

DOWN ON THE FARM

Farm children have plenty of chores to keep them busy. Ever since Vermonters first tilled the soil there has been plenty of work for both young and old on the farm. Hidden in the maze on the next page are the words you need to complete the sentences and get the chores done. You will have to look vertically and diagonally as well as horizontally to find the words. When you locate them, circle each one. Don't forget your boots.



At planting time, start up the _____ and _____ the fields before you plant. Make a nice deep _____, then put in the seeds. Get the _____ in early; they don't mind a little _____. But it must be warm when you plant green _____.

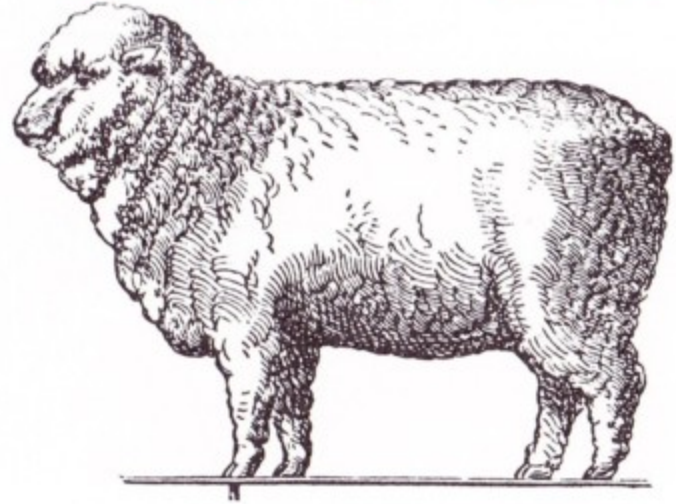
When you finish _____ all your _____, taste the _____ to see if they're red and ripe. With faded overalls and a flannel shirt make a _____ so the crows won't eat all the corn in the _____. Get out a _____ and chop the weeds. Watch the _____ grow sleek and fat as they peck for worms in the dooryard. Fill a big crock with saltwater and vinegar, and make homemade sour _____ from the _____ in the garden.

Fall has come, the _____ season. It's time to dig for _____ in the garden. Pull up the _____, the _____, and the _____, and store them in the root cellar to last through the winter. Take a bushel _____ to the apple _____ and pick ripe _____ from the trees. Fill the round _____ with corn. Build a fire in the smokehouse to cure the _____ and _____, and _____ the leaves as they fall from the trees. The Thanksgiving _____ have grown plump and ready, and another winter is not far away.

Dawn comes early on the _____. The first one up is the _____. When you hear him _____, it's time to get up. Take a _____ and gather the _____ in the henhouse. Use a _____ to pitch some _____ down to the hungry _____, and _____ them while they eat. Scatter cracked _____ for the _____ to peck, and slop the _____ before you sit down to breakfast.

After you eat, go outside and check the sky to see what the _____ will be, then hurry off to do a few more chores. Come wintertime, there's _____ to chop. In March, go to the sugarbush to help with the _____. In May it's time to shear the _____. The young _____ watch while the ewes' thick _____ is shorn.

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ANSWERS: farm, rooster, crow, bucket, eggs, pitch-
 fork, hay, cows, milk, corn, chickens, hogs, weather,
 firewood, sugaring, sheep, lambs, wool, tractor, plow,
 furrow, peas, frost, beans, planting, crops, strawber-
 ries, scarecrow, cornfield, hoe, hens, pickles,
 cucumbers, harvest, potatoes, carrots, beets, cab-
 bages, basket, orchard, apples, silo, bacon, hams,
 take, turkeys.