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What is my Favorite Farm?

What is my favorite farm in Franklin? Grow-A-Row is a farm in Pittstown that donates its crops to food banks. The farm has around 138 acres. The farm's mission is to impact as many lives as possible through volunteer efforts of planting, picking, rescuing, and delivering free fresh produce. Farming helps grow plants, feed, and to conserve the ecosystem. Grow-A-Row started setting up 10 beehives in the spring of 2021. Bees help carry pollen between blossoms. The effect is that the bees produced 75,000 pounds of apples. Then, in 2022, they increased the number of beehives and now have over 2.5 million bees. Grow-A-Row's apples are sent to people that lack fresh produce.

If you go onto the Grow-A-Row website, there are recipes you can make. Also, there are online cooking lessons for kids and adults. If you sign up for the adult online lessons, you can get tips from Chef Shauna about grocery shopping, storing vegetables, and cooking.

You can volunteer at Grow-A-Row. Volunteering at the farm is available to all ages. If you do volunteer, you can help with thinning peaches, or harvesting corn, zucchini, cabbage, tomatoes, and more! In October, my family and I volunteered at the farm. We harvested corn. Get ready for a lot of work. Grow-A-Row gets 9,000 volunteers annually. These are all the reasons why Grow-A-Row is my favorite farm in Franklin.