

Opinion Writing

Beef farmers raise beef cattle to provide us with nutritious meat products, known as beef. In your opinion, do beef farmers care for their animals? Complete the *Fact or Opinion* page to learn about the role of beef farmers. Then, organize your thoughts in the pre-writing section below. Be sure to have an introductory sentence stating your opinion, as well as three reasons to support your opinion and a concluding sentence.

Pre-Writing Organizer

My Opinion:

Beef farmers do care for their animals.

Reason #1:

They keep them safe and healthy.

Reason #2:

When they get sick, they call a veterinarian.

Reason #3:

They make sure they have food and water.

Conclusion:

The role of the beef farmer is a 24 hour, 7 days a week job. They clearly do care for their animals.

Sentence Starters

Introducing:

In my opinion...

I believe...

I think...

I feel...

Giving Reasons:

For example...

Most importantly...

Another reason...

In particular...

Concluding:

Everyone should...

As you can see...

Obviously...

Clearly...

Write your complete opinion paragraph below.

Sample Response

In my opinion, beef farmers do care for their animals. For example, the farmer checks on the cattle every day to make sure they are safe and healthy. They give them a barn for protection from the weather. They have fencing for their pastures to keep the cattle in and predators out. Another reason I believe they care for them is that they take care of them if they get sick. When an animal gets sick, the farmer calls a veterinarian to come. That's like when I get sick and my mom and dad take me to the doctor. Even though I might need to get a shot or take medicine, my parents take me to the doctor because they care about me and want me to get better. Just like the farmer who wants his animal to get better. Most importantly, the farmer shows he cares for his animals because he makes sure they have the food and water they need in order to grow. They have pastures where they can graze on fresh grasses. When there aren't fresh grasses, they give them hay to eat. Cattle drink a lot of water, so they have watering systems to make sure they have access to fresh, clean water all the time. As you can see, the role of the beef farmer is a 24 hour, 7 days a week job. Obviously, they do care for their animals or they wouldn't work so hard.