

To the Editor:

Professor von Mises says the confiscation of rural rent would not induce farmers to use better land. I beg to differ with the noted writer. Under our present system, the rural rent is not collected by the government, and the selling price of the more fertile land often increases to such an extent that it prevents many farmers from moving to the more fertile land, as the value of the land is the site ground rent capitalized. The government collection of the ground or site rent would give more opportunities for employment since it would prevent land monopoly and consequent high prices for the more fertile land.

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