

Agriculture – Every Day in Every Way

I step out of my house in the morning and look around. Dew covers the grass on the lawn, the morning light has yet to make its final stand, and the world seems to be asleep. But then I hear familiar sounds. I hear the clanking of lock-up gates as cows reach for their food, the hum of the milking equipment, and whistling as cows are moved into the parlor. That's when I realize; not everyone in the world is asleep, because agriculture does not sleep.

The necessity for agriculture in our everyday lives will not change. It is a tradition that has been passed along generation after generation, and remains just as important now as it was for our great grandparents. This is the amazing truth about agriculture – it will always be around because it will always be needed. There are few things that we genuinely need to survive, and agriculture is one of them!

Being so diverse, there is always room for agricultural involvement. Owning and operating a farm is simply one way to be agriculturally active – and even that has different options. There are dairy, berry, potato, tomato farmers, and every type of farmer in between. Farmers are dedicated to producing high-quality products at low prices. Every item in produce at your grocery store was first raised on a farm, and your purchased food items all were too!

Another interest level in agriculture is related to processing, transporting, and supplying. Processing plant workers take crops directly from the field and prepare them to be sold at stores. Agricultural goods are always being shipped from processor to store, with agricultural supporters driving the trucks. Suppliers play the vital role of making agricultural goods available to consumers, at affordable prices.

Veterinarians, farm supply store owners and employees, machinery servicers, and so many other occupations support agriculture. Without each of these specific roles in place, agriculture could not function efficiently. The teamwork of each person's task together completes an industry network.

It takes many individuals to be the voice of an industry. Agricultural teachers, community leaders, and groups such as Farm Bureau and Farm Friends are excellent advocates for our industry. The people involved within these factions work diligently to teach the ideals of the agricultural industry, and to inform consumers about agricultural life.

The most important component of agricultural involvement lies within the consumer. Without the public's demand for safe, high-quality products, agriculturalists would have no need to be a part in the producing and selling processes. This is not in America alone, but in every city in every country of the world. Day in and day out, agriculture thrives through the support of people like you and me!