

Different types of Farms

Crop farm — These farms grow fruits, vegetables, or grain. Most large-scale industrial farms are monoculture farms, meaning they grow only one type of crop at a time.

Fish farm — Also called aquaculture, fish farming is booming. It involves raising large quantities of fish in large tanks.

Dairy farm — This type of farm focuses on raising animals for milk. The milk can then be used to make other dairy products like yogurt and cheese. Most large dairy farms raise dairy cows, but some artisanal dairy farms may raise sheep or goats.

Poultry farm — Most poultry farms raise chickens and turkeys for meat consumption, but some raise chicken for eggs.

Meat farms — These farms exist solely to raise animals for slaughter and consumption. They can be divided into other categories like pig farms and cattle farms.

Seafood Farms- These farms exist to solely raise seafood such as lobster, crab, oysters, clams etc.

Fruit Farms- These farms grow different types of fruits (apple, oranges, lemons, grapes etc.)

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Where our food comes from video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnSCciL_K3g

Target: sharing ideas

Food Matching game

(See attached templates)

Target: sharing ideas

Farm Tour Video

Make connections with the children about the plants and animals they see on the farm and the food that they eat.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hg2ZX0PF-ji>

Target: sharing ideas

Plant a Kitchen Garden

Work with the children to plant and maintain an indoor herb garden.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbYbl-uGEyg>

Target: co-operation

Sensory bin

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/preschool-farm-activities-and-sensory-play-ideas-for-math-science-and-literacy/>

Target: Taking turns

Read a book about a Farm/Orchard

Target: sharing ideas

Tasting Dairy Product. Provide many types of milk product: cow milk, goat milk, skimmed milk, cottage cheese, sour cream, cream, yogurt, butter, cheese, and buttermilk. Encourage children to taste and smell. Let children compare the color and the texture.

Target: Taking turns

Tasting Eggs. Egg is one of the farm animal products. Prepare poached, scrambled, hard-boiled, fried, deviled. Ask children to observe the eggshell, part of the egg, the white and the egg yolk. Let children taste and compare. Let the children have the opportunity to crack an egg.

Target: peer interaction

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:

Fine Motor

Milking a Cow

<https://mrsplemonskindergarten.com/2017/05/tot-school-farm.html>

Mix a tiny bit of white paint with water and poured it into a clear latex glove and closed it off with a rubber band. Draw a few spots to make it more cow-like, then with it positioned over a cup or bowl poke a tiny hole in the tips of the fingers “udders” with a small needle. If you make too big of a hole the liquid will just drain out. Have the children take turns squeezing the fingers in the gloves to “Milk the Cow”. You can also use milk if you want instead of water and paint. **Target:** grasping



Pouring and Spooning Grains

Provide different types of grain, such as: rice, corn, and wheat. Mix the put the grains in a bin. Provide the children with different types of containers to scoop and pour. Some kind of tube structure would also make their interactions more interesting. **Target:** eye hand coordination

Painting with Corn

<https://myboredtoddler.com/thanksgiving-craft-for-toddlers-painting-with-corn/>

Target: grasping

Sheer the Sheep

<https://www.schooltimesnippets.com/2014/06/shear-sheep-cutting-activity.html>

Target: scissor skills



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Gross Motor

Ho Down

The barnyard dance is about to begin
Hitch up your pants and jump right in (grab belt loops)
Husk the corn (making husking motion)
Feed the chickens (act like scattering grain)
Crow with the rooster in the early morn
Bow to your partner (bow)
Wave hello (wave)
Clap your hands and tap your toe (Tap Your feet)
Pick the apples (bend down)
Milk the cow (making milking motion)
Hoe the weeds and push the plow
The barnyard dance has come to an end
Kick up your heels and start again.

