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Farmer's costs have risen rapidly in recent years, according to manufacturers and dealers in agricultural equipment. Farm operators are being forced milk prices at the farm level. The following articles will attempt to

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