

How Things Work on a Farm

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Graphic Organizer (before and during reading)

Record notes as you read the book.

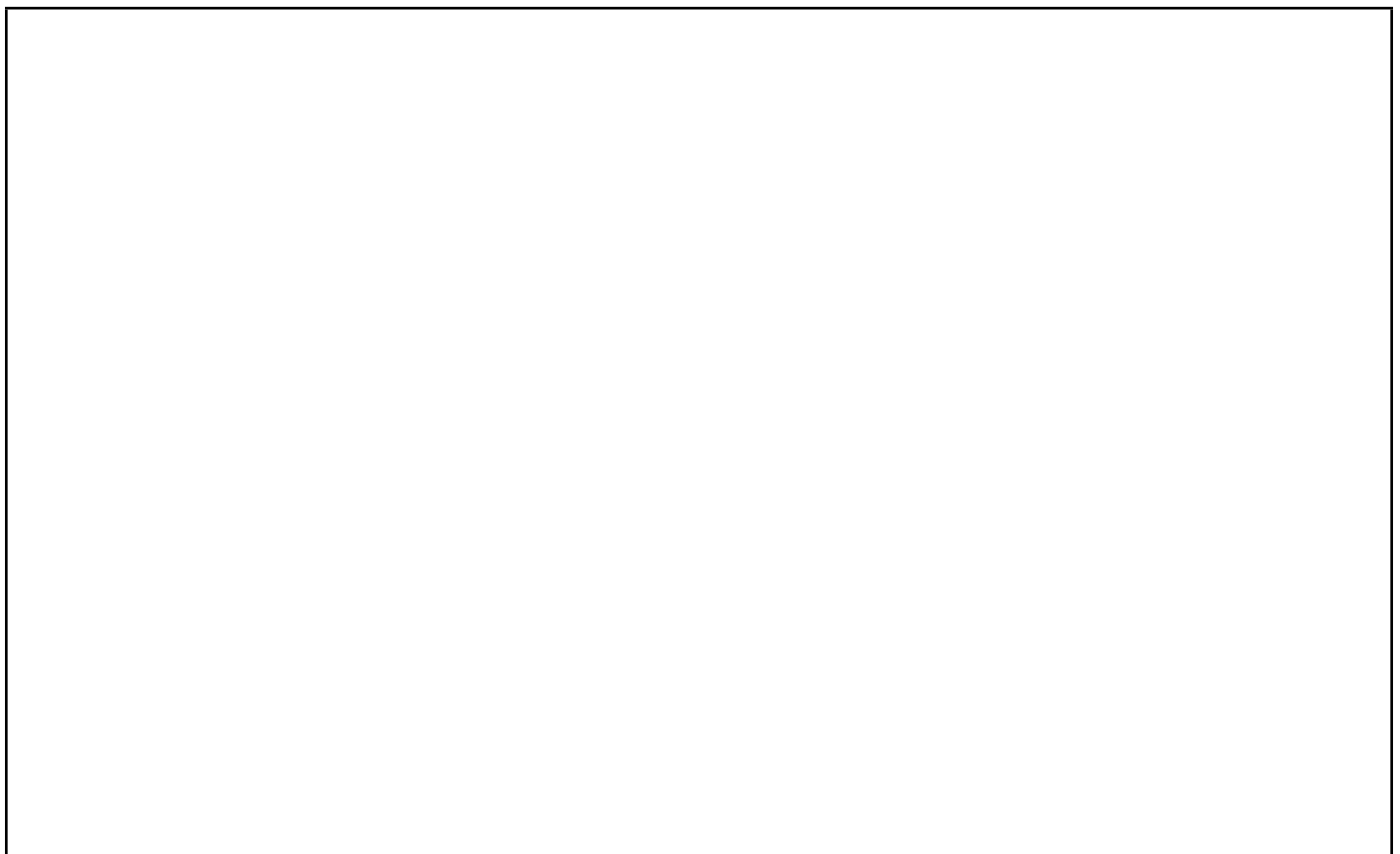
Chapter	Main ideas
Introduction	
How a Family Farm Works	
How Different Kinds of Farms Work	
A Day on a Dairy Farm	

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Multiple Intelligences
Spatial, Verbal-linguistic

Design a vehicle or piece of equipment to use on a farm. Draw it below. On the lines underneath, describe how the piece of equipment works, what it looks like, how it will assist farmers, and any other interesting information about its features.



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Ⓜ Code Breaker

Punctuation shows the reader how to read the text. What does the following punctuation indicate?

Full stop _____

Capital letter _____

Comma _____

Rewrite these sentences, adding punctuation to each sentence to make it easier to read. Reread each sentence at the end to check.

some farms provide fruits vegetables or grains such as wheat

crop farms grow wheat flowers cotton nuts or even food for cows or other animals

next farmers sow their seeds with a seed drill

when summer arrives the farmers hire workers called shearers to cut off or shear the thick wool from the sheep

the drysdale sheep common in new Zealand has coarse wool that people use to make carpets

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☐ Meaning Maker

What would you like to experience on a farm? Think of four things and sketch them below.

Write all the things you can think of to do on a farm on a sunny day.

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⦿ Text User

Complete the table using information from the book.

Kind of farm	How it works	What is produced	Special equipment
Family farms			
Crop farms			
Sheep stations			
Orchards			
Dairy farms			

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Text Critic

You have read that farming is hard work and that farmers use machines and methods to make their work easier. Some of these machines and methods may not be good for the environment. Do you think it would be reasonable to ask farmers to use these machines and methods less because of harmful effects on the environment? Explain.

Write some arguments that farmers might give for continuing to use these machines and methods.

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Explanation

You have learned a lot about how farms work from this book, and there is still more to learn. Revisit each section of the text below. Think of something else you would like to know about each of these things.

Family farm

Crop farm

Dairy farm

Machines farmers use

Sheep station

Write one thing that would be interesting about being a dairy farmer.

Write one thing that you would not like about being a farmer.

If you met a family who operated a farm, what would you ask them?
