

# COLLECTIVIZATION IS A SUCCESS

According to Joseph Stalin, 1934

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In a speech on January 26, 1934 to high-ranking Party members, Stalin declared that collectivization had been a huge success.

“ “ It becomes absolutely clear that... the collective farms and the individual peasants have completely exchanged roles: the collective farms... have become the predominant force in agriculture, whereas the individual peasants have become a secondary force and are compelled to subordinate and adapt themselves to the collective-farm system.

It must be admitted that the laboring peasantry, our Soviet peasantry, has completely and irrevocably taken its stand under the Red banner of socialism. Naturally, this historic victory over the exploiters could not but lead to a radical improvement in the material standard of the working people and in their conditions of life generally. The elimination of the parasitic classes has led to the disappearance of the exploitation of man by man. With the disappearance of kulak bondage, poverty in the countryside has disappeared...

The abolition of exploitation, the abolition of unemployment in the towns, and the abolition of poverty in the countryside are historic achievements in the material condition of the working people that are beyond even the dreams of the workers and peasants even in the most "democratic" of the bourgeois countries.

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