

I'm Passionate about Ag Essay

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My name is Mason Cameron. I grew up on my family farm five and half miles south of Kennedy, Saskatchewan. Being the oldest of four children, responsibility on the farm was not a concept that was foreign to me. Growing up on the family farm I learned that a hard day's work never hurt anybody. Life on the farm was never boring and I was quick to see where the field of agriculture had many benefits. I also saw where it had its downfalls and I have made it my goal to fix these issues.

Agriculture is something that runs deep and true in my blood. My family has been living on and farming the same stretch of land for well over 100 years. I am passionate in agriculture in the fact that I know what I create is with my own two hands and that whatever bounties I receive were created through my hard work and dedication. I wasn't handed my profits on a silver platter. I had to put the time and energy into making it happen. Part of my passion about agriculture is knowing that this country was built on the backs of men and women like my family; honest hardworking individuals that always no matter how long it took, got the job done. As my great grandfather once said, "Neither fools nor gentlemen should see half done work."

My main drive to choose this industry is that it is so ingrained in my background. For me to leave the field of agriculture would be like a fish trying to live on land. It simply is not something that will happen at least not anytime soon that is. Ever since I was old enough to help do chores, I knew that I wanted to make this field my passion. At that point in time I did not know what that was going to be of course. I mean when you are five years old how much of your life do you have planned and set out? I see that many of the changes in the agriculture field can be made in the beef cattle industry as well as the poultry industry. I have taken a great interest in these fields and hope to make improvements. My parents, as well as my whole community, have been great supporters of my decisions and I am proud to have so many people backing me up.

I have many ideas for the field of agriculture ranging from the equipment that is used down to the animals that are so painstakingly cared for until profit can be made from them. I imagine the field of agriculture in Saskatchewan as a business that has much attraction to both generations young and old. I want to make the small family farm a lasting source of agriculture because it is from these small organizations that much of our wholesome homegrown food comes from. I hope to make the idea of farming something that can be done efficiently, but also make it so that people must not rely solely on technology but on their own hard work. My ultimate goal is to create the perfect cross between dairy and beef cattle. To create the perfect breed that can both produce hardy beef calves and have the ability to produce milk like a dairy cow. I have also had the idea to create a self-propelled baler. Out of all things we have created in the field of agriculture why not a self-propelled baler? We want to make everything efficient so why have we overlooked the baler? I have also had hopes of creating the perfect hybrid concerning chickens. My goal is create a bird that is completely dual purpose, a bird that will both lay eggs and produce sufficient meat. The idea that we waste an entire bird just for the breasts disgusts me that we have mutated animals to such extents only for our personal gain, it is not humane!

To summarize, agriculture is the very base of Saskatchewan. It was the business this province, our great country and many other countries were built on. Where would the world be if it were not for men and women willing to put in the time and effort to put the food on your plate? Agriculture has been the very basis of my life and no matter how far away I move away from home, it will be my tie to back to my home and this amazing province which I have so grown to love.