Fox Valley Turning Points
Decline of Wheat Farming
Activity #3: Cheese, Glorious Cheese (Or, A Cheesy Solution)

Read the notice from the March 6, 1869 *Appleton Crescent* about cheese making.

1) What seems to be the author's point in writing this short article?

2) Who is the intended audience?

3) What reasons does the author give for becoming involved in cheese making?

4) Using your own knowledge and the context of the surrounding sentences, answer the following question: To what is the author referring when he tells farmers to "accept the situation"?

5) Do you find this article convincing? Why or why not?

6) Imagine that you are a wheat farmer. Based upon what you know about wheat farming and its decline in the 1860s and 1870s, make a list of the pros and cons of continuing to farm wheat.