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Ladybugs: Tiny Heroes of the Ecosystem

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Farmers prefer ladybugs because they eat pests naturally, avoiding the need for harmful pesticides that can damage the environment.
2. Without ladybugs, pests like aphids might overpopulate, harming plants and disrupting the food chain.
3. (Example response) As a ladybug, I would spend my day searching for aphids to eat, crawling on plants, and resting under leaves.
4. People can protect ladybugs by planting flowers, avoiding pesticides, and creating safe habitats for them.

