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The Future of Agriculture in Saskatchewan

The agriculture industry in Saskatchewan has seemingly become of lesser interest to the general population over the years. Urban centres are growing, and rural areas are slowly becoming less populated. Some people may see this as a sign that agriculture is becoming a thing of the past. I believe, however, that this is incorrect. Agriculture is an industry that I see growing and excelling in the next ten to fifteen years. The three reasons for this are the advancements of farming methods, the upcoming generation, and the need for the agricultural industry.

The pace at which farming methods is advancing is almost extraordinary. The equipment and methods used today seem like a far stretch compared to the horse and plough methods used when the prairies were first settled. It has made farming practices easier and more efficient. I see no stop to this advancement in the future. In ten years, the technologies used in the agriculture industry will be far more advanced than anyone can predict. With this easier and more efficient way of farming, I believe this will encourage more and more people to become involved in the agriculture industry. Advancements will play a huge role in the growth of the industry.

Another reason to be optimistic about the future of agriculture is the upcoming generation of producers. I have attended many agricultural events through my involvement in the 4-H program. One thing that is common among all of these events is the enthusiastic young population. There are many kids out there that are excited to be involved in the agriculture industry. Many young adults, such as myself, are entering educational facilities, and taking

degrees in agricultural related fields. We are the future of the industry, and we are beginning to prepare ourselves to lead the industry to the top. We are educating ourselves with the necessary tools to build a great industry.

The third thing that will keep this industry alive is its necessity. Agriculture is the source of food for everybody in the province. Some people will tell you that their food comes from the grocery store. This is very untrue. The province's food comes from the hardworking farmers who strive to provide the best possible product. The shelves in the grocery store can only be stocked if there are farmers producing the food. There is no effective, alternative method for feeding the province's population. There will always be a need for this industry. It has survived for so long, and will continue to always be around.

The agriculture industry has a bright future. The industry is full of passionate, hardworking people who love what they do. It is not only a career, but a way of life for many people. It is a way to raise and provide for a family as well as provide for an entire nation. The agriculture industry will continue to grow and prosper for many years to come.