

Farms, Farms Everywhere

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A **farm** is a place where different types of crops and animals are raised. What farms grow and raise depends on where they are located in the world. Some farms grow vegetables, fruit, and plants, while others raise farm animals, such as cows, horses, chickens, pigs, and sheep.

In the United States, farms grow many things such as onions, potatoes, fruit, cabbage, corn, tomatoes and wheat. Farms in the United States cannot grow as many crops as in other countries because of our four seasons, especially our cold winters in the North. Many of the crops in the United States are grown during the spring through fall seasons. Farms in the United States also raise many different kinds of animals for meat and goods like leather.



Let us look at the different uses animals have on farms. Cows and goats are used for milk, and chickens are used for eggs. Pigs, cows, chickens, and goats are all used for their meat too. Horses are used for pulling heavy things, such as big hay piles, carts and other large loads. They also help the farmers in many ways, such as moving sheep and pigs in a certain direction. Many animals also act like lawn mowers because they eat large amounts of grass keeping it nice and short.

There are many other things that can be done on a farm besides growing crops and getting milk and meat. Being on a farm isn't just about working; many people visit a farm to learn. Some farms have petting zoos, where people go to see animals. Other farms offer tours so visitors can see cows being milked, cranberries being harvested, or maple syrup being made. All of these experiences are great educational opportunities for visitors.

There are many farms around the world, some big, some small, some with animals and crops, some with just animals or just crops. There are many activities to do on farms from planting and harvesting to fun educational activities. Next time you visit a farm, observe the different activities that are being done on farms. You will be amazed!