

Activity 15: Mariah Visits a Petting Zoo

Why would farmers work so hard to run a petting zoo?

1. People choose to do things they think are best for them.
 - a. The farmers choose to run a farm and allow people to come see the animals because running a farm is best for them and their family to make money. They enjoy the work they do and make money from crops and the animals when they sell them.
2. People's choices have costs.
 - a. Running a farm cost a lot of money and cost a lot of time. Farming takes a lot of money to feed the animals, grow the crops, pay for labor, property to have animals and crops etc. Taking care of all the crops and animals can take a lot of people and most of the time in a day sometimes isn't enough to get it all done.
3. People choose to do things for which they are rewarded.
 - a. Farmers are rewarded for the work they do with their crops and animals. Some farmers show animals and receive money and most farmer sell animals and crops for money. Farmers make a lot of money for all the hard work they put into their farming work. They can pay bills and still have money left over for their families if they work hard enough.
4. People create rules that affect our choices and how we act.
 - a. Rules and criteria are created for farmers. State laws and federal laws limit farmer on how and what they can sell and what standards it has to be up too before they can be sold. Farmers also have their own rules that affect the way they run their farm. Also some farmers allow student to come and visit their land and others may not.
5. People gain when they freely decide to trade with one another.
 - a. Farmer trade their livestock and crops to other farmers , at a farmers market, or to commercial producers for exchange of money. Farmer gain money when they decide to trade with these other people.
6. People's choices today have future results.
 - a. The farmers choices on how they run their farm and letting people come to visit have future results as in they might come and buy the farmer products someday or maybe they will know how hard farmers work and support them. Farmers make choices that could make their farm better or make it worse. A farm environment is very dynamic and everything effect each one another.

True or False Clues

1. Many students take class trips to family farms. TRUE
2. Farms are mainly big petting zoos. FLASE
3. Farmers make a living producing things such as milk, meat, corn, or wheat and selling it to others. TRUE
4. In order to make a living, farmers must sell enough of their products to pay all their bills and have enough left over to keep for themselves. The portion they have left for themselves acts as a reward. TRUE

Solution

Farmers work so hard not to run a petting zoo but to run a farm. On the farm they run they make products (milk, crops and raise animals) to sell to others in exchange for money. They work so hard to receive this money so they can pays their bills, pay for running their farm and to have money left over to support their family and for enjoyment.