



## TEXT #4

### *So God Made A Farmer* By Paul Harvey

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#### TEXT NOTES

The popularity of Paul Harvey's original radio broadcast surged after an advertisement for Dodge Ram trucks during the 2013 Super Bowl used it. Adapted from a 1975 article, Harvey delivered the speech at the 1978 convention of the Future Farmers of America. The article provides the original speech and the Super Bowl advertisement.

Sample Text-Dependent Questions (to drive initial close reading and discussion):

1. In addition to food production, in what ways does Paul Harvey align the farmer's work and life with the needs of Americans?
2. How do the images in the Dodge Ram truck advertisement enhance/diminish the stand-alone text?