

Hi, my name is Luke Jennings. I am from Clermont County. One interesting fact about my county is that we have the nation's largest goldfish farm in Amelia. Now, speaking about farms, I live on one and raise beef cattle. When you are a farmer you need to know a lot of medical information like a cows average temperature is 101.5°F and that if a cows temperature is 103°F it means that a cow could have an infection. When you're a farmer it also means you have to have a barn. A barn protects the livestock from animals called predators and extreme environmental conditions called weather. You also need hay which is a type of forage. Hay is for ruminant animals which are cows, goats and lambs. Ruminant animals are animals that eat grass and hay and have 4 compartments to their stomach. One ewe will need 12 bales of hay in 5 winter months. Farming is very important to the economy because not just the meat of beef cattle can be used but, other products such as a cowhide can make 144 baseballs and overall 99% of a cow will be used. Many products can also be made out of poultry. At the 1957 Ohio State Fair all the eggs that were laid during the fair were used to make 247 gallons of eggnog. Got Milk? You might not have any if it wasn't for dairy farmers. One dairy cow produces 2,350 gallons of milk per year. There are more than just livestock farmers like crop farmers. Crop farmers grow crops such as soybeans, corn and more. Who doesn't like pancakes, salad dressing on their salad, barbeque sauce, vegetable oil and my favorite, peanut butter? Well, all that and more come from soybeans. Some fun facts about soybeans are that there are over 26,000 soybean farmers in Ohio, the soy industry provides an estimated 30,000 jobs, one bushel of soybeans weighs 60 pounds and one acre of soybeans can produce 82,368 crayons. Now all us country folks, we like corn and a cool fact about corn is that an ear of corn averages about 800 kernels in sixteen rows. Products that are made from corn are pancake syrup, ketchup, dish soap and toothpaste. Visiting the Ohio State Fair, I learned that agriculture is Ohio's #1 economic contributor and very important to my daily life.

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