

Farming

Quotations "Teaching kids how to feed themselves and how to live in a community responsibly is the centre of an education."

- Alice Waters

"Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous, and they are tied to their country and wedded to its liberty and interests by the most lasting bonds."

- Thomas Jefferson

Questions

- Farming is the backbone of any society. What do you think this means?
- What do you think farmers do in a typical day?
- Is farming an important industry in your country? What are the most farmed items in your country?
- Chile, Colombia and a growing number of other Latin American countries are taking a stand against Monsanto (and their use of GMOs), and their governments, by rejecting advancements to further convert their crops to patented seed stocks. Do you support farmers taking a stand against this powerful force?
- Recently, there has been a lot of video documenting the cruel and inhumane conditions and treatment of factory farmed animals. Do you feel that animals should be treated humanely or believe they are just a way to make money?
- What are the consequences of farmers using pesticides and herbicides on their crops?
- What are the consequences of livestock being fed unnatural feed, antibiotics, growth hormones and being housed in unsanitary conditions present?
- Do city folk look down on farmers or are they respected in your country?

Presentation Imagine you won the lottery and in order to keep the money, you had to create the perfect farm. Create a plan of what you would farm and how you would maintain the land.