

Mr. and Mrs. Farmer's Day on the Farm (To be used with puppets)

- Mr. Farmer:** A farmer's day starts very early, usually before it gets light.
- Mrs. Farmer:** I am up early as well. I'll prepare breakfast to start our long day.
- Mr. Farmer:** Farming is an important job. All people must have food and farmers provide food by growing crops and taking care of farm animals.
- Mrs. Farmer:** Before he eats breakfast, Mr. Farmer goes out and milks the cows using the milking machine. He pours feed into a trough so that the cows can eat when they are hungry.
- Mr. Farmer:** The milking machines move the milk to a tank for a big truck to take it to the plant. The cows return to the pasture and eat grass all day. On my way back to the house I check the land that we will use for our family vegetable garden. It has been plowed and prepared for planting. I have sent soil samples from the garden and my corn field to be checked. I may need to add some fertilizer.
- Mrs. Farmer:** Later today, we'll have a meeting with someone to talk about irrigating our crops. When we need rain, we have to water the plants growing in our fields and in our family garden. The small hose we use in the garden will not work for the large fields of corn and hay we grow to feed our dairy cows. We must find another way.
- Mr. Farmer:** Also, I need to check my equipment to make sure that it is in good running order. I use a tractor with a plow to loosen the soil before I plant. I also use a planter to place seeds in the soil.
- Mrs. Farmer:** And he uses a cultivator to take care of weeds that grow between the rows of plants. In our garden, we can pull weeds by hand, but a tiller certainly makes the work easier.
- Mr. Farmer:** As you can see, our days on the farm are very busy. We work to grow crops and care for animals so that families can enjoy good food all year long. We also enjoy planting, tending, and harvesting a garden full of good vegetables and fruits for our family and friends. Did you know that you don't have to be a farmer to grow your own foods in a garden?
- Mrs. Farmer:** Farm work or any work can make you tired at the end of the day. The extra effort you give to a garden is really worth it!