

## The Jobs of the Farmer – Old MacDonald

Volunteers will lead the students in a song with movements.

First ask students to sit on the floor in front of you and ask them what a farmer does and what are specific jobs that a farmer needs to do on their farm. Take a few answers and praise the kids who are correct. You may say “that is a good guess” to the wrong answers.



Then tell them you have a song that will help them know the jobs of a farmer. Have everyone stand up and be at least an arm’s length from their neighbor.

The facilitator will help show you the movements for each “job” or you may make up your own. The point is to get the kids up and moving. NOTE: this activity takes some stamina!

**1 Planting Seed** – Old MacDonald had a farm, EIEIