

Exports *from the* Rural Church



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So the grain sits as farmers wait for the opportunity to export their commodity.

That is, after all, the nature of agriculture here: we grow things for other people. We depend on shipping our products out. We are where things come from. We produce the wheat in your bread, the oil in your margarine, the pork chop in your freezer, and quite likely, the next young couple in your church.

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