SEVERAL thousand Minnesota farmers figured up the various losses they suffered in a year as a result of poor roads. They made the astonishing discovery that these losses came to a total large enough to pay for all their hired help!

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The roads in this Minnesota district are not by any means the worst roads in America. They might be called good roads if compared to some that are only too well known. But they are bad enough to cause the loss of more than half a million dollars yearly to the farmers who have to use them.

## **READ THE STORY THESE FIGURES TELL:**

Loss because of longer routes to town			
Loss because of slow progress in hauling	75,627	64	
Loss because of extra trips	137,621	66	
Loss because of specific reasons (perishable goods spoiled, good			
markets missed, horses ruined, etc.)	221,374	16	
Loss because of inability to haul manure	91,925	00	

Poor Roads Cost

You as much

as Your Help

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THE average loss to each farmer was found to be \$150.

<sup>1</sup> He lost \$1.70 for every acre farmed. He lost 13 cents every time he carried a ton of produce over one mile of bad roads.

He lost one-tenth of his total crop. He paid as much for bad roads as he did for his hired help. He paid enough to pay off his mortgage in three years and leave something over.

And all this **in addition** to his regular road tax, which was spent in the hopeless task of making a poor road good by repairing it.

Have you figured up what poor roads are costing you ?

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