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As an agriculturalist, agri-tourism is incredibly important to the industry as a whole. Without small farms like Topaz Farms, some students would never be connected with such a great industry. It is no doubt that Agriculture is the center of our country, so let's continue to allow children and undereducated adults see the glory in it as well. It is critical to the continuation of our communities, our state and even our country that we continue students the ability to be educated on topics that small farms teach not only about our industry, but about critical life skills such as working together, hard work and passion. Some of the most passionate people that I have ever met are those that own and operate these small farms. When you have a small operation, you have to be all in or you simply won't make it. While I am also a big advocate for traditional rural operations, these smaller operations are just as important. All in all, it would be doing children, adults and people all over the world if we allow these smaller agri-tourism based operations to close.