



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. There are several different types of farming and in this theme, we are going to learn all about them, both from the past and today.

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
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 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
Livestock	Animals in an agricultural setting which produce labour and commodities such as meat, eggs, milk, fur, leather, and wool
Tally	A method of calculating a total number
Human Feature	Something made by man
Physical Feature	Something made by nature
Aerial	This is the viewpoint seen at a high elevation. Aerial view = air view
Vegetation	Vegetation refers to plant growth, can also refer to the growth process of a plant
Dairy Farm	A farm that produces milk or milk products
Produce	Crops and other food products that are produced and harvested on a farm
Harvest	The process of gathering in crops
Local environment	The area surrounding where you live

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 the world ends up being thrown away as waste.
- Nearly 30% of fruits & vegetables don't get sold in the supermarkets as they don't look nice enough or are the wrong shape.
- Bananas can travel over 5,000 miles before they reach our supermarkets.
- Crops have been farmed for people to eat for 12,000 years. Today, in the UK, over 80% of the countryside is farmland.



Primary and secondary colours

Farming machinery

