

## A Soldier of the Soil (My Experiences as a Cadet on the Farm)



In 1917, the New York State Education Department began a program that allowed students between the ages of 16 and 18 in good academic standing to sign up and become Farm Cadets. Many teens jumped at the chance to become a Farm Cadet, and to leave their homes in the cities and towns and to assist with the war effort by replacing the laborers who had enlisted in the military and gone to fight overseas. From April-September, students worked on farms throughout the state and, in order to receive academic credit for their contribution, wrote essays about their experience.

;In this essay, Hyman Sakolsky discusses his summer work at a farm in the small village of Whitney Point, NY.

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