

# A John Deere Letter

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**Cho.**

John Deere I'm writing you this letter John Deere Did-n't think you'd want to be the last to hear that, since the farmer has departed your old tractor can't get star-ted! Broken down and broken hearted John Deere! 1. Now the farmers in this country they just got an awful blow. It seems, to fix the deficit, the farmers have to go. They say it is our duty to hold back the great red hordes and they need that Farmer's Aide to beat our plows-hares back to swords! John

2. Now, the president .. he made a speech about it on T.V.  
Says he wouldn't pull the rug out .. at least not instantly!  
Now .. what that means is .. even tho the farmer's got the sack ..  
the banks can foreclose liesurely and give the farmers time to pack.

CHO.

3. Now, the president is waging war on the economy.  
He's shooting down the Middle Class .. That means YOU and ME!  
His generals all generalize .. like good ol' Edwin Meece does.  
Now, he's robbed the farmer's sugar bowls to fight the Sandanistas.

CHO.

4. Now, the farmer is the backbone of the American Dream.  
Through Iowa, like stars at night, the small farm houses gleam.  
Up from the waving wheat fields, the human spirit shines ..  
Now .. they're cultivating missles .. and the fields are full of mines!

CHO.

5. John Deere .. your cultivator sits beside the cattle guard.  
Your mower and bulldozer, now are rusting in the yard.  
Well, your baler may be obsolete, at least til times get better.  
But, the way they're dishing out the bull,  
they sure could use your spreader!

CHO.

6. Now, someday .. when the president invites a king or two ..  
he can't get potatoes for his Diplomatic Stew ..  
his White House cook is stealing seeds and berries from the birds ..  
then, just to keep from starving, he's gonna have to eat his words!

CHO.