For Truckenbrod, being a soprano is hard work

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The age of farmers in this country is changing. By the year 2020, the USDA projects that the average age of the farmer will be 55 years old. In Iowa, the average age is 54 years old. This is a shift from the typical mid-20s to mid-30s age group that is the norm in the agricultural community. 

At the same time, the number of farmers is decreasing. The USDA reports that the number of farmers has decreased by 20% in the last 40 years. This is a trend that is not only affecting farmers in Iowa but across the country. 

This is a problem that the USDA and other organizations are trying to address. They have launched a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program to help new farmers and ranchers get started. The program provides resources and support to help new farmers and ranchers succeed. 

Participants in the program will learn about the different aspects of farming, such as crop production, livestock management, and marketing. They will also receive technical assistance and guidance from experienced farmers. 

The program is open to anyone who is interested in pursuing a career in farming or ranching. It is designed for people who have never farmed before, as well as those who are interested in expanding their operations. 

In conclusion, the age of farmers is changing, and the number of farmers is decreasing. This is a problem that needs to be addressed. The USDA and other organizations are working to help new farmers and ranchers get started. The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program is one of the resources available to help new farmers and ranchers succeed.