**Hello friends!**

**You may have noticed that you haven't seen anything from us about the corn maze this year. Well, here's why...**

**Behind every family farm is just that - a family. We work the land day and night, and beyond that our lives are just like yours. Our days and nights are filled with all the normal family "stuff" - kids, church, school, meals, practices, doctor visits, homework, friends and more and more and more.**

**Together, we came to the decision that it best served our family to not focus on a corn maze and the usually fall festivities, here at Scantic Valley this year. We want the flexibility to spend time with friends and family, actually stop to enjoy the fall in a different way for a change, and also recharge after a great summer season here at the farm.**

**We aren't going to close everything up, though! We have arranged for a few of our trusted long-time crew members to be at the farm on weekends in October for all your pumpkin needs.**

**While there won't be the corn maze or hayrides, pumpkins will be for sale at the General Store each October weekend (Saturdays & Sundays only) and Monday Columbus Day from 11:00am-5:30pm.**

**We will have everything you need to make your fall festive; gourds, specialty pumpkins, sugar pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns, corn stalks and hay bales. These items will all be pre-picked and available for you.**

**Our freezer will be stocked full of our delicious farm-raised meats including; pork sausage, pork chops, ribs, roasts, steaks and more. We will also have plenty of our strawberry and blueberry jam, local honey and maple syrup.**

**We don't know what the future of the fall season will look like at Scantic Valley beyond this year, but we're excited for the journey.  We are confident that our farm friends can understand that and be supportive of our decision. We hope you'll stop in to the General Store this October and let Scantic Valley continue to be a small part of your fall traditions.**

**Thank you for everything and see you soon!**

**The Barrett Family**