

I won't have no money to live on. This is my source, here. Now if my son was to gamble on farming--I'll put up a proposition--I'll reserve it. All right. Me and you could go over here to the Office. We'd apply for a loan. I'm not experience, but I know enough to operate a farm. All right. I give him support. I'll go over there and I'll help him. And he'll do the work. And we'll share the expense of the loan. What we make, we could divide it. So a lot of fathers and sons are operating under that system. If they make a dollar, they get half a buck apiece profit. So that's the kind of a chance some of us have. Now if my son was to try it, I'm willing. But it would be up to him.

(If you started that now, you'd have to get your implements and everything, wouldn't you?)

Yeah. We'd have to start from the bottom. We'd have to get the full equipment.

(Bonnie: Are there any Indian friends you could borrow equipment from?)

It's kind of hard--you can't hardly borrow. Well, you can't even go over here to this--my neighbor over here, you know. You can't go over there and borrow anything--if he found out you were making money on it, he'd--you know--

(Bonnie: Is there any possibility that the tribe could buy the equipment and kind of have a loan-out thing where they'd loan it out to the members of the tribe who are farming?)

I don't believe that's the solution to this--well, I'll put it this way--I don't believe anybody brought up any idea like that. We might--and might not. Of course the Office over here got the last say-so. Now, just like I said a while ago, if our peoples--I know Houston and Frankie were some of them--if they were willing to get together and buy combines, they could pay equal--whatever the combine was worth. But that time, boy, combines were about fifteen thousand. That's a lot of money.

(This loan fund back then, does it still exist today?)

No. We--when I was up there--of course, I was the one or maybe it was somebody else--for the best interests of our tribe we just told them to withdraw the loan. Because it's not doing