



Miss Panda's Books

# Agriculture



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Miss Panda's Books Series helps children learn about plants, animals, and how to care for them. We teach the basic traditional knowledge of being self-sufficient by growing your own food and making healthy choices. Each book in every set will educate your child on a subject related to the set topic, and you can find a fun craft idea on the last page. We hope these books will bring your children wisdom and joy!



Agriculture is the process of growing plants and animals from seed to supermarket. Plants and animals can be grown and cared for on farms.



Agriculture is the biggest employer in the world, meaning there are plenty of jobs related to growing plants and animals.



Let's talk about types of farms. There are many different shapes and sizes of farms, and they all grow a variety of things. "Arable" farms grow crops, while "pastoral" farms grow animals.

- Vineyard - grows grapes
- Orchard - grows fruits and nuts
- Stable - raises and trains horses
- Dairy farm - raises dairy cows
- Plantation - non-essential crops like cotton and coffee.



Pastoral farms may have one type of animal or many types of animals. These animals are raised for food, like milk and cheese, and other items, like wool.





The most common animals raised on farms are



- Cows
- Ducks
- Pigs
- Goats
- Sheep
- Rabbits
- Turkeys
- Chicken
- Horses

The most common crops grown on farms are

- Sugarcane
- Corn
- Wheat
- Potatoes
- Rice
- Soy beans
- Sugar beets
- Tomatoes
- Barley



If you call a local farmer and ask to spend a day helping on the farm, they will likely say, "Yes!" You will learn new things and appreciate the work our farmers do daily. Farms are fun!



# This or That Farms Activity

## Supplies:

- Magazines
- Poster paper
- Marker
- Glue
- Scissors

## Directions:

1. On your poster paper, draw a big T shape across the paper. Make sure the top of the T is only a few inches from the top, and the vertical line is down the middle of the paper.
2. Above the T, write "Arable" on the left side and "Pastoral" on the right side.
3. Cut out any food you find in your magazine. Try to find single food items, not plates or bowls with mixed foods.
4. Glue the photos to the appropriate side of your poster paper, labeling it either "arable" or "pastoral".
5. When your poster is full of photos, you can see what farms all your different foods come from!