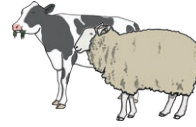




# Farm

## Fact Sheet for Adults



### Types of Farms

- A farm is an area of land primarily dedicated to raising livestock or growing crops.
- Farming produces food and other products for human use, such as textiles and fabrics.
- In the UK, there are 3 main types of farms: arable, pastoral and mixed.
  - Arable farms: These farm crops such as wheat and barley.
  - Pastoral farms: These farm animals such as sheep, cows and pigs.
  - Mixed farms: These farm a mixture of both crops and animals.
- Within these categories, more specific types of farms can also be defined, such as dairy farms which raise cattle for milk or poultry farms which raise chickens and other fowl for meat or eggs.
- In the UK, popular crops on arable farms include wheat, barley, oats, potatoes, other vegetables and fruits.
- Animals often raised on pastoral farms in the UK include cows, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens and ducks.
- The broad category of farms can also include plantations of produce such as coffee, cotton and orchards for growing fruit, such as vineyards.

### Farm Machinery

- Tools have been used on farms for thousands of years. Using hand tools evolved into using horse-drawn machines, which has in turn evolved into using high powered machinery.
- Today, many farms use machines to help to grow and harvest crops. These were mainly developed during the agricultural and industrial revolutions in the 18th century.
- Machinery often used today includes tractors, combine harvesters, cultivators, ploughs and harrows. Some machinery can also be used on pastoral farms, such as milking machines.

### Farming Around the World

- In America, farms that keep livestock are sometimes known as ranches. Many different types of crops and produce are grown on American farms, including corn, soybeans, wheat and cotton. Animals are also kept to produce milk, eggs and meat.
- Australian farms produce a variety of meats and crops. Beef, milk, wheat, fruits and nuts are some of the main types of produce.
- Farms in India mainly produce crops such as rice and wheat. Other crops, such as pulses, potatoes and sugarcane are also grown. Products such as tea, coffee and cotton are also produced on Indian farms.
- Farms in China produce a range of crops, such as rice, wheat, potatoes, tomatoes, tea and soybeans. Livestock such as pigs, chickens and fish are also bred for meat.

### Fun Facts

- China ranks at the top of the world's farm output. It produces food for around 20% of the world's population, despite only accounting for around 10% of the worldwide arable land.
- Animal husbandry is the name of the science of breeding and caring for farm animals.
- Around 70% of land in the UK is used for agriculture.
- Most of the food consumed in the UK is grown on UK farms. The UK relies on imports from other countries for foods and produce that cannot be grown in this country due to climate conditions.
- There are over 200,000 farms in the UK.

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