

Port Farms is in Erie county Pa and was established in 1897. My wife and I currently own the farm which encompasses several different businesses. We have 250 acres of crop farming, an agritainment business that runs for seven weeks in the fall, a choose and cut Christmas tree operation and we also do weddings.

The lack of high speed internet affects every part of our farming operation. The examples are many but just the everyday operation of our business is a struggle. Tasks that should take minutes turn into hours or days and sometimes can't be completed at all. The internet we have is slow and expensive, speeds range from 1 to 2.5 Mbps at a cost of \$60.00/m. The frustrating part is that high speed internet is less than two miles from our farm.

I feel the investment in high speed internet in rural communities would allow businesses to expand and become more efficient.

Thank you

Gerald Port

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