



THERE is a definite "back to the farm" trend that is gaining momentum virtually everywhere in the territory represented by the above map.

This is not mere hearsay. Nor is it simply a statement inspired by the wish. It is an undisputed fact, disclosed and verified by a survey conducted through correspondents of The Chicago Tribune among real estate dealers and county recorders in the five states that constitute inner and outer Chicagoland.

Few if any regions on the face of the globe equal in average richness of soil and desirability for farm lands the territory included in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Little wonder indeed, then, that the first indication of a restoration of farm land worth should see a steadily improving market in these five states.

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Main developments revealed by The Tribune's survey:

A general increase in farm land sales, attributable to a growing belief that currency inflation will leave real estate the safest and soundest of investments.

A general increase in the average of farm

land values, brought on by the increased demand for property. (This upturn in prices varies with localities. Scarcely any place have prices remained stationary or declined.)

A marked tendency on the part of business and professional men of towns and cities to buy farm properties for one or the other of two purposes—for investment or

for the sake merely of owning land, an anchor in any economic storm that may be brewing.

A noticeable movement among factory workers and small tradespeople of the cities to acquire small farms near commercial centers, either for investment or for the purpose of subsistence in the event of unemployment.

A renewed interest among the wealthy classes of the larger cities, such as Chicago, in farm land properties for investment or to satisfy that

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