

On the Farm



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Milking the Cows

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Did You Know...?

Butter and cheese are also made from milk.



Getting the Eggs

The hens lay eggs. The farmer takes the eggs from the coop. The eggs are sold in boxes.



Planting the Seeds

The seeds are planted in spring. Soon, the plants will grow.



Picking the Crops

The farmer picks the crops. They are sold at a shop or market.

Did You Know...?

The time for picking crops is called 'harvest'.

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There are lots of different farms all over the world. Most of the food we eat comes from farms. Some farms grow crops, like wheat and rice. Some raise animals, like cows and chickens.

Feeding the Animals

The farmer needs to give the animals the right food to make sure they grow. Cows eat lots of grass and hay. Chickens eat seeds and corn.



Milking the Cows

On dairy farms, the cows need to be milked at least once a day. Farmers can do this by hand or with a machine. The milk is cleaned and sent to shops.



Did You Know...?

Dairy farmers use milk to make things like butter and cheese.

Collecting the Eggs

Female chickens, called hens, lay eggs. Every day, the eggs are collected from the chicken coop. The eggs are sorted into boxes to be sold to customers.



Growing the Crops

Lots of plants that we eat are grown on farms. The seeds are planted in spring. The farmer looks after the crops as they grow. In time, the crops are ready to be harvested (picked). The food is picked and then sold in shops and markets.



Did You Know...?

Harvest is the busiest time of year for crop farmers.

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A farm is a piece of land that is used to grow crops or to raise animals. There are lots of different farms all over the world. Some farms grow plants, like wheat, rice or vegetables. Others raise livestock, such as cows, chickens and sheep. On every farm, farmers work hard to produce the food that we eat.

Feeding the Animals

Each animal on the farm requires a balanced diet to make sure it stays healthy and keeps growing. Cows mostly eat grass and hay, with some grains. Chickens are fed a mixture of corn, grain and seeds.



Milking the Dairy Cows

On dairy farms, it is important that cows are milked at least once a day. Farmers can do this by hand but using a milking machine is much quicker. Before being sent to the shops, the milk is pasteurised. This means heating the milk to clean it and make sure it's safe to drink.

Did You Know...?

Dairy farmers also use milk to create popular food products like butter, yoghurt and cheese.

Collecting the Eggs

Female chickens, called hens, lay eggs. Hens need a mineral called calcium to make eggshells. Farmers can give hens calcium in their diet to ensure they lay healthy eggs. The eggs must be collected from the chicken coop regularly. The eggs are sorted into egg boxes, ready to be transported safely to shops and sold to customers.



Did You Know...?

Hens don't like to lay their eggs in the dark. If a hen is ready to lay an egg at dusk, she will wait until the morning.

Planting the Seeds

Lots of plants that we eat are grown on farms, such as vegetables and cereal. This type of farming is called agriculture. The farmer uses a plough to loosen the soil. A plough is a big blade that can be pulled by an animal or a tractor. The seeds are planted in the soil in spring.

Harvesting the Crops

The farmer looks after the crops as they grow by watering them and adding manure (animal poo) to the soil. In time, the crops are ready to be harvested. They can be picked by hand or with machines. The best crops will be cleaned and selected to sell in shops and markets.



Did You Know...?

In many countries, people celebrate the gathering of crops with a harvest festival. This is usually in September, before the weather cools in autumn.

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Accept answers that refer to harvest being a time when people have lots of food, which would be a happy occasion.