

## TRUST

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There is no bigger gambler in the world than a farmer ... for what is a gambler other than someone who puts his trust in luck!

Farmers trust that if they plant in the right season, use the correct seeds, have their soil in the best condition, follow the latest Ag extension bulletins, they will reap a crop. They trust that they will get a good price for their crop. They trust their skills. In turn, the bankers must trust all of the above.

Gambling or trusting that rainfall, locusts, weevils, rust and many other factors that may plague him, that man (or woman) will think almost till the crop rots, that he will reap. He will stay with that farm, many times till the bank forecloses, and he is escorted from the gambling site.

I'm from Iowa and was a middling child during the depression and the dust bowl years. We lived in the city, but visited many country cousins, all struggling, but hanging on. We city folk count on the farmers, we trust implicitly, without even thinking about it, that our farmers will plant wheat for bread, corn for pork and cattle we eat, beans and hay for horses and many other crops on which we depend. Indeed trust we all must.