

Farming the Way of Life

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Note from the Author

As a child I would ride the combine and look at all the wildlife that was in the fields until I fell asleep. We would always have to get off the combine and move the baby deer that were in the way and sometimes we would put them in the combine with us. Then when we got done with that field, we would put them back where we found them. Grandpa and I would always go to the corn fields and pick a few ears of corn to test it to see if it was dry, so that we could harvest the corn. On Friday nights, I stayed with my grandparents. My grandpa would always take me hunting or fishing, then I started thinking that I was too cool to stay the night with him. But looking back now I wish that I had spent more time with him because we lost him in March of 2014. My life has not been the same since he passed. All the hard times have made me who I am today.

Do you live on a farm? Many people own farms or work on one. Many of the items that you own are made of something that comes from a farm. Farming isn't as easy as it seems. There is a lot of hard work that goes into it. This includes, growing the crops, raising the animals, and maintaining the equipment.

This is a pig.



Tractors on the Farm

There are many different kinds and brands of tractors, but the one brand I'm going to talk about is John Deere. There was a guy named John Deere he invented the first steel plow in 1837 and after that, there have been many new inventions and the company John Deere still exist today. They have anything from little tractors to the biggest tractors. Tractors are used on farms to pull planters, ditchers, and grain carts. Planters are used to plant the seeds that grows into crops. Ditchers are what we use to make small ditchers though the field so that the water doesn't stand on the fields. Grain carts are big carts that have an auger that combines dump the crop into and then the grain cart dumps the crop into the semi.

This is a John Deere tractor.



Corn

There are many different crops that grow in the United States. Corn is one of the crops that grows on a stalk and has small kernels that grow on a cob. Corn is yellow/orange and white. Corn is used to make cornstarch, cornmeal, penicillin, sugar, whiskey, and many other things.

This is corn on the stalk.



Soy beans

Soybeans grow on a bush and they are in pods. Beans are a tan color and are smaller than a dime. Soybeans are used in chapstick, vegetable oil, soy milk, and many other things. Farmers use beans on the farm to feed their livestock.

These are soybeans and their pods.



Wheat

Wheat is a crop that grows on a small stalk and has a head on the top of the stalk. This is the actual part that we use. The head is prickly and likes to stick to your clothes when you walk through a wheat field. Wheat and most other grains are used in livestock feed. We use wheat in bubble gum, flour, pasta, and many other things.

This is wheat grains and the head of the wheat.



Pigs

That bacon that you like to eat comes from a farm. Farmers have hog barns that they raise their pigs in. When the pigs are full grown, they are sent off to a packing plant. There, they are butchered and packaged. If it is a small town farmer they may keep the meat for himself, but large farms send it off to stores.

These are pigs.



Cows

Cows are large animals that live in a pasture. Cows eat grass and a mixture of grains. There are two different kinds of cow, milk cows, and meat cows. Milk cows are milked and then the milk goes through a process and then it is sent to the store. When meat cows are grown they are butchered and sent to the store.

These are cows.



Many people don't know much about farming. They don't know where their food comes from. One thing I love about growing up on a farm is that I see all the hard work and dedication that goes into it.

This is wheat.



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