Target: coordination

Chicken Dance

(To the tune: The Chicken Dance)
Play the music and have the children do the classic dance:
Make your hands like talking four times, flap arms like wings four times, wiggle bottom four times, clap four times, do it again faster!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nt81gzlAt18>

Target: co-ordination

Farm Yoga

<https://www.kidsyogastories.com/farm-kids-yoga/>

Target: muscle movement

Collecting Eggs

<https://storytiming.com/2012/09/21/flannel-friday-who-gathered-eggs-from-the-chicken-coop/>

Target: coordination



Catching some Fish

<https://funlearningforkids.com/pretend-play-fishing-alphabet-activity/>

Target: coordination



INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT

Cognitive

Farm Animal Dice game

<https://myboredtoddler.com/farm-yard-dice-game/>

Target:



Farm Animal Dump and Sort

<https://www.toddlerapproved.com/2017/10/easy-farm-animal-dump-and-sort-for.html>

Target:



Farm Animal Sort

Cut out a lot of different animals from magazines or print out pictures. Cut or print out some farm animals (sheep, cows, horses) and some non- farm animals (bears, fish, penguins, monkeys etc.) then have the kids place the farm animals inside the barn and keep the other outside.

Target: sorting

What Animal Made That Sound

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCMyh48QWD8>

Use this you tube video as a tool to help the children learn and recognize animal sounds

Target: matching

Pigs in the Mud

<https://modernpreschool.com/clean-muddy-pigs-alphabet-printable-cards/>

Target: letter recognition



Farm Animal Babies Match

<https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2017/04/farm-babies-matching-activity-free-printables.html>

Target: matching



Animal Sounds Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Woc5c8mePR4>

Target: matching

How many eggs did the hen lay?

Stick a picture of a hen on a cardboard box. Cut a circle out of the top of the box, large enough for children to be able to slide their hand inside. Deposit several plastic eggs on the floor, next to the box. Encourage children to deposit the eggs inside the box. Help them count the eggs one by one. To make it more challenging for older children have them roll a pair of dice and deposit the matching number of eggs into the box.

Target: number recognition

Language

The Giving Farm Poem

by Vicki Witcher

Hens give eggs.

Pigs give ham.

Cows give milk.

Strawberries give jam.

Bees give honey.

Goats give cheese.

Farms give food,

I'd like some, please!

Target: vocabulary

This is the way we. . .

This is the way we plant the hay

plant the hay, plant the hay

This is the way we plant the hay so early in the morning

This is the way we feed the chickens

Feed the chickens, feed the chickens

This is the way we feed the chickens so early in the morning.

This is the way we chop the wood

chop the wood, chop the wood

This is the way we chop the wood so early in the morning

This is the way we milk the cows

Milk the cows, milk the cows

This is the way we milk the cows so early in the morning. **Target: repetition**

Farm Sounds

Did you ever see a farm?

A farm. . . a farm!

Did you ever see a farm

and all the animals that live there

A pig who says. . . oink, oink, oink

There's a horse who says. .. neigh!

A rooster who say . . .Er-er-er-erh.

A cow who says. . . moo

And a duck who says quack, quack, quack

Target: repetition

Five Little Pigs

Five little pigs rolled in the mud

Squish, squash, squish, it sure felt good.

The farmer took a pig out, and cleaned him up nice

Four little pigs rolled in the mud

Squish, squash, squish, it sure felt good.

The farmer took a pig out, and cleaned him up nice

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Three little pigs rolled in the mud
Squish, squash, squish, it sure felt good.
The farmer took a pig out, and cleaned him up nice
Two little pigs rolled in the mud
Squish, squash, squish, it sure felt good.
The farmer took a pig out, and cleaned him up nice
One little pigs rolled in the mud
Squish, squash, squish, it sure felt good.
The farmer took a pig out, and cleaned him up nice
No little pigs rolled in the mud,
They all looked nice and clean
The farmer turned his back and what do you know!
All those little pigs jumped back in the mud. **Target: number recognition**

Animals on the Farm

The pigs on the farm go oink. . .oink. . .oink
Oink. . .oink. . .oink, oink. . .oink. . .oink
The pigs on the farm go oink. . .oink. . .oink
All night long

The sheep on the farm go bah. . .bah . . .Bah
Bah. . .Bah . . .Bah, bah. . .Bah . . .Bah
The sheep on the farm go bah. . .Bah . . .Bah
All night long

