

Country Livin'

If I could choose to live anywhere in the world, I would choose somewhere in the country every time. Even though there are disadvantages to living on the farm such as having to drive to school every day and having very few chances to hang out with my friends, I would still choose to live on the farm because of its advantages. Some of the advantages include the peace and quiet, and the privacy.

A disadvantage of living in the country is the distance from town. Because I live 20 miles from town, there aren't very many opportunities for me to hang out with my friends. With gas prices being what they are, it is hard to afford a trip to town whenever feel like it. Another reason why the distance from town is a bad thing is it takes longer to get to school. With my house being 20 miles from school, I have to leave that much earlier. One good thing about living so far out is it probably keeps me out of trouble. Like any other teenage boy, I have a tendency to do stupid things when opportunities present themselves. While the distance from town has its disadvantages, it has its advantages as well.

One reason I enjoy life on the farm is the privacy. One example of the privacy is I don't have to deal with any nosy neighbors. Unlike in town where the houses are only a short distance apart, my closest neighbor is a mile away. The quietness of living in the country is relaxing. With nobody else around to make noise, the only noises are those of my family or the cows.

Living on the farm is convenient sometimes because it is only a short walk to work or hunting. When we work our calves, it is handy to be able to wake up, walk to the pens, work until lunch, and then come back and eat. Our house is located on the same 40 acres as the ranch

head quarters and the shop. One instance where I save myself some driving is when I hunt.

Unlike city people who have to drive to hunt, I can shoot off my back porch. Another advantage to living so close to our cows is when we are calving. Sometimes when a heifer is calving, she has trouble and needs some assistance. With our house being so close, it is easy to keep an eye on them.

Peace, quiet and privacy are all great; you can't get them just anywhere. These comforts can only be found in the country away from other people. As with anything, there are occasional inconveniences, but if I had a choice to live anywhere in the world, it would definitely be in the country.