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Most people think agriculture is just about producing crops, and raising livestock, but to me agriculture can be a lot more than just crops and livestock. For me agriculture is a form of escapism for me to forget all my problems and worries, and to feel connection with the earth. This has been a dream career for me ever since I was a kid. I find great passion and joy in being able to be around livestock, and to learn about crops. I intend and look forward to being able to further my knowledge into something important and amazing.

As a kid I was at my grandparents house a lot, and they have a lot of acreage with a garden, cows, and horses. My parents and grandparents would often let me feed the cows, ride the horses, and pick crops from the garden. They would also take me on many four-wheeler rides out in the country on empty dirt roads. This made me grow a love for the outdoors and agriculture, and it drives me to want to do this full-time as a career. I don't just want this career for myself, but to help others, by making sure people can have organic and locally sourced crops and meat.

As I've grown older I have learned how meat industries have treated livestock; and how our crops have been sprayed with unnecessary pesticides and chemicals that really don't benefit us. This is an issue that has driven me more towards this career because the chemicals and pesticides that are used in our food have done more harm than good. There is scientific evidence that points to pesticides and chemicals that are used in our food being linked to a

cause of chronic disease. In the United States at least 6 in 10 adults, and around 1 in 3 children have a chronic disease. These statistics tell us that there needs to be a change in the way we are farming, and what we are putting on our food.

I want to go into this career to hopefully help make a change in the way we are farming, treating livestock, and what we are putting on our food. I want to show how we don't need pesticides and chemicals in our food, and how we can perfectly go without them. In this career I also want to make sure to promote local farms because they are a lot more important than most people think they are. Local farms are very important to communities by being able to promote local economic growth, being able to provide nutritious and fresh foods, and to create jobs. This drives me to want a higher education to be able to bring this change.

From all of my personal experiences and what is going on in our nation; it has driven me to go into agriculture. I want to have a higher education in agriculture so that I can have a full and clear understanding about how and what it takes to run or work on a farm. I don't care about how much I get paid from this career, I just hope to make a positive impact, and that will be way more rewarding than any kind of salary.