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- Low social safety net... let the churches take care of them.
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Helping with the Harvest to Feed the Hungry

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