

## Mowing Alfalfa

that pivotal day  
summer before senior year  
“to farm” was my plan

mowing alfalfa  
was my chore, and my future  
by noon, life transformed

lightning struck that day  
a jolt of empowerment:  
“I can change the plan!”

dropping FFA  
enrolling at Ole Mizzou  
my new field was math

fickle plans took me  
through six rewarding decades  
to greener pastures



Ray County, Missouri, family farm, summer 1962  
Photo source: youtube (similar tractor and mower)

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