When the cow leaves, the rotation changes to all row crops with no need for oats or hay. There’s less ground cover and soil erosion increases. There are fewer chores for the children. Input costs increase and income decreases. More farmers must seek off-farm work, yet there are more acres to farm and fewer farmers remaining. The loss of the cow weakens the family and downgrades the community.

Strong families make strong communities.

Livestock brings balance to a farm, keeps part of the soil covered, keeps everybody busy and increases income.

Chores develop good work habits.

Nature keeps the soil covered with grass and trees. Mankind has uncovered the soil.