

SEASONS ON THE FARM



In Illinois we have a climate that is made up of four very different seasons. The earth moving around the sun makes the seasons.

Each season is special in its' own way. When thinking of winter, most people will think of cold and snow. Springtime is the warm, rainy part of the year when the earth seems to be born again. Summer is just the opposite of winter, being hot and perfect for water sports and play. Fall is the time of the year when the leaves of the deciduous trees burst into color and then fall to the ground.

Farmers in Illinois do different types of work during each of the seasons. In the winter, farmers order their seeds, work on their equipment, and keep their animals safe from the cold. In spring, many farm animals are born and this is when farmers will plant their crops. Summertime is perfect for plants and farm animals to grow. The farmer cares for the livestock by providing feed and water to them and tends to the crops. Fall is when the farmer uses machinery like, a combine, to harvest many crops.

We wear coats in the winter and swimming suits in the summer. Even the foods we eat change with the seasons. Summer gives us fresh fruits and vegetables—straight from the garden, while in winter we eat more frozen and canned foods.

The lessons and materials in this kit will help students understand how agriculture revolves around the seasons and how the farm brings us many lessons about winter, spring, summer and fall. Students will learn that while we go to the store to purchase our food, it begins with plants or animals raised on farms. Different seasons provide us with a variety of foods and other products. 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.

