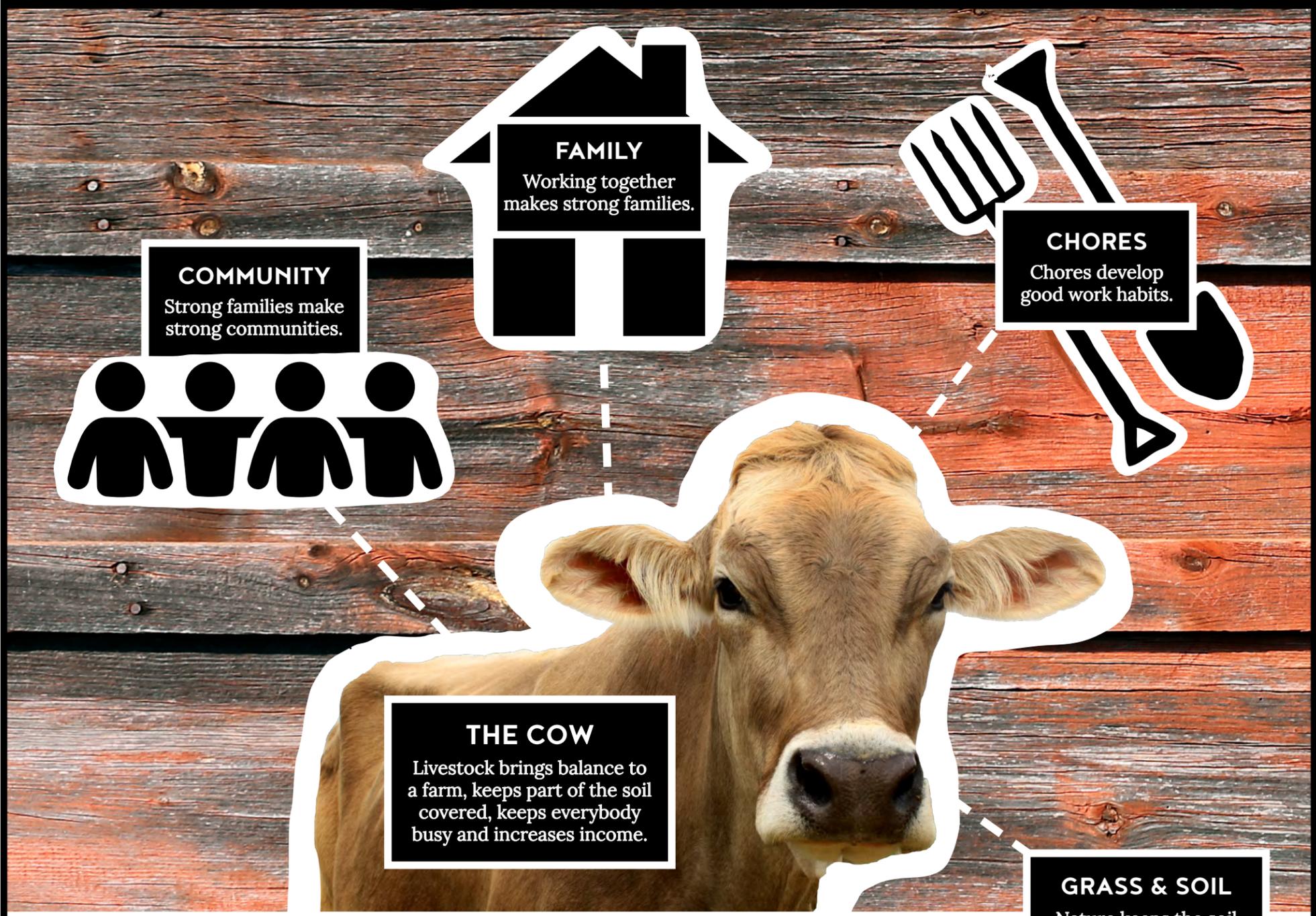


the IMPORTANCE of the COW

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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.



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