

Good afternoon.

Basically I am just sharing some thoughts here. My farm is located in Osborne, Kansas, and has been in the family for a very long time - my grandparents, my parents, and now myself.

My folks gave me the memories on that home place. I could share many experiences I had.

However we are on a time line I know.

When my parents died, and I took over the family farm, I was scared I would not know how to care for it. But, I have used the tools my father taught me. And I am so proud of the things I have accomplished. I am proud of the land. Just as you would for. Your homes. People work hard in life. To be proud to own something they can say is theirs.

It is not just about making things look pretty.

It is about hard work for a farmer and rancher.

Early mornings, late nights planting crops by moon light, or watching calves be born in the dead of night in freezing cold just praying they would survive.

No different than getting up working a hard day in the office pushing keys or phone calls you may ask? No, you're wrong. Try pulling a calf in the cold, warming them with towels and getting them heated, and pray the mom will take them back after they get to their feet.

Planting a crop and worrying all year if it will come up. How well did they do in planting it.

I don't have new equipment, I have dad's old machinery. So my crops are not good. Yet I worked the ground and planted the crop and if it makes money yes if not, we will start all over next year. It's the love of the land and being proud to be a farmer.

Life is crazy right now. It's hard and it's not making it any easier with stress upon us about our freedoms. Freedom for the ability to farm a ranch and care for our families, put food on the plate for so many. Freedom to live in the great USA and understand what our forefathers worked so hard for. It's the way of life we choose and love. Ya got to love it cause we are not getting rich on it, we break even to do what? Start over and do it all over again.

People don't understand its not just driving down the road and looking pretty or greed of money its our history.

Please consider Kansas Nebraska Heritage programs and 30 x 30 these programs can have a big problem for us all.

It's taking yet another freedom away, and yet for what reason?

Our farming and ranching is not about the money. It's about another type of job. A hard working one alot of people never have experienced. Don't let homes, lands and family history go down a drain. Farmers and ranchers stand proud in our lives we live.

Thank you,

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