

EnviroVentures Scholarship Essay response by Cody Smith 2019

The NGED provides several opportunities for local farmers and some of these are life changing. The Revenue allows family farms to keep full supply of their stock and helps them to keep living their everyday lives the same way they have. There is no worse feeling than to watch a local family farm have to sell out and switch their whole way of life. The families that are still running farms work hard day in and day out to keep their legacy alive. With the most recent decrease in milk prices, it has put a damper on these families with their job of putting food on the table. The NGED gives these families a chance at what they love and helps keep everything they have always known. It is these farmers way of life and they deserve to get more credit than what they receive. The NGED supports family farms, however, there are not enough people that do. The farmers need more support now than they ever have before. With the fact that not many people support local farmers, many farms have sold out. Even though the NGED has these opportunities, these farmers need to realize they need to go out and seek them rather than them just coming to them. The more family farms that live on will motivate the younger generation to go out and fight for their whole life in the future of farming. The new classes that high schools offer will hopefully motivate kids to keep doing what they love. There are so many people that I know and have talked to that have sold their family farms and it breaks my heart. You can see their entire life just go out the door due to not having support from their community and the government. In these cases, they need to go out and gain support to show how much these farms truly mean to them. The NGED is giving these farms a second chance to keep the farmers living the same life they have always known.