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Our culture is agrarian. The snake is a major component of the environment among the animals that is useful to the farmer. Its importance in medicine, importance in the food chain and its protect of farmer's crop by eradicating farm rodents, insects, amphibians, reptiles etc. So not all snakes are venomous only few species are venomous. The Snakes are extremely quiet, eating and drinking as well as quiet sleeping creature living in the farm.

Snakes are friends of farmers because snakes help reduce pests that would otherwise decimate crops and they also provide protection from other predators that might hurt livestock or humans. The snakes are said to bring luck to crops and even control other snake population by eating other animals and it is therefore praised for to set free farms of plagues, however snakes are not all bad and it can actually be super beneficial, Farmer know that if they don't disturb the snakes, then the snake won't bite them. We can see lot of snakes if you visit a farm and you might get scared, but the farmers are not afraid of them. It is as if they don't care.

Snakes have been an iconic symbol of fertility in the history, so farmers keep them because they think snakes will make their land more fertile. Snakes have long been seen as mysterious creatures. Who possess supernatural powers because there was no one around back then to explain them scientifically, these beliefs led farmer to worship snakes as gods and create stories about how we could obtain their wisdom. The snakes are very helpful for farmers in the sense that they can help with agricultural problems such as snake diets on small animals like rodents, mice, rats, amphibians, insects, beetles, slugs and birds make them better than any pesticide farmer could put in their field. Snakes are mid-level predators that mean they are also a prey. They help feed other animals and connect the links of the food chain. Which might

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