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# Depending on Farmers

People depend on farmers. They grow the food we eat. Other things are grown on farms, too. Cotton and wool come from plants and animals. It takes special skills to grow a lot of plants, or **crops**. It also takes a lot of hard work.



▲ This farmer cuts his wheat crop.

▼ An early farming machine



Long ago, crops were raised by hand. Then, farming machines were **invented**. This helped farmers grow bigger crops. Bigger crops fed more people. Farming has changed the way people live all over the world.

▼ Today, farmers use big trucks.

