

Adventures Around the Farm



Whether living in the country, a small town, or a big city, people depend on farms for food, clothing, and many other things used every day. Farmers produce crops such as fruits, vegetables, nuts, and grains. They also raise livestock such as cattle, pigs, chickens, and sheep. Without the crops and livestock that come from farms, we would all go hungry.

In the song, Old MacDonald had a little bit of everything on his farm. A long time ago, many farmers raised a wide variety of livestock and crops, but only a small amount of each. Over time, farms have changed dramatically. Today, family farms usually raise just one kind of livestock or two or three crops. Now we have grain farms, cattle farms, poultry farms, and so on.

The lessons and materials in this kit will help students understand what a farm is, what farmers do, and what comes from farms. They will also learn that there are many different kinds of farms. Students will learn that while we purchase our food from the store, it begins with plants or animals raised on farms, which are the heart of the agriculture industry. From the farm, products are transported, processed, marketed and distributed, involving a multitude of agricultural careers in this chain of events. Through this kit, students will discover that they all depend on agriculture every day of their lives.

