

## TOPIC: Tractors



Tractors in Front of Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum

### What is a tractor?

- A tractor is a vehicle used on a farm.
- Farmers use tractors for planting their crops. They need tractors for plowing, tilling and harrowing their fields.
- Farmers use tractors to help fertilize and harvest their crops.
- Tractors can be used to carry grains and feed to their animals.
- Tractors have big wheels in the back and smaller wheels in the front. This helps tractors pull more weight and prevent it from tipping over. Big wheels also help to prevent tractors from getting stuck in muddy soil.
- Tractors do all the heavy lifting on a farm. Tractors make farmers work much easier.



One of the first tractors



Tractor from 1920



Modern Day Tractor – Tractors sure have changed!

### Vocabulary

- **Plowing** –turning over the soil to bring soil to the top and removing weeds.
- **Tilling** – preparing the soil for planting
- **Harrowing** – breaking up the soil and making it smoother
- **Harvesting** – gathering your crops when they are full grown

### Tractor Fun

Here is a fun dot to dot page. Can you discover the tractor in between the numbers? Do you see the big wheels in the back and the smaller wheels up front. What kinds of crops do you think the tractor could help plant?

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### Recycled Tractor Craft

All you need are a toilet paper tube, green paint or markers, different size bottle tops, paper, glue, and scissors.



### Tractor read along

Read along to a silly story, Duck on a Tractor but David Shannon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIPDb5cKf6I>





**Books to check out at your public library. Most are available at Loudoun County Public Libraries.**

- Duck on a Tractor by David Shannon
- <https://catalog.library.loudoun.gov/?section=resource&resourceid=59528619&currentIndex=0&view=fullDetailsDetailsTab>
- Un Pato en Tractor by David Shannon
- <https://catalog.library.loudoun.gov/?section=resource&resourceid=96256481&currentIndex=1&view=fullDetailsDetailsTab>
- Busy Tractors, Busy Day by Lori Haskins Houran
- <https://catalog.library.loudoun.gov/?section=resource&resourceid=3808137&currentIndex=0&view=fullDetailsDetailsTab>
- Tractors by Emily Rose Oachs
- <https://catalog.library.loudoun.gov/?section=resource&resourceid=189914170&currentIndex=0&view=fullDetailsDetailsTab>
- Tractors by Connor Dayton
- <https://catalog.library.loudoun.gov/?section=resource&resourceid=6707389&currentIndex=1&view=fullDetailsDetailsTab>
- Tractor Saves the Day by Mandy Archer