tiller of the soil.