Discussion Sheet #1: Overview of Wisconsin Agriculture

Due Sep 4 before class

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After watching the two lecture videos: https://youtu.be/EOb1oR21cJw and https://youtu.be/Xq7t_kdbH0c), please provide short answers to the following 4 questions and submit the sheet.

1) List one crop or livestock product that Wisconsin's importance was surprising to you?

2) What agricultural products, if any, do you have direct production experience with?

3) Can you list any crops or livestock products that Wisconsin farmers grow that are missing?

4) Consider the advantages and disadvantages of diverse and specialized agricultural production. Add two entries the following table, more if you can/want.

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In addition to the above questions, come to class ready to discuss the following questions.

a) What are some ways that the management goals and practices of small/part time farmers differ from full-time farmers? How might these affect sales/buying strategies for agribusiness selling to/buying from them?

b) From a farm input supplier’s perspective, what are the implications of farm consolidation?

c) Should we have policies and programs to help keep people in farming? If so, should they differ for part-time versus full-time farmers? If so, how?