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Visual:

Organic for Our Futures

Organic,
It is underfunded and undervalued and underused
Let us look at the true benefits of organic

Organic protects the humans through improving our health
It contains less pesticides, no preservatives, no GMO's
It has beneficial nutrients like antioxidants,
No chemicals, making life easier for those suffering from
allergies
Making it fresh, healthy, delicious, safe

Organic protects the animals
They are not given antibiotics, growth hormones, animal
byproducts
They are allowed more space to walk around,
Keeping them healthy and far away from disease

Most importantly
Organic protects the environment, and this planet we call
home
It is sustainable, efficient, and great for the Earth
It reduces nasty pollution, conserves our precious water,
Reduces soil erosion, instead increasing its fertility,
Uses much less energy, not to mention saves animals' lives

If organic protects us, animals, and our world
We must value and protect it back
Investing and valuing organic farming
To do the right thing
To strive for a livable and sustainable future
A future of 100% organic farming

Organic Agriculture in Our Local Community:

1. The farm is called **Honey Brook Organic Farm**. It is a 15 minute drive (7.8 miles) away from our school. All the products that they offer are organic produce such as vegetables (kale, lettuce, cucumbers, etc.), fruits (watermelon, strawberries, blueberries, etc.), and herbs. This farm is the oldest certified organic CSA in New Jersey. The farmland they manage is USDA certified organic, so they are the real deal. We can buy their products at their distribution centers, located in Pennington and Chesterfield. Finally, yes! I would love to and plan on buying their products soon in order to support their local, organic agriculture after reading and finding out they truly are organic and have been around for a long time.



2. The farm is called **Greenflash Farm**. It is a 10 minute drive (4.6 miles) away from our school. The products that they offer are mostly produce, including fruits, vegetables, eggs. They also offer meat. Other than this, they grow and sell flowers and flower bouquets for special events. This farm's fruit and vegetable growing land received USDA's organic certification in mid-2018. We can buy their products directly at the farm, or we can shop online. I would like to support this farm, although I would probably try to support the Honey Brook Organic Farm first because this farm's meat and egg production areas are not USDA certified organic so I cannot completely trust that they are practicing organic or sustainable practices.



3. The farm is called **Terhune Orchards**- It is an 11 minute drive (4.9 miles) away from our school. The products that they offer include mostly fruits like apples (they have 30 varieties!), grapes, cherries, as well as vegetables like green beans, okra, and peppers. Otherwise, they grow and sell flowers as well. To buy these products, we could go directly to pick the fruits at the farm or buy them already packaged there. We could visit their farmers markets as well, like Trenton, West Windsor, and Princeton (the one we would go to). Furthermore, some of their produce is organic (which I think they judge by themselves), of which are all labeled on the “Our Crops” section of their website. However, many of their crops are not organic. Therefore, I would like to support this farm, but again I would rather support Honey Brook or Greenflash because they are at least certified USDA organic in some sort. Although I do still applaud the sustainable work that Terhune Orchards is doing.

