

Farmer

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Farming sounds like fun because farmers get to work outside and not stay indoors all the time. I hope in the future that more people will become farmers and spend more time outdoors. I have been farming for as long as I can remember. Farming is not all fun and games. Skills are needed in many areas to become a successful farmer -- biologist, agronomist, vet, weatherman to name a few. By being a farmer I can lump all these into one exciting career.

A farmer is a person who can raise animals. Farmers can choose to raise one kind or they can have a broad range. A farmer can raise beef cattle and use the meat to eat or sell the cattle at market. If a farmer raises dairy cattle they can use the milk or send it to factories to make it available in grocery stores. A farmer with animals should know what to feed them; and if it is sick know what to give them and how much to give them to bring them back into good health.

A farmer is also a person that can grow crops. As with animals, a farmer can choose to stick with one kind or grow a diverse amount of crops such as corn, soybeans, wheat, and sunflowers. A farmer must watch the weather and determine the best planting and harvesting times. A farmer must own a variety of equipment to harvest their crops. The grain they harvest can be fed to their animals or they can sell it to get money.

A farmer has loads of responsibilities in addition to taking care of animals or growing crops. A successful farmer should know a lot of math and science. They must know math because when they are combining they can't just go and pick any row. They have to pick based on the size head or planter they have. Science helps farmers figure out what chemicals to use on the field to get rid of bugs and weeds. Math and science are combined when determining what medicines to give to animals. A farmer must be knowledgeable and precise with measurements. Using the wrong medicine or dosage could be fatal or unproductive.

For all the reasons above I want to be a farmer. There is plenty to do on the farm to keep a person active. Not many people are farmers so this is why I want to be one. By becoming a successful farmer, I can not only provide a good life to myself and my family, I can also provide a beneficial life to other families across the country. I don't know how long my family has been farming but I will try to keep it going. I want to keep a valuable lifestyle and resource going for many years and generations to come. That is why I want to be a farmer.

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