The cows on the farm go moo. . .moo. . .Moo
Moo. . .Moo . . .Moo, moo. . .Moo . . .Moo
The cows on the farm go moo. . .Moo . . .Moo
All night long

The ducks on the farm go quack. . .quack. . . quack
Quack. . .Quack . . .quack, quack. . .Quack . . .quack
The ducks on the farm go quack. . .Quack . . .quack
All night long
Target: repetition

Six Little Pigs

Six little pigs rolled in the mud,
Squishy, squashy, felt so good.
The farmer took one pig out.
Oink, Oink, Oink, the pig did shout.
Five little pigs rolled in the mud,
Squishy, squashy, felt so good.
The farmer took one pig out.
Oink, Oink, Oink, the pig did shout.
Four little pigs rolled in the mud,
Squishy, squashy, felt so good.
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The farmer took one pig out.
Oink, Oink, Oink, the pig did shout.
One little pig rolled in the mud,
Squishy, squashy, felt so good.
The farmer took one pig out.
Oink, Oink, Oink, the pig did shout.
No little pigs rolled in the mud,
They all looked clean and good.
The farmer turned his back and then,
Those pigs rolled in the mud again!
Target: number recognition



CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT

Muddy Pigs

<https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/awesome-muddy-pig-sensory-art-for-toddlers/>

Target: sensory

Seed Sensory Bin

<https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/heres-easy-farm-sensory-bin-preschoolers/>

Target: texture

Paint with tractors/farm animals

<https://pocketofpreschool.com/farm-theme-art-sensory-activities/>

Target: creativity



Potato Painting

Farmers grow so many amazing veggies so why not paint with them! It's great fine motor work when they grasp and make prints with the potato. It would also be fun to paint with a few different veggies and see the types of prints or lines each one creates. **Target: creativity**



EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Farm Playdough activity

<https://funlearningforkids.com/farm-play-dough-activity/>

Target: self confidence

Farm Animal Playdough

<https://www.pre-kpages.com/farm-animal-play-dough-exploration/>

Target: independence

Tractor Mud Painting

<https://www.pre-kpages.com/tractor-mud-painting/>

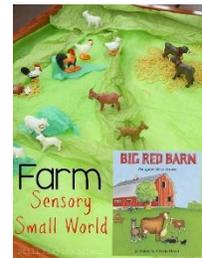
Target: self expression



Sensory bin

http://www.stillplayingschool.com/2015/08/big-red-barn-sensory-small-world-farm.html#a5y_p=4257838

Target: self expression



COOKING

Fruit or Vegetable Salad

Ingredients and Items needed: Any items you want to make the salad, vegetable peelers, plastic knives. Have the children help you rinse the food and then cut and prepare a salad for snack!

As you all prepare the snack discuss how each fruit is grown.

Target: cooperation

Vegetable Soup

Ingredients and Items Needed: Send a note home asking each parent to send in one vegetable to make a Friendship Soup! The children help clean, peel and prepare the vegetable. Place all the items in a saucepan with water and some vegetable stock for flavor. Boil for about 45 minutes. As you prepare the soup discuss how each vegetable is grown, enjoy!

Target: teamwork

English Muffin Pizzas

Ingredients:

- English muffins
- pizza sauce
- shredded cheese
- favorite toppings (pepperoni, ham, peppers, pineapple, mushrooms etc.)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425. Cut the muffins open. Start off with sauce on each divided muffin. Sprinkle with a small portion of cheese. Don't go too crazy. You want it to melt but not bubble over and burn to your pan. Top off with your desired pizza toppings. Use more than you think you may need. It will spread out as the cheese melts. A tip for pepperoni or large items: cut down into smaller pieces. Of course that's totally optional but I found it worked great to have a nice even distribution of toppings. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until edges are getting crispy. Cool slightly before eating. The children can make these pizzas independently. As you make these pizzas facilitate a discussion about where the food items that are used for the pizza come from.

Target: independence