

# Putin Jokes He'll Work on a Farm If He Loses Election

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Vladimir Putin **Kremlin Press Service**

Seven candidates vying to unseat Vladimir Putin saw their chances improve slightly when the president wondered aloud about his employment prospects in case of a loss in next month's presidential elections.

The offhand remark was delivered at a combine harvester during a campaign stop in the southern city of Rostov on Thursday, where workers taught the president how to operate a combine simulator.

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"If worst comes to worst, I'll go work as a combine operator after March 18," Putin was [filmed](#) saying at the wheel of a combine simulator by the Kremlin-funded RT news outlet.

"No problem at all," his instructor replied.

The latest state-run poll [suggests](#) that 69.9 percent of voters would vote for Putin if the elections took place this Sunday. The president's nearest competitor, communist candidate Pavel Grudinin, polls at around 6 percent.

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