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Galesburg, Illinois,
April 10, 1929.

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President and Mrs. Herbert Hoover,
Washington, D.

Dear Sir and Madam



I am sending to you by parcel post a quart of pure sorghum which was grown and cooked on my farm.

I have a farm of one hundred eighty acres joining the north-east corner of Galesburg, Illinois, along the hard road. I planted twenty-five acres to sorghum cane last spring. It grew amazingly. The season was ideal through-out. The stalks were ten to eleven feet high and some of it higher. This sample is of the black amber variety, the best of three varieties grown.

Mr. Moore, an old sorghum maker, with forty years experience, set up a mill on my farm and cooked the crop and it was put in cans and barrels, and all sold, with the exception of about two barrels I still have. The trade was eager to buy this product. Tourists stopped at the mill and bought gallons of it all day long. Quantities of it went into Ohio, Indiana, South Dakota, Montana, Texas, and even one tourist living in Toronto, Canada. Worlds of it went to Chicago, Rock Island, Peoria, Springfield, and all the nearby cities.

Tourists say they don't know where to buy pure sorghum. The yield was nearly two hundred gallons per acre as we had nearly five thousand gallons.

Mr. Moore said that seventy-five to one hundred gallons per acre was an average crop. I told him that he was never on such a good farm as this one is, before.

I just want you to try this sample at your table, on bread or hot biscuits, or in ginger bread or cookies. I imagine you will enjoy common things to eat occasionally.

This will show you one way in which farming can be diversified. The seed crop is as valuable as wheat, but I was not prepared to save that last fall. The shankins could be utilized for paper if there was a means of doing it in this part of the country. I would like to see a pulp mill put in at Galesburg to utilize corn stalks in