



Dear Family Member,

I hope that you have been having fun doing activities at home to learn about farms and farm animals. The focus for the next several days will be farm crops. Your child will learn crop names, what farmers need to provide so that the crops will live and grow, and why farmers raise crops. S/he will learn what happens on a farm during each of the four seasons—planting, growing, and harvesting. Your child will continue to learn that farmers work very hard to provide food for us and how that food gets from the farm to the market. Your child will also enjoy listening to *The Little Red Hen*, the fictional story of a well-known farmer.

Below are some suggestions for activities that you can do at home to reinforce what has been learned at school.

1. Search for Farm Pictures

Look through books or magazines for pictures of farms and farm crops. Ask your child if s/he can name the crop and how the crop may be used. Also, talk with your child about what the crop needs—food, water, and pest control— and how the farmer provides these.

2. Identify Foods from Farms

When you are grocery shopping, or preparing or eating a meal, talk with your child about the foods that came from farm crops. They will learn about fruits, vegetables, and foods made from grains such as bread, cereal, and pasta.

3. Draw a Farm

Have your child draw or paint a picture of a farm with crops and then tell you about it. Again, ask questions to keep your child using the vocabulary that s/he has learned.

4. Visit a Farm or Farmers' Market

See if there is a farm in your community that you may visit with your child to learn more about farms. If not, a farmer's market is another great option. Also, talk about any farms and the barns, tractors, pastures, and farm animals that you might pass when you are going to various places.

5. Read Aloud Each Day

It is very important that you read to your child every day. The local library has both fiction and nonfiction books about farms and farm crops that you may share with your child.



Vocabulary List for Farms (Part 2)

This list includes many important words your child will learn in *Farms*. Try to use these words with your child in English and in your native language. Next to this list are suggestions of fun ways your child can practice and use these words at home.

- ☐ drought
- ☐ fertilizer
- ☐ irrigate
- ☐ pests
- ☐ pesticides
- ☐ canning
- ☐ edible
- ☐ grains
- ☐ livestock
- ☐ processed
- ☐ produce
- ☐ spoil
- ☐ dough
- ☐ ripe
- ☐ weeds

Directions: Help your child pick a word from the vocabulary list. Then help your child choose an activity and do the activity with the word. Check off the box for the word. Try to practice one word each day in English and in your native language.

	Draw it
	Count the number of letters
	Find an example
	Tell a friend about it
	Act it out
	Make up a song using it