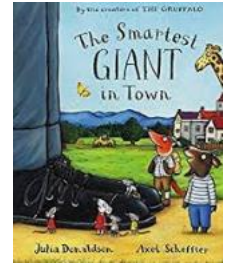




Down on the Farm

Farms are an area of land and its buildings, used for growing crops and rearing animals. When plants and animals are grown or reared on a large scale for people to eat, it is called farming.



Key Vocabulary	
Combine Harvester	An agricultural machine that gathers and cleans cereal crops.
Tractor	A powerful motor vehicle with large rear wheels, used on farms for hauling equipment.
Barn	A large farm building used for storing grain, hay, straw or for housing animals.
Crops	A plant that is grown on a large scale, especially a cereal, fruit, or vegetable.
Pastoral	Land used for the keeping or grazing of sheep or cattle.
Agriculture	The practice of farming, including of crops and the rearing of animals.
Arable	Land suitable for growing crops.
Plough	A large farming implement with one or more blades fixed in a frame, that turns over soil ready for seed planting.
Working Farm	A farm whose agricultural land and buildings are in active use for crop production or for raising animals.
Dairy Farm	A farm that produces milk or milk products.

Types of Farms
Dairy Farm
Pig Farm
Crop Farming
Working Farm



Key Facts

- There are about 280,000 farms in Britain.
- Cattle in the UK have passports that keep a record of their birth and where they get moved to.
- Almost half of the food in world ends up being thrown away as waste.
- Nearly 30% of fruits and vegetables don't get sold in the supermarkets because they don't look nice enough or are the wrong shape.
- Bananas can travel over 5,000 miles before they reach our supermarkets. An apple picked from a local tree only travels a few metres before it is eaten.
- Crops have been farmed for people to eat for 12,000 years. Today, in the UK, over 80% of the countryside is farmland.
- Farms used to employ lots of people to help do the day-to-day jobs; today machines like tractors and milking machines are used instead.

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