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Fanner Feeds More People

In 1949 the average American farm consisted of 138 acres, and each farmer produced enough food for eight people. Today the average acreage has increased to 215—and each farmer feeds 15 people. And we have better and far more varied foods than in the earlier days.

This spectacular progress is the result, naturally, of a number of factors—improved seed, effective pest control, better land practices, use of machinery and more efficient distribution and processing methods. Of all the factors, none is more important than farm machinery, starting with the tractor and going through the long line of other machines and attachments that make it possible for the farmer to produce more, to conserve and improve his land, and to do his work with a great deal less labor and physical effort than was the case in the past.

Machinery has been responsible, in large part, for farming turning into a business. It is estimated that a typical corn-belt farm farmer selling 160 acres has a machinery investment worth \$117,000. It is substantially greater if he raises livestock or runs a dairy herd. That is a large investment—but the return from it is tremendous in the light of today's labor costs.

By 1973 each farmer will have to feed 20 people—which means that still more advanced machinery will be needed.

Your Biggest Debt

Most American families have a good idea of how much money they owe on their mortgages, and other obligations. The average is about \$3,900. But we tend to forget that we also owe a debt to the future.

That is our share of the \$274,500,000,000 national debt. It amounts to more than \$6,000 per family!

What You Don't See

from the top of this Radio Relay Tower

The hearing tower since 1918, accompanied by subzero winter winds, has been reported five to six inches.

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Washington Report

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