

# A year on the farm

Farms are busy bustling places all year round. Here you can find out just what farmers get up to in each season.

Try the questions to find out what you know about farming!

## Spring (March, April, May)

- Lambs are born.
- Animals that lived in barns in the winter are moved to the fields to graze the grass.
- Cows are vaccinated, because just like us, animals need to be protected from disease too.
- Land is ploughed and prepared and the seeds of spring crops are sown in the fields.
- Lots of different fruit and vegetables are harvested including asparagus, spring onions and new potatoes.

What's the name for a group of sheep?

- Pack
- Flock
- Team



## Autumn (September, October, November)

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- When it gets too cold and wet some cows and sheep are moved indoors to keep warm and dry.
- Land is ploughed and prepared and the seeds of winter crops are sown in the fields.
- Lots of different fruit and vegetables including apples, pears, pumpkins and carrots are harvested.
- Female sheep (ewes) and male sheep (rams) are put together to produce springtime lambs.

Where do apples and pears grow?

- In orchards
- In greenhouses
- In fields

What is a female sheep called?

- A ewe
- A ram
- A tup



## Summer (June, July, August)

- Farmers make hay from grass so that he can feed it to the animals in the winter.
- Sheep are sheared so that they don't get too hot, and their wool is sold.
- A combine harvester is used to harvest crops such as wheat and barley which were planted in winter and spring.
- Strawberries, raspberries, peas, lettuces and courgettes are just some of the fruit and vegetables harvested in the summer.

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How is wheat harvested?

- By hand
- By tractor
- By combine harvester

## Winter (December, January, February)

- Animals eat the food the farmer made earlier in the year, like hay, as well as special animal feed to keep them healthy.
- Its time to do any repairs to farm buildings, machinery, animal pens and fences around the farm.
- Leeks, brussels sprouts and turnips are some of the fruit and vegetables harvested at this time of year.

Which of these crops is not a root vegetable?

- Carrots
- Beans
- Parsnips

Many fruit and vegetables are sown and harvested throughout the year using tractors and special farm machines.

What are your favourite things to eat in each of the four seasons?

Spring

Autumn

Summer

Winter

