

# Cartoons for the Classroom

Presented by NIEonline.com and the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists (AAEC)



## Is there trouble down on the farm?



Paul Duginski / Courtesy of Cagle.com

1. What do these cartoons say about the plight of American farmers coping with rising fuel and fertilizer costs after the war with Iran shut down shipping in the Persian Gulf?
2. How have continuing disputes and confusion over U.S. tariff increases hurt farms vital sales to other countries?
3. Has the immigration crackdown left some farms without enough workers to raise and harvest crops?
4. Nearly 75 percent of farmers surveyed before the war started said they were "worse off" than a year earlier. Are farms in growing danger of going bankrupt?
5. Do you expect your food prices to increase much more?

### Between the lines

"This is that perfect storm where everything comes together and hammers the farmer. I really do see fewer farmers when it's all done. In the end, the consumer will still have fewer choices. - Mark Mueller, Iowa farmer.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/business/economy/trump-iran-war-farm-crisis-rca266283>

### Additional resources

#### ■ More by Paul Duginski

<https://cagle.com/cartoonist/paul-duginski/>

#### ■ More by Joe Heller

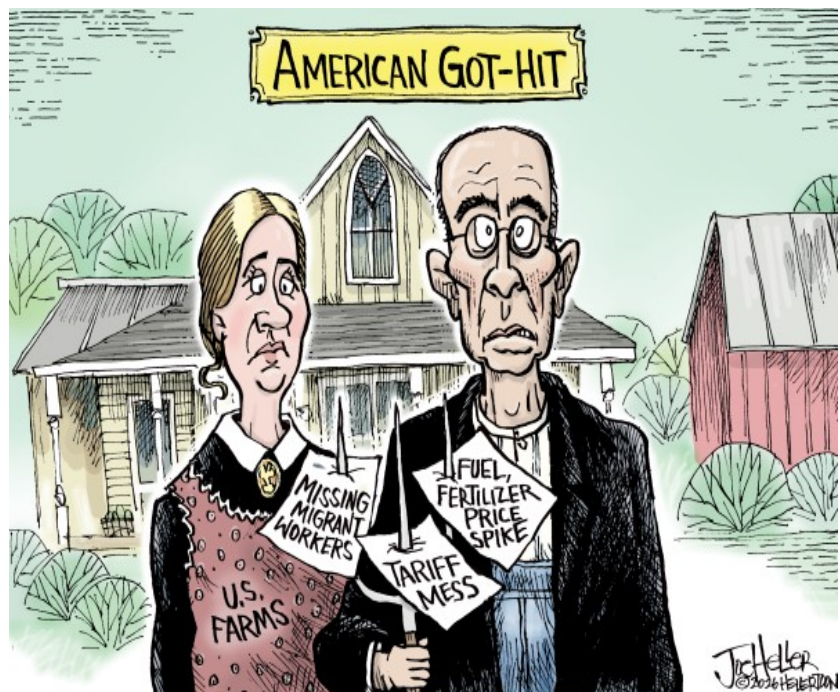
<https://cagle.com/cartoonist/joe-heller/>

#### ■ Editorial Cartoonists

<http://editorialcartoonists.com/>

#### ■ Cagle Cartoons

<https://cagle.com/>



Joe Heller / Courtesy of Cagle.com