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“Agriculture is the art and science of cultivating the soil, growing crops and raising livestock. It includes the preparation of plant and animal products for people to use and their distribution to markets”. Agriculture and farming were one of man’s first jobs. Many farmers take great pride in this occupation. Agriculture provides me with the availability of many various fruits, vegetables, and livestock. Tattnall County consist of over 492⁰⁰ acres of land that is able to be farmed in some way. Farming is a large resource of income in our community. It provides many of the citizens of Tattnall County with a daily job. Tattnall County’s agriculture is largely made of up of onions as well as is a large supporter of produce farmers. The county also has many farmers that tend to and raise livestock to sell. You will most likely see lines of chicken houses most everywhere you go. Tattnall is a rural community that supports many of its citizens through the land that they live on. This county is filled with rows of corn, watermelons, as well as cotton. Much of the produce is seasonal, therefore, we have a choice throughout most of the year. Agriculture is essential to life in my opinion. We are lucky to have access to this type of environment not only for the choice of food that we can rely on, but the cost is kept lower to us being that it is all grown right here in our own county. Most of the places that do not have access to local produce have to absorb the added cost of shipping and other processing fees. I personally enjoy and appreciate agriculture for it provides me with a paycheck. My occupation is on a farm. I have learned a lot about the process of farming and agriculture through this job. Farming is a huge part of Tattnall County’s legacy. Several of our farmers have been recognized with various awards, some even state wide.

Agriculture is not only important and a way of life in my county, but in the whole state of Georgia. "Agriculture contributes approximately \$72.5 billion annually to Georgia's economy, according to the UGA Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development." The state is most famous for peanuts, peaches and onions, but just about anything can be grown at some point and time of the year due to the climate of this southern state. Georgia is the number one state for production of peaches, peanuts, chickens, and blueberries. We are also a large producer of cotton, watermelon, and corn. You can see pretty much any of the produce listed in any county you travel through within the state of Georgia. Agriculture for the state is not just limited to produce and chickens. There are so many varieties of livestock and agricultural production, you are guaranteed to see some form of it in any county you may travel through. If there was no agriculture, residents wouldn't have the fresh produce in the local grocery stores. Our choices of food would become slim and we wouldn't have the local choices and varieties that we have come to depend on and love. Our state's, and more importantly, our county's economy relies heavily on the agricultural success of our farmers.

I love living in an agricultural area. It is peaceful and content. The sound of the tractor plowing and the workers in the field let me know that I am at home. I would not trade this environment for all the concrete and smog in any big city for anything. I am a country boy at heart.

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