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What Agriculture Means to Me

Agriculture is a big part of our state's economy. Every dollar spent in production agriculture turns over seven times in our state through manufacturing, wages, and delivery of products.

Agriculture is responsibility. Farmers have to learn how to work with other farmers to get a job done. Farmers learn that when something needs to be done, it usually has to be done now. Tomorrow might be too late as weather and markets change hourly. Farmers need to use their time wisely.

Agriculture is farming. Farmers plant, grow, and raise crops to feed the hungry mouths of the world. We produce wheat, durum, barley, corn, soybeans, flax, sunflower, dry beans, canola, and peas. Our commodities are sold as whole products, finished products, or bi-products. The products are then shipped to buyers everywhere.

Agriculture is raising animals to provide meat and other products for the people of our state, country, and the world. A lot of the animals are raised on land not suitable for farming. They are fed products left over from grain processing plants. Livestock production helps us to make good use of our resources.

What agriculture means to me is to produce a safe, abundant supply of food to feed people in the world with the best use of the resources we have. Agriculture is a way of life—it's my life.