

# History of Peanut Farming.

## Peanut Farming Timeline

**1700's**

Wooden plows were pulled by horses, mules or oxen. All crops were harvested with hand tools.

**1819-1834**

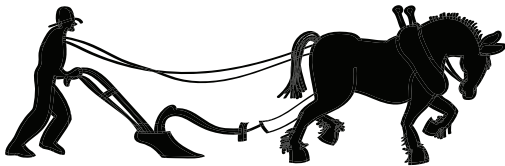
Invention of an iron plow with interchangeable parts. Introduction of plows with steel saw blades.

**1837-1840's**

John Deere begins mass producing steel plows and threshing machines. Farming increases and the first commercial fertilizers were sold.

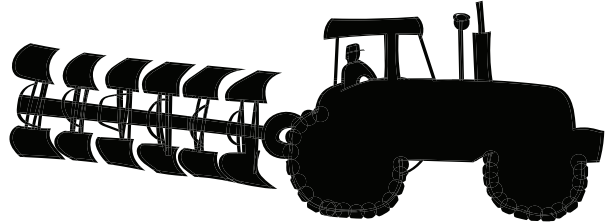
**1860's-1890's**

Farming tools change from hand powered tools to more mechanized machines and the first steam powered tractors.



Wooden plows pulled by horses

200 Years Later



Satellite guided tractors

**1900-1910**

George Washington Carver helped southern farmers by finding new uses for peanuts, sweet potatoes and soybeans.

**1910-1914**

Gas powered tractors were introduced to farming. The Smith-Lever Extension Act set up the Extension farm service still available today to help educate farmers.

**1945-1970's**

Change from horse power to tractors and improved farming practices increase what farmers grow in smaller fields.

**1990's**

Information technology and satellite technology begin to be used in farming.

Where do  
peanuts go  
from here?

## 21st Century Peanut Farmers

Today's peanut farmers use tractors with the latest digital technology and modern machinery to help produce crops. After harvesting, peanuts are hauled to a variety of places to make hundreds of different products.

Draw what you think a modern peanut harvest looks like.



Peanut drying  
and storage  
facility

Grocery  
Store

Farmers  
markets and  
produce stands

Candy  
factories

Peanut  
butter  
factories

Peanut plant  
hay and  
livestock feed