What crops grow the best?

All general farm crops do well in this country. This is all explained in full in Bulletin No. 4, which you should read carefully. It is the greatest clover and grass country in the world, clover growing wild every place. All the small grains produce especially heavy, and corn is a very good crop. All garden produce will grow in this fertile land in abundance, and can hardly be equalled any place in this country. Potatoes will grow two and three hundred bushels to the acre and better, and all root crops, such as rutabagas, mangels, and sugar beets produce equally well.

Are there crop failures?

These farms are in a crop proof district, crop failures being unknown. There has never been a single general crop failure, and a farmer can count on a sure income each year.

Is there plenty of rain?

The rainfall averages in the neighborhood of thirty-five inches a year, and comes in occasional showers throughout the growing season, and are followed by bright, warm sunshine. This is what produces big crops.

Is the growing season long?

Potatoes, grain, corn, and all general crops are planted and harvested just the same as in any other district in the Central States, and all produce heavily, and all have a sufficient growing season, as you can easily see when you visit this rich territory.

What are the best crops to raise first?

The best plan is to brush the land and plant clover and timothy right among the stumps. You will get a tremendous yield after year without even plowing the land. In this way, you can make money, and carry lots of cows even before you have your land cleared. You also can get in a good crop of potatoes right at the first, for there is a good cash market for these fine Wisconsin potatoes in the warehouses in town. You can raise tons of rutabagas and mangels from a couple of acres the first year also.

Can I raise crops the first year?

The best answer to this is for you to see what dozens of other men have done the first year. You can get in clover and timothy fields, and can get in a big garden, plant a big patch of potatoes, and brush up a bunch of land the first year and get it into pasture and root crops for the stock.

Is there any work in the winter?

A nice thing about a Read-To-Start-Farm is that a settler can go right ahead and make money in the winter by clearing his land and getting out cordwood, bolts, and saw logs off of his land, which he can haul to town and sell for cash.

Can I join a Farmers' Club?

Yes. There are Farmers' Clubs organized among the new settlers, and they have a meeting at least once a month where they talk over the best farming methods among themselves, and where they have outsiders come in to explain farming methods to them. They also meet to have dances and parties, and the boys and girls will see that you and your wife will meet these men as soon as you arrive, and they will get you a membership in the Farmers' Club.