


Farmer's Institutes

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I have furnished over 800 thoroughbred short-horn and polled Angus bulls and about 6,000 pairs Berkshire pigs to people on our railway. Difficult for Minnesota farmers to raise anything but wheat, though average yield in last 25 or 30 years has gone from 25 to 10 or 12 bushels per acre. I am now giving 45 cash prize in Minn., N. and S. Dakota for the best farm following conditions named in prizes. Machines are taking over work on farms where elderly owners are selling  count of scarcity of laborers. Hill Letter Books, 2/20/06 -1/31/14, 45