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Farms Forever

The farm that I like the most in Franklin Township is the Bonacorsi Family Farm. They have many types of fruits and vegetables, including 52 varieties of apples! Last year we went there for Girl Scouts. It was so fun. Mrs. Bonacorsi was very kind. She told us all about the fruits that she grows and the hard work her family does. She also showed us a bird machine that makes calls of distressed birds, so that other birds do not come and eat the grapes and berries. I thought it was cool that one sound could make birds not come. Other times when I go there with my family, my siblings and I do a competition on who can find the biggest apple. It is fun because the apples are always so big. One that I found was as big or bigger than my hand. They also have farm stands so you can buy things that are already picked. My mom gets bushels of apples and makes homemade applesauce that is so good. I have lots of memories of the Bonacorsi Family Farm. My family and I always love to go whenever we can. It is a great place to just look around and see all the beautiful nature, and to see how much work they put into making their farm work. Now that summer is coming up, we probably will go more often. It is always nice to go get fresh produce, and of course, to say hi to the Bonacorsi Family. I am very glad that the Bonacorsi Family chose to run a farm filled with good food that my family and the community like to eat.

I think that farming is very important to our rural community because it can help people have fresh and healthy food to eat. It is also nice to know exactly where your food comes from and to see the trees and fields your fruit and vegetables grow in. Farming is also important to this community because ever since the beginning, farming has been a huge thing in Franklin township. On the Franklin township website it says that our township has some of the most productive soils in the state and has over 3,000 acres of preserved farmland. Our township has had farms and grown crops for hundreds of years. I love to drive around and see the beautiful cornfields and horses and to pick the berries and fruits. If those farms were not here anymore it would not be as nice of a place to live.

I think that farming is a very good thing to do. It is using land around us for a very good purpose. It helps the community and even the animals. I love the Bonacorsi Family farm the best, but there are also many other great farms in Franklin Township. We are lucky to live in such a beautiful place. I hope that Franklin Township will have farms forever.