

# Kids' KOrner

## Student Essays Explain 'What Farming Means To Me'

**Editor's Note:** Students in Ron Walton's sixth grade class at Eshleman Elementary School in Millersville were asked to write essays on "What Farmland Preservation Means To Me" as part of a unit on soil and water conservation. In addition to the essays, the class raised over \$330 for the Ag Preserve Board from homemade silos they placed in classrooms and from a musical they performed in May.

Below are the winning essays, which provide food for thought during June Dairy Month.

**First Place Essay**  
By Carol Burkholder

Agriculture is the backbone of our area. Lancaster County is strong, prosperous, productive and beautiful because of Farmland Preservation.

Tourism is dependant on our well-cared for farms. Many tourists are interested in paying to see our countryside. Our farms are diversified which many people find interesting.

Our direct marketing approach in our country should be preserved because of the variety of fresh quality foods. It would cost us much more to ship foods into the area if we grow less here.

Farmland Preservation means saving the most productive land to raise quality products. It also means development of homes should be planned. Home owners often have problems with odors, noise, dust and chemicals.

Farmers must be careful of too many nitrates in our soil and water. My grandfather is a farmer. We need to take care of the land so that the topsoil will be good for my grandchildren.

**Second Place Essay**  
By Lisa Fridinger

Farmland preservation is an

important part in nearly everyone's life. If we didn't have any farmland, we wouldn't have hardly any food and that would cause starvation.

Farmland is also a beautiful part of our world. Can you imagine looking outside your window and seeing smog, busy streets, noisy parties and other distractions instead of seeing the peaceful fields stretching out across the horizon.

Farmland Preservation means different things to different people, but I think that these are the most important and I wish that more people would get involved with farmland preservation. It would make the world a better place to live.

**Third Place Essay**  
By Rebecca Stoler

Farmland preservation means saving our farms. It means keeping already existing farmland and developing new farming areas in our state. In order to do this, the people of Pennsylvania must help farming to become more profitable for farmers.

Farmland is a very important part of everyone's life — after all without farmland there would be no corn, wheat or other important crops that we need.

Many farmers can't make a living off farming because many times they can't get a good enough price for their crops. Other times it doesn't cost as much to buy crops overseas. Farmers may be forced to sell their land to people or companies that want to do other things with the land than farming.

Without farmland our state wouldn't be half as beautiful and scenic as it is now. Also our state is considered a market basket state, which means we buy and sell crops more than most states in the



Preserving quality farmland today will insure a steady supply of food for our growing population in the years to come.

U.S.A. and we should keep it that way.

**Fourth Place Essay**  
By Brian LaPierre

Farmland Preservation means to me life, for without food there could be no life.

It also means an American heritage and tradition handed down from father to son, generation to generation. It is a worthwhile thing to preserve because our nation was based upon the family farm. We should respect the land and not abuse it.

It also means a job and way of life for some people all they know is farming. That is what farmland preservation means to me.

### Little Lions FFA

The State College Little Lions FFA elected officers May 20. The new officers are: Emily Petters, president; Brian Harpster, vice-president; Leigh Fyock, secretary; Bob Rider, treasurer; Paula Miller, reporter; Mark Duck, chaplain; Ed Maxwell, sentinel; and Tammy McTavish, parliamentarian. The meeting was followed by refreshments supplied by the 9th and 10th grade members.

JUNE  
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| 3. YELLOW | 8. DK. GREY   |
| 4. BLUE   | 9. LT. BLUE   |
| 5. GREY   | 10. LT. GREEN |

IGUANAS ARE A KIND OF LIZARD, TIMID AND SOMEWHAT STUPID. THEY LIVE IN THE HOT PORTIONS OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA. EVEN THOUGH THEY APPEAR FIERCE LOOKING THEY ARE ACTUALLY PEACEFUL QUIET CREATURES. THEY LIKE TO LIE IN THE SUN EATING FLOWERS AND BERRIES. IGUANAS GROW TO BE SIX FEET LONG.

