

## America's Keepers

Out in the fields the sound of tractors can be heard, moving from row to row. The crisp, cool, autumn wind blows brightly colored leaves in every direction and rustles the branches of trees. A tractor pulls people to the pumpkin patch and apple orchard so they can fill their baskets full of crisp, sweet fruits and pick bright orange pumpkins for their front porches and Thanksgiving pies.

I would like to become a farmer, despite the hard labor that comes with it. I enjoy helping people and farming is just that. Farming gives people food, jobs and fun. I would love to grow apples, pumpkins, corn, potatoes, carrots, green beans, watermelons and tomatoes. I would also like to keep chickens and two or three sheep. However, if I get married and have kids I will turn my farm into a hobby farm and I will homeschool.

Living on a farm would be hard, but it would be worth it. I would get to wake up to the sound of roosters crowing and get to eat homegrown food and when it was time for work I wouldn't need to leave my home, all I would need to do is walk outside and begin. It would be nice to have people ask you what you feed your chickens and if birds eat your corn while it is growing and why you started farming and things like that. I would enjoy watching kids run around in the apple orchard, but if they squished any produce for fun they might see my fiery side.

Really, farmers are the one of the most important people. They aren't famous, but they grow the food we eat, shear sheep for the wool we wear, keep cows for the milk we drink and grow wheat and oats for bread and oatmeal. And they give us joy. Can you imagine no joyful days of apple picking or going to the pumpkin patch, no hay rides, no corn mazes, no going to

farmers markets? It would be terrible. I want to keep America happy and thriving. I want to farm.