

## TOPIC: Farmers

### Who are farmers and what do they do?

A farmer is someone who is responsible for producing or raising the food we eat. They are called an agriculturalist. Farmers can be both men and women. Farmers live and work on their own farms. Farmers work hard every day. There are no days off in the life of a farmer. Animals must be cared for everyday and there is always work to be done when preparing, planting and growing crops. Sometimes farmers will hire farm hands or laborers to work on the farm with them. There are many different farmers.

Some farmers grow crops like corn, wheat, potatoes and other vegetables.



#### Farmer Mary Ellen

**Years in farming:** 10 years.

**What do you produce or grow:** Lettuce varieties and micro-greens grown hydroponically (growing plants in water instead of soil).

**What is fun about farming:** Feeding people.

**What is something you've learned:** Seeds have fierce energy.

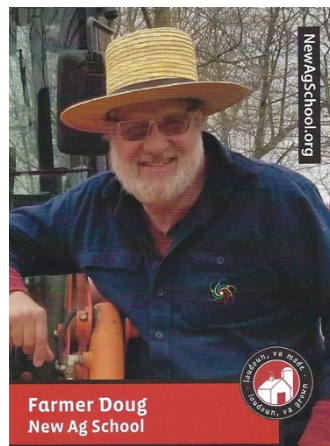
**What is special about your farm:** We grow the same crop 12 months out of the year.

**What inspired you to start:** The Magic Kingdom at Disney's Epcot Center on the ride called The Land.



This is Loudoun County, Virginia Farmer Mary Ellen.  
She grows vegetables.

Other farmers have orchards or vineyards to grow fruit like apples, peaches and grapes.



#### Farmer Doug

**Years in Farming:** 30

**What do you produce or grow:** At Fabblioli Cellars we grow grapes, red raspberries, black raspberries, hops, pears and asparagus, and through the New Ag School we support farms that specialize in other products.

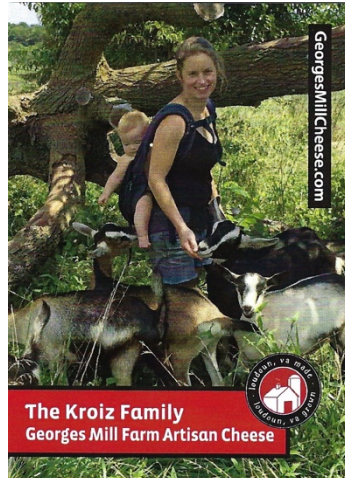
**What is special about your farm:** At the New Ag School we are teaching the next generation farming, leadership, safety and business. As much as I learn, I try to teach.

**What is something you've learned:** I have learned that I will never stop learning. The mentor/mentee program offered at the New Ag School allows everyone who participates to continuously learn from each other.



This is Loudoun County, Virginia Farmer Doug. He grows various fruits, vegetables, and grains. Farmer Doug has a winery and also runs a school teaching the next generation about farming.

There are livestock farmers who raise our animals such as cows, pigs, and goats. All things we can eat or use for our butter, milk and cheese.



### The Kroiz Family

**Years in farming:** 4 years.

**Produces:** Fresh and aged goat cheeses, eggs, pork, goats milk soap.

**What's special about Georges Mill:** We make all our cheeses by hand with milk from our goat herd. We farm on land our family has owned since the 1750s.

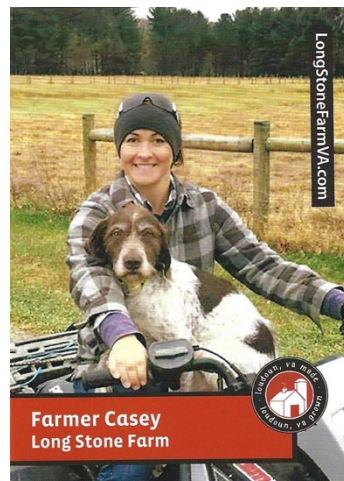
**What's fun about farming:** Goats! They all have personalities and are a constant source of entertainment.

**What inspired you:** A cheese recipe in the book "Animal, Vegetable, Mineral" by Barbara Kingsolver; small farms making great cheese in the Pacific Northwest, where we used to live; and our amazing land.



This is Loudoun County, Virginia Farmer Molly. She raises dairy goats and makes goat cheese and caramel. She also has a farm store that sells items from her farm and other local farms.

