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The Important Role of Stink Bugs in the Ecosystem

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Farmers may see stink bugs as helpful because they eat harmful insects, but harmful because they damage crops.
2. As prey, stink bugs provide energy and nutrients to predators, helping them survive.
3. Without stink bugs, some predators might struggle to find food, leading to an imbalance in the ecosystem.
4. Stink bugs show that even small creatures have important roles, such as balancing food chains and supporting plant growth.

