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What is your Farmer Thinking?

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What is the first thing on your mind once you wake up to start your day? Is it a cluster of things? What you must do today or where you need to be? Your job or how about your family? Since everyone has a different thought every morning, farmers have a variety of things related to their lifestyles. Even though everyone does, farmers revolve everything not only on themselves and crops, but their family and society. Here's a list of "thoughts" we have researched that seem to always be on a farmer's mind.

A farmer's **FAMILY** hints to be the number one priority. Of course, the love and idea of the family he has is a constant draw in his mind, but he wants to be able to provide for them and the ones he loves and cares about. A farmer's family is not just who he is related to, but his friends and workers that support and help him on a regular basis is considered his family, as well. He wants everyone to be healthy, safe, and happy, therefore, he wants to provide and live life without any worry. Nothing means more to a farmer than the love and support of his family, friends, and employees.

In addition to "family" being their number one priority, **FAITH** has been said to be the most hope a farmer depends on. Farmers have said, "Can't be a farmer and not have faith," or "Having faith and patience is a must." Therefore, trusting in the Lord helps a farmer get through his good and bad days. This isn't just for everyday life and with relationships, but for a farmer's business and crop productions. His faith is persistent and prayer is daily. A farmer prays for his family, himself, his bumps-in-the-road, crop, rain, and thanks God for the blessings he has bestowed on him and the man he wants to be.

Since prayer is important, a farmer constantly thinks about the **TIME** he has for his day and future progression. All farmers have agreed the patience is a key factor to managing your time and making sure, while being patient, time is being taken as an advantage. Weather can deflect productions and routines, nor help any processes of moving forward. If equipment breaks or needs fixing, time can be set back and cause interference with labor. A farmer tries to time everything to make life easier and stable.

The timing loops is with **FARMING** as a normal thought throughout his day. If you run into a farmer at the grocery store, guess what he is thinking about? Farming. If he is talking to others or local neighbors after a church service he could throw something in about his farming week. If a farmer is sitting at the dinner table or watching TV in the living room, farming is going through his mind. Farmers have talked about when on vacation or not farming, there's a constant thought that goes through their head about farming. Don't worry, this is normal and is considered of being successful.

When society thinks of "job," the first thing that pops in their head is "money." Even though this *is* what a job is for, farmers look at working as more of **LIVING**. Don't get me wrong, farmers like seeing a paycheck or money from production, but they see their job as a way of life. They love what they do and look at their job more as a "hobby" than actual career. Most farmers picked up farming from family members, working for a farmer, or always had an interest in agriculture. But, did you know they're *actually* having fun? Now sometimes, you see them stressing, yelling, or flying down the road trying to tend to "farming issues," but they wouldn't have it any other way. They work because they want to honor the Lord and provide for their family and society. Farming is living for agriculture. It's a farmer's way of life and a thought that never leaves their mind.