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Peterson's Farm

If I had to choose between all of the farms in Franklin Township, Peterson's Farm would be my favorite. I have lived right down the road from it my whole life. I can see the farm from my backyard. I have been able to go there throughout the years for many things, some of my favorites being strawberry picking, pumpkin picking, and picking out a Christmas tree. Peterson's farm also helps the community by growing many other things including corn, alfalfa, orchard grass, oats, wheat, and soybeans.

I love being able to go strawberry picking. I love being able to see honey bees flying around and I know they are getting the pollen for honey. My favorite was when I went picking, we got so many strawberries we were able to eat them, can with them, and bake pies with them. I look forward to strawberry picking every year!

The Christmas trees they have every year help more than just at Christmas time. They also help with cleaning the air and the soil and also creating homes for wildlife! Having fresh trees every year can also help feed goats and other animals after you are done using them at the end of the year.

Alfalfa and orchard grass help with livestock. Livestock is a huge benefit to our rural farming community because they provide us with so many things including meat, and dairy products, and can help with gardens and even fields with their manure.

I like living in a community where I am able to take a short drive with my family to get fresh produce, eggs, and dairy products. I would hate living in a busy city and not knowing where my produce was coming from. Farming helps our rural community by providing us with fresh fruit, vegetables, milk, and eggs. I now see all the things that Peterson's farm supplies us and it makes me like it even more. Without farms in our community, I'm not sure what Franklin Township would look like.