1. **Mission Statement**

Culturally link the work of the day and community with the life sustaining world around us through small scale, diversified agriculture. The farm has also pledged to be committed to caring locally and meeting organic principles as well as educate others about natural methods and rhythms rather than by mechanical principles. Students will be working outdoors in all kinds of weather so appropriate dress (boots/layer) should be worn.

2. **What is Bittersweet Farm**

It is a small farm in the St. Lawrence River valley. It is a certified organic farm that raises eggs, chickens, breed turkeys, goats, bulls, and a ram name ginger bread. They also specialize in vegetables, greenhouse development and shoots/ sprouts.

3. **Where do you think food comes from?**

Non-organic food from the grocery store has most likely been genetically altered. Big agricultural business try to capitalize on farms. Corn subsidies are given to increase the output by farms. Scientists “play” with your food and add chemicals to it so it’s “the best” quality. The problem is that when your food is genetically altered it is not natural.

4. **The Organic Choice**

Certified organic food is natural. No chemicals or preservatives are added. Animals eat what they’re supposed to, which is not corn. Chickens and other animals are allowed to thrive. They aren’t falling over because they are being overfed. Farmers generally care about their animals. They fight against big business even though business is acting as a monopoly and trying to get rid of small organic farmers.

5. **Why people Should Care**

While it is true that the industries do not always inform or educate consumers about the nutrition content of their products, people themselves are largely responsible for the growing obesity problem in America because of their unhealthy attitudes toward food, laziness and apathy for health, and their lack of education about health. We should grow as a society and make better choices about what we eat. It may be more expensive, but once it’s more broadly applied then the prices of organic products will go down.

6. **What we learned**

Some practices done by big farms are unnecessary, such as putting rings on pig noses so they don’t mess up the crops, which they don’t. Also, all big businesses care about is making a profit, they aren’t helping you as a consumer, they are just helping themselves. A proposition for food labels including genetic engineering was in the Californian 2012 elections, but was not passed, which is most likely due to lobbying of big business. Eating organic will create a healthier nation.

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