Poultry Farmers raise Chickens, turkeys and ducks for their meat and their eggs.



### Farmer Casey

**Years in Farming:** 5

**What do you produce or grow:** We raise pastured heritage hogs, cattle, chickens and ducks.

**What is special about your farm:** We plant vegetables and foliage exclusively for our pigs, who never stay in one place for too long!

**What inspired you to start:** My mom inspired my love of the environment and desire to protect it, which plays a large role in how we farm.

**What is something you've learned:** Pigs are picky eaters! Chickens are the ones who will eat anything.

**Who taught you to farm:** Books, mentors, farm tours and my husband.



This is Loudoun County, Virginia Farmer Casey. She raises chickens in addition to pigs, ducks, and cows.

We have other farmers that live in Loudoun County, Virginia. Here is a link to a website that has a listing of farms that you or your parents can support directly and you may be able to visit. <https://loudounfarms.org/loudoun-made/>



### **Read Aloud Book Video**

Let's read aloud about all the jobs a farmer does during the day. Can you spot all the different types of farmers? <https://bit.ly/2SUs4ax>

### **Activity Sheet**

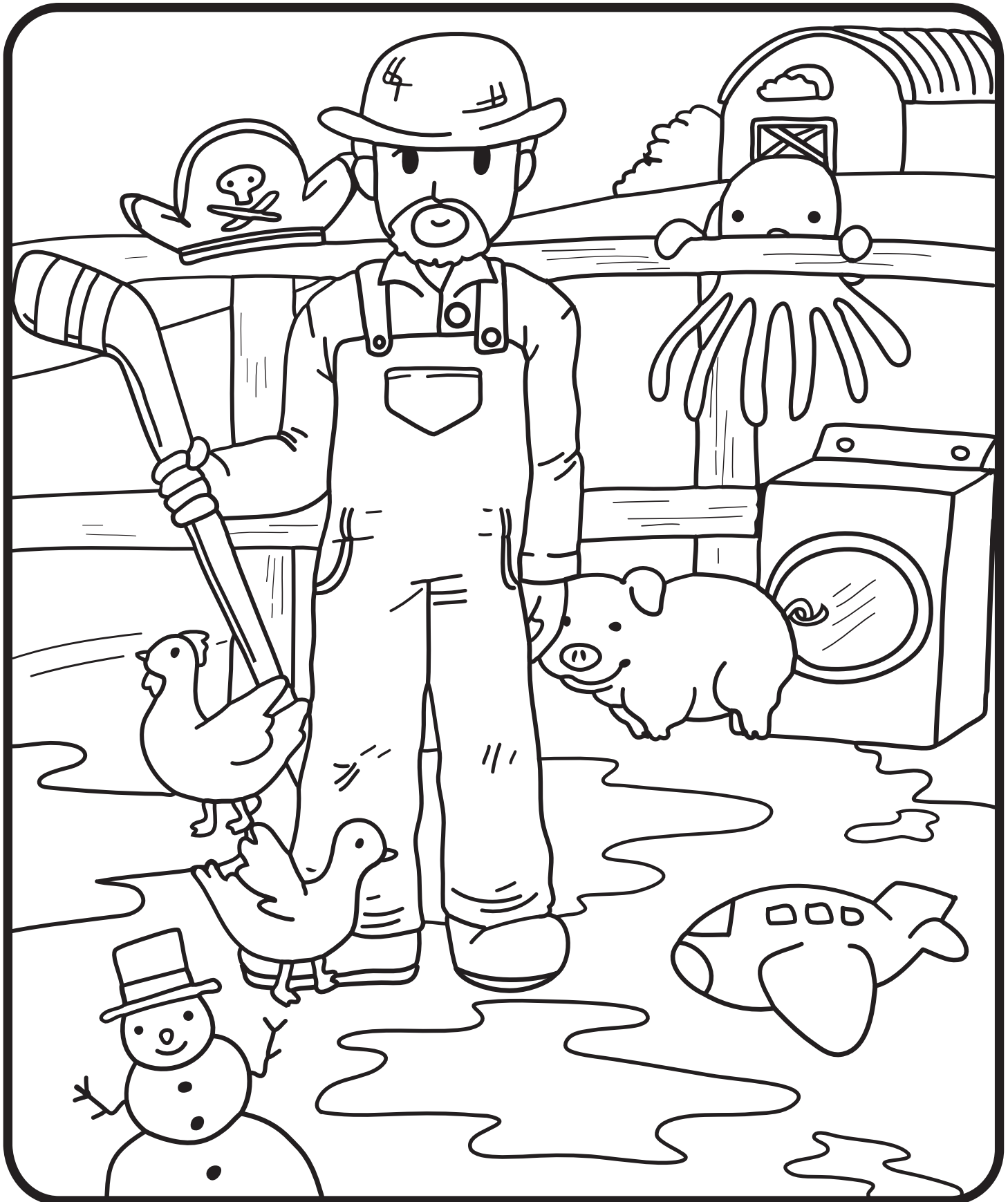
Now that you know so much about farmers let see if you can find the things a farmer would not use on the farm? Circle the items that a farmer does not use on the farm and have fun coloring. Now see if you can use your knowledge to draw somethings a farmer might need or use? How about something he/she might grow?

### **Family Game night**

A fun game to print out and play with the whole family is Farm Bingo. Can you name all the items on the card and guess what type of farmer would use it on their farm? Be sure to read all the fun facts on the calling cards before you play the game. Instead of yelling "Bingo" when you win, how about pretending to be one of the Farmers animals instead use "Moo", "Cluck Cluck", "oink oink".

# Find What Doesn't Belong

Circle what does not belong on the farm, then color the picture!



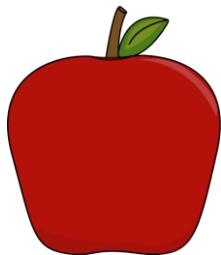
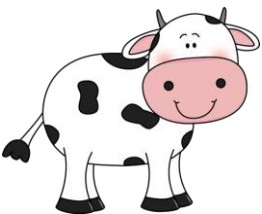
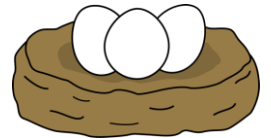
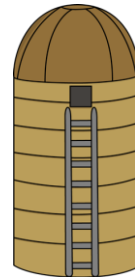
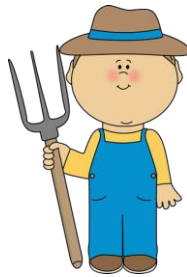
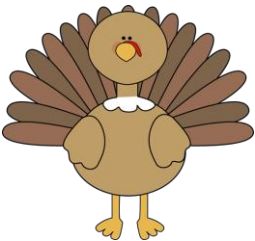
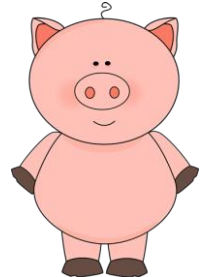
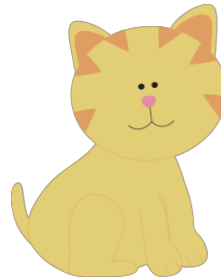
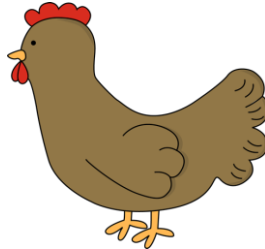
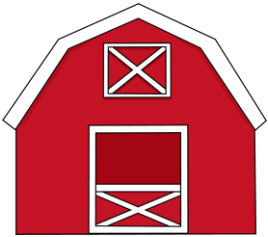
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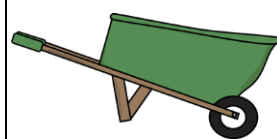
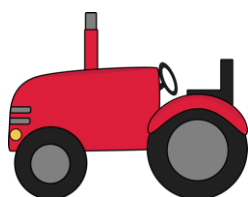
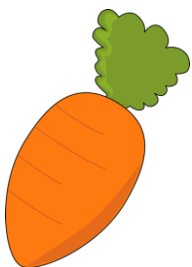
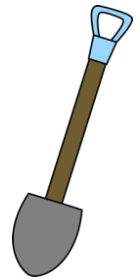
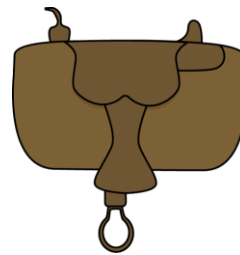
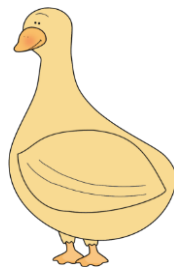
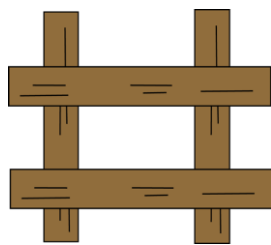
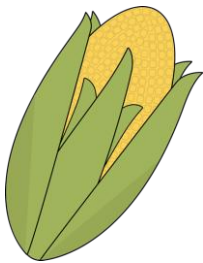
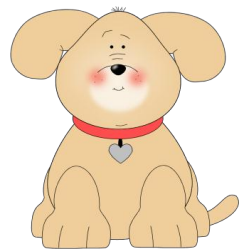
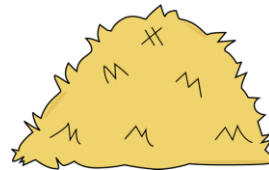
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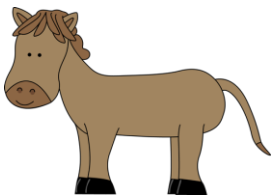
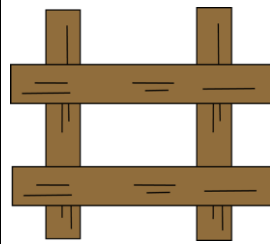
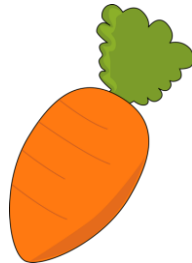
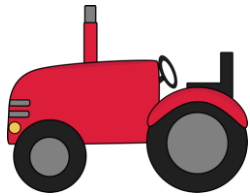
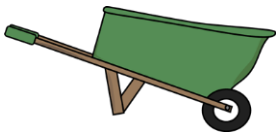
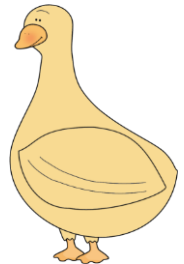
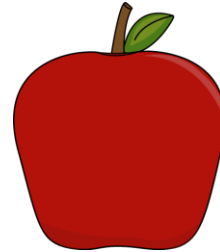
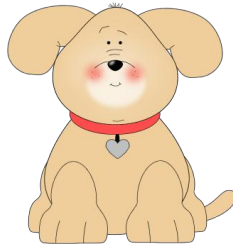
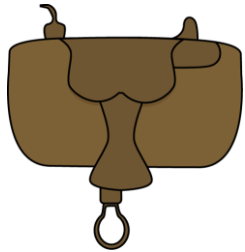
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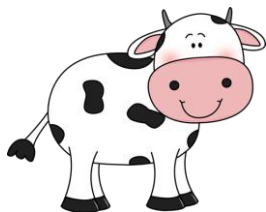
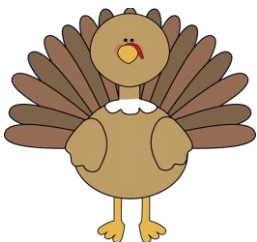
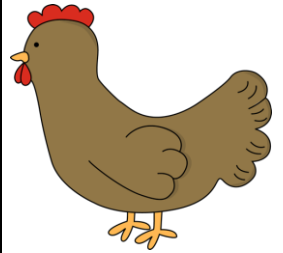
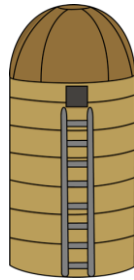
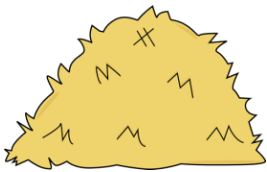
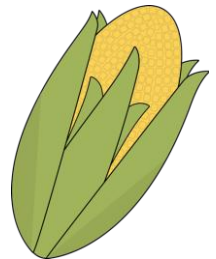
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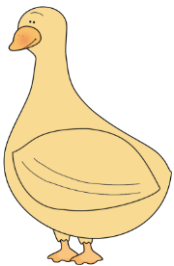
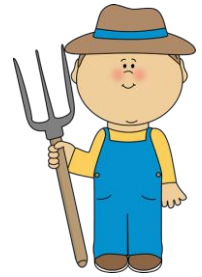
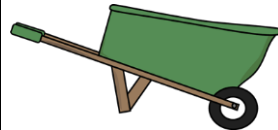
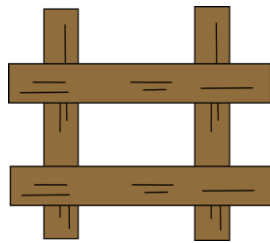
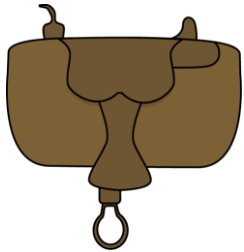
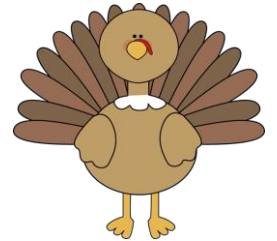
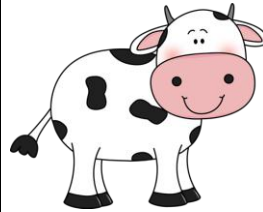
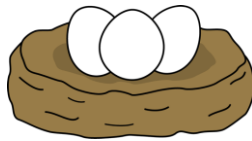
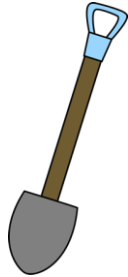
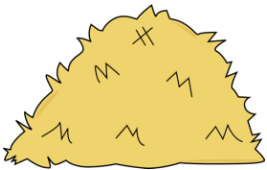
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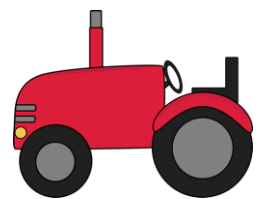
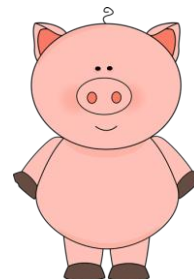
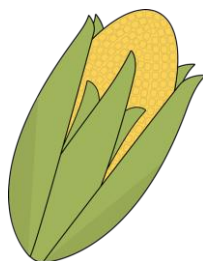
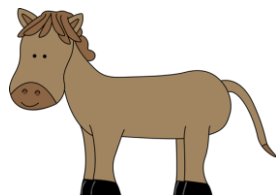
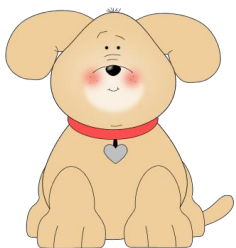
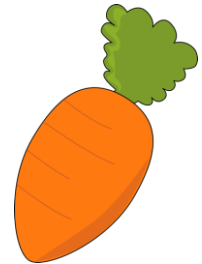
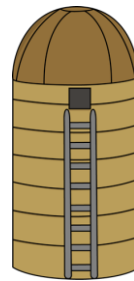
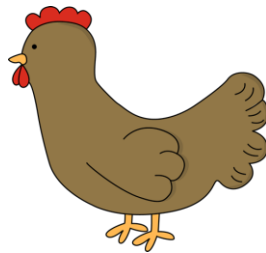
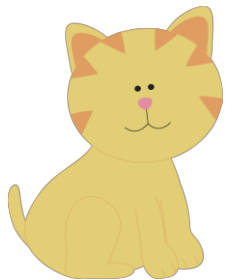
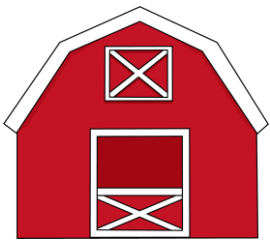
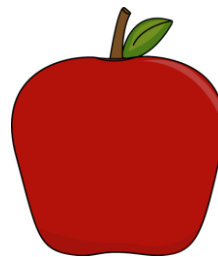
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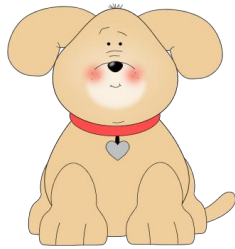
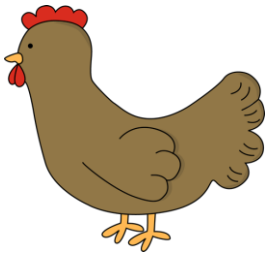
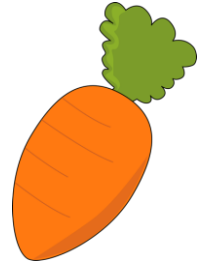
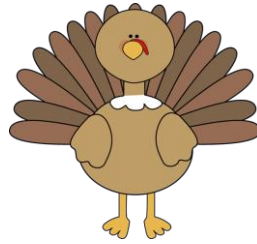
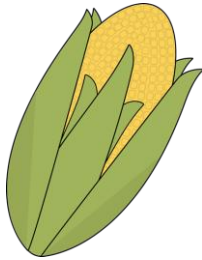
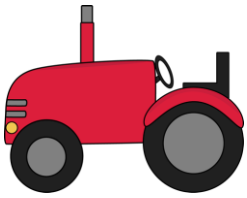
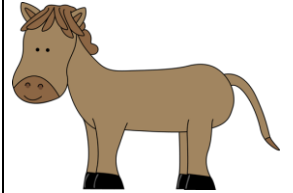
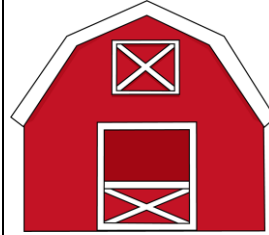
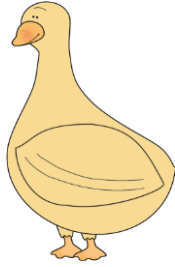
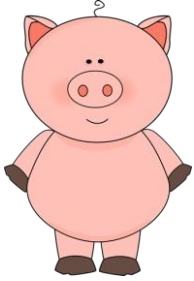
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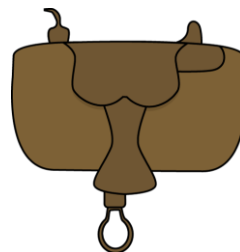
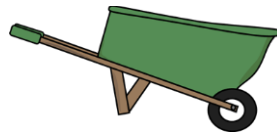
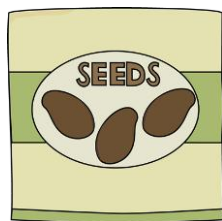
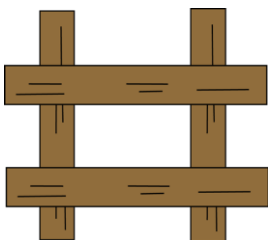
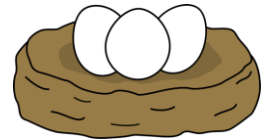
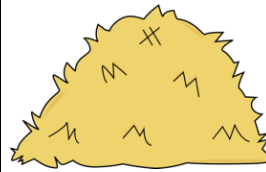
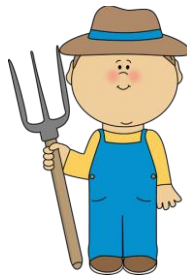
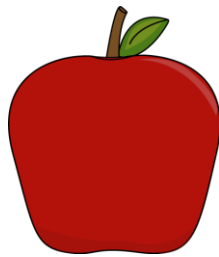
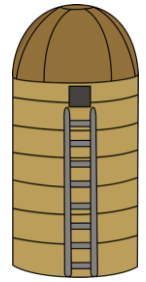
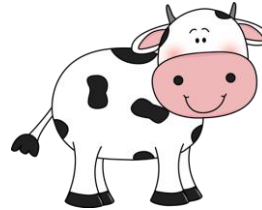
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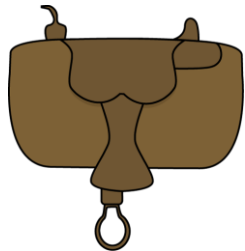
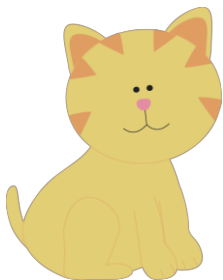
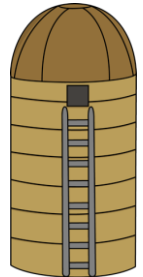
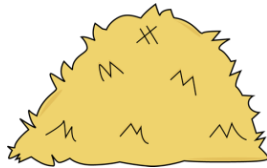
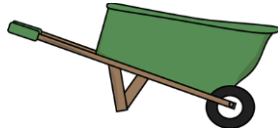
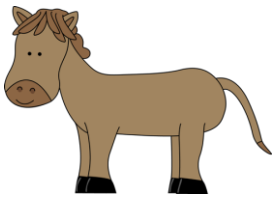
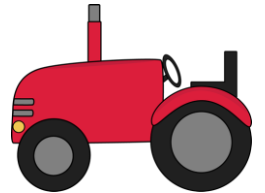
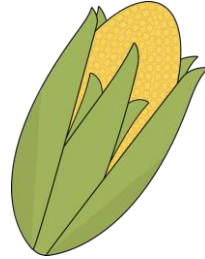
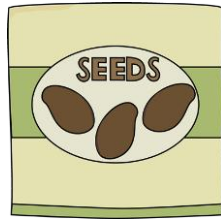
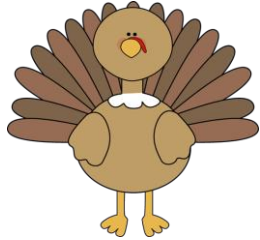
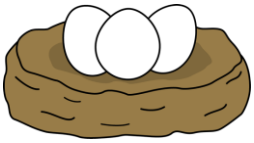
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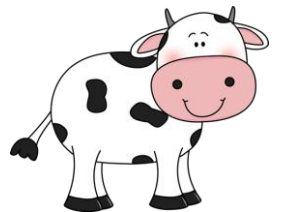
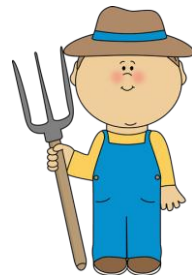
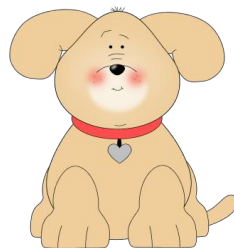
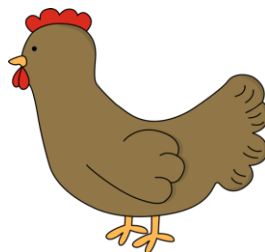
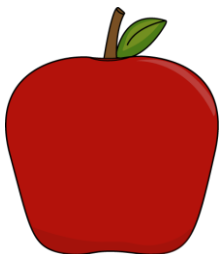
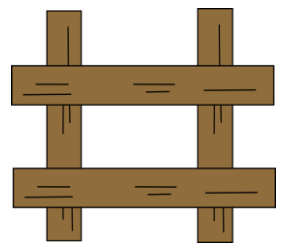
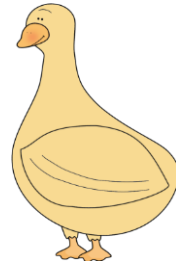
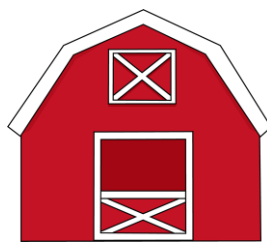
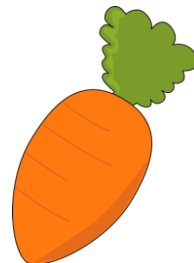
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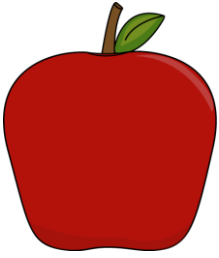
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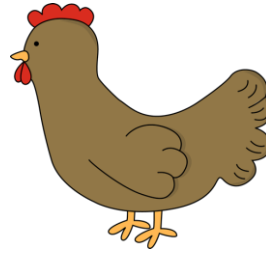


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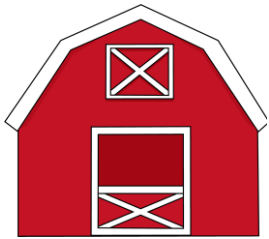




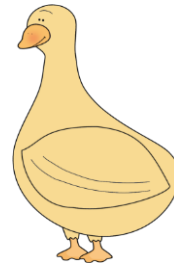
- 1) This is something that a farmer grows for us to eat.
- 2) It is a fruit that grows on a tree.
- 3) It can be red, green, or yellow.



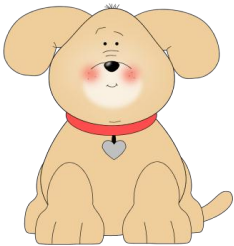
- 1) This is an animal.
- 2) It has a beak and feathers.
- 3) It lays eggs for us to eat.



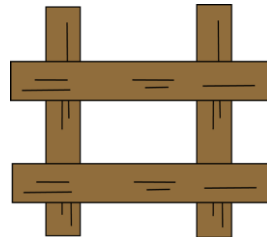
- 1) This is a building.
- 2) It is somewhere the animals might go to sleep.
- 3) It is usually red.



- 1) This is an animal.
- 2) It has a beak and feathers.
- 3) It likes to swim in the water.



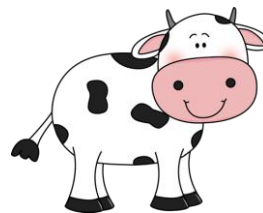
- 1) This is an animal.
- 2) It might live outside or in the farmer's house.
- 3) It might wear a collar.



- 1) This is something that goes around a farm or a field.
- 2) It keeps the animals from running away.
- 3) It might be made out of metal or wood.



- 1) This is a person that lives on the farm.
- 2) He takes care of all the animals.
- 3) He grows fruits and vegetables for us to eat.



- 1) This is an animal.
- 2) It likes to eat grass.
- 3) It makes milk for us to drink.



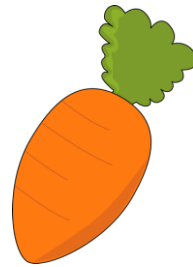
- 1) This is something the farmer might put on a horse.
- 2) It goes on the horse's back.
- 3) It helps the farmer ride the horse.



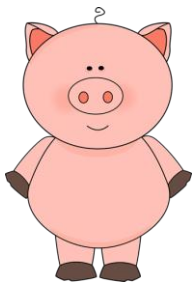
- 1) This is a garden tool.
- 2) It has a long handle.
- 3) It is something the farmer would use to dig a hole.



- 1) This is an animal.
- 2) It might live in the barn or in the farmer's house.
- 3) It likes to catch mice.



- 1) This is something the farmer grows for us to eat.
- 2) It is a vegetable that grows in the ground.
- 3) It is orange and crunchy.



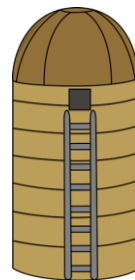
- 1) This is an animal.
- 2) It likes to play in the mud.
- 3) It is pink and has a curly tail.



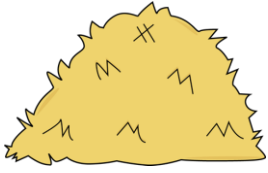
- 1) This is a tool.
- 2) It helps the farmer pick up hay and throw it.
- 3) It has 3 sharp prongs.



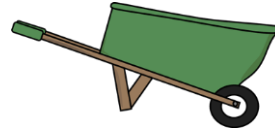
- 1) This is something the farmer grows.
- 2) It grows on a vine.
- 3) It is orange and has seeds on the inside.



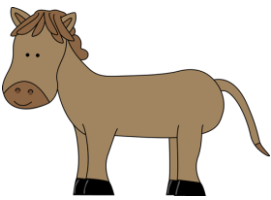
- 1) This is a building.
- 2) It is very tall and has a ladder on the side.
- 3) It is a place that the farmer uses to store grain.



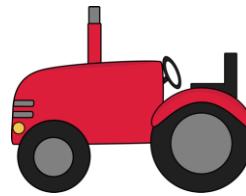
- 1) This is something that horses might eat.
- 2) It is stored in bales or stacks.
- 3) It is yellow or brown.



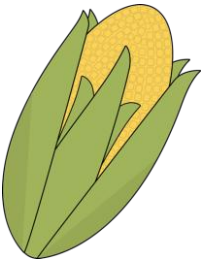
- 1) This is a garden tool.
- 2) It has a wheel.
- 3) The farmer can use it to move heavy loads of dirt.



- 1) This is an animal.
- 2) It has a mane and a long tail.
- 3) The farmer can ride on it.



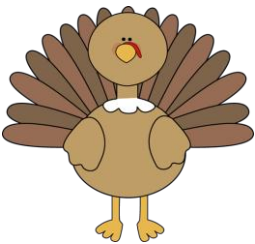
- 1) This is a vehicle.
- 2) It usually has 2 big wheels and 2 smaller wheels.
- 3) The farmer might use it to help him plant seeds in his fields.



- 1) This is something the farmer grows for us to eat.
- 2) It is a vegetable that grows on a stalk.
- 3) It is yellow.



- 1) These are something the farmer puts in the dirt.
- 2) They are small.
- 3) They might grow into fruits, vegetables, or flowers.



- 1) This is an animal.
- 2) It has a beak and long tail feathers.
- 3) It says "gobble, gobble."



- 1) This is something that is found in the henhouse or chicken coop.
- 2) The chickens build it out of sticks and grass.
- 3) It helps keep the chicken's eggs safe.