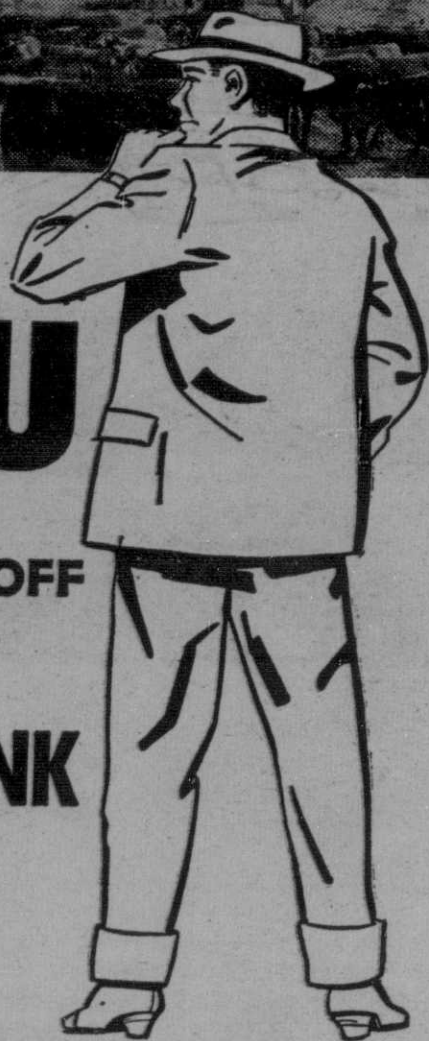




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Farmers is so tough they can stand about anything. Taxes, hired help that's no help, bugs, drought, varmints, floods, cyclones—they just laff at such. But one more farm program to make 'em all rich and happy will finish 'em off.

Far as I can see, we treated Kroosheft right polite in the U.S. Still he somehow got the notion he was about as welcome as a shepherd in a cow camp.

They do say that school children of today ain't much on arithmetick, but I've never seen any of 'em that couldn't outfigger their folks.

Sure, I'm a farm product. Surplus too, my wife says. She'd export me, only they ain't no furrin people she hates that bad.

That woman of mine is away ahead of Ike. She has put in a lot more vetoes than he has and not one of 'em overrode by me nor nobody else.

Christmas always reminds me of a lotta things, most of 'em bein' bills hangin' over from last Christmas.

Grief and misfortune don't fret us Johnsons. After a baby gets born into our famly, the worst that can happen to him in this world has happened.

The navy now has a rocket that takes pictures of the earth from 700 miles off. Mrs. Fodge Rucker says if all the pictures of Fodge was took from that distance she wouldn't get such a shock when she opens the famly album.

Speakin' of grass-roots opinion, out this way the people has got more opinions than the grass has roots.

Don't look to me like the states'll ever miss any of their other rights, long as they've still got the right to trot to Washington for handouts.

Think of all the orders Prince Philip has to take, livin' with a woman that's both his wife and his Queen.

People around here can't work in summer 'cause it takes all their time to keep cool. In winter it takes all their time to keep warm. Reasons why we can't work in fall and spring ain't so simple, but we always think up something.

Yep, our preacher's right. A little money can bring a lot of misery. And the littler I've got, the more misery.

Nope, nobody ain't nominated me for president of the PTA. Come to think of it, nobody has nominated me for member.

A real smart man is so ashamed because there's so much he don't know that he never mentions what he does know and the world puts him down for a plumb dummy.

Livin' ain't so high, if a woman's careful to buy her tradin' stamps where they give away groceries for premiums.

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Social Security

Questions Farmers Frequently Ask

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Question: I will reach 72 on Dec. 30, 1959, and I will continue to operate my farm. I understand I can get payments for months after I reach 72 no matter how much my earnings are. Am I entitled to any benefit checks for the year 1959?

Answer: Since you will be 72 in December, you may receive a benefit check for that month. However, your total earnings for the entire year in which you reach 72 must be counted in figuring how many checks are payable for the months in that year up to your 72nd birthday.

Question: I reached 65 last May and I made application for social security benefits. I indicated that my earnings for the year would exceed \$1,200, so benefit payments were withheld. For October, November and December I may not perform any work on the farm. If I am entitled to benefit checks for these months, what must I do to receive them?

Answer: If during the year you reported that you were working and expected to earn more than \$1,200, you are required to file an annual report with the Social Security Administration. You will probably receive an annual report form in the mail after the end of the year, but if you do not, be sure to get one from your nearest social security office. On the report you must show your total earnings for the year, and list the months in which you did not take part in the operation and management of your farm.

Question: I operate a dryland wheat farm. I expect my earnings for 1959 to be about \$4,000. I did no work in January, February or March of 1959 because this type of farming is strictly a seasonal operation. I reached 72 in September of this year. How many benefit checks will I receive?

Answer: Since you did not work in January, February or March, you would receive checks for these months, and you would receive checks for September through December because you were over 72.

Question: I expect my farm earnings to be \$1,700 for 1959. I will be taking part in the farming operation in all 12 months. My benefits were held back because I reported that my earnings would exceed \$1,200. Should I file an annual report?

Answer: Yes, because you will have some social security benefits coming to you. You will be subject to a loss of one month's check for each \$80 or fraction of \$80 by which your earnings exceed \$1,200. If your earnings are \$1,700 for 1959, you may receive five checks for the year.

Question: I became 65 in March of 1959, and filed for my social security. At the time I estimated that my net earnings from the farm would be \$2,000; however, now that the year is nearly ended I find that my earnings will be only \$1,125. Will I receive any checks for 1959?

Answer: Yes. After the end of the year you should call at the nearest social security office and complete an annual report of your earnings. Since you were 65 in March and your earnings will be less than \$1,200, you may be entitled to 10 checks for the year.