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Traditional vs Modern Agriculture

Berry has aptly sketched a picture of future American society in his book published in 1977. Berry was right in pointing out that people in the future would be fed by farms-of-the-future (Estabrook, 2012). The farms of today have the best modern equipment and tools that help to yield enough produce to feed society. Moreover, Berry said people in the future would live far from the farms (Estabrook, 2012). Berry sketched the beauty that was in sharing, laughing, talking with each other. Certainly, people in modern society are far away from this thing. Instead, people have relied on technology to connect with people far away from them and are missing on the joy of human interaction. Another thing that Berry predicted was that the fields of the future will be dangerous. Berry was right, considering the severity of pesticides being used to preserve the product can bear significant harm if an individual is exposed to them. Moreover, Berry said that the land will be controlled by only a handful of influencing individuals. Berry was spot on once again because in the capitalist society we are living in have large corporations and enterprises owning most the lands from where our food comes from. Another thing Berry highlighted was that society would have no stake about the use of those lands. Certainly, considering the fact that our lands are losing nutrients repeatedly makes the prediction with accuracy. There is little society can do make its lands return to a position where they were nutrients rich.

I am completely astounded by the extent of accuracy Berry had in his predictions. People have become machines due to the nature of their lifestyles. The lifestyles are increasingly dependent on technology and machines. Most of the people in society have no idea how their food is grown.

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