

At the Farm!



Across the country, farmers are working hard to harvest crops. The topics of farms, food, and livestock are relevant and engaging to young children, and offer opportunities to learn about our culture, communities, and history. This week's activities include an egg carton math game, a farm sensory tray, crop graphing, and much more—all focused on farms.

Materials for This Week

- ▶ Buttons
- ▶ Cookie sheet or tray
- ▶ Dirt
- ▶ Egg carton
- ▶ Farm toys and figures
- ▶ Grass
- ▶ Plastic eggs
- ▶ Animal photos

Materials from the General List

- ▶ Dry erase markers and eraser (or tissue)
- ▶ Gloves
- ▶ Paper
- ▶ Rakes
- ▶ Writing tools
- ▶ Plastic jar or container

Weekend Extensions



Here are a few additional ideas to continue learning about farms over the weekend:

- ▶ Learn about non-food crops that grow in your area, such as cotton, timber, herbs for medicine, or corn grown for ethanol.
- ▶ Look at the food in your pantry or freezer. Make a chart with your child detailing what types of food you have, e.g., fruit, vegetables, meats, grains, etc., and how the foods are made. Do they have a lot of ingredients or just a few? Are they fresh, canned, or frozen? Where did they grow? How did they get to you?
- ▶ Have a farm meal in which everything you serve was grown nearby if possible.

Read more books on the topic of farms:

- ▶ *Barnyard Dance* by Sandra Boynton
- ▶ *Before We Eat: From Farm to Table* by Pat Brisson and Mary Azarian
- ▶ *Big Red Barn* by Margaret Wise Brown
- ▶ *How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World* by Marjorie Priceman
- ▶ *On the Farm* by David Elliott and Holly Meade
- ▶ *The Tortilla Factory* by Gary Paulsen and Ruth Paulsen

Bright Horizons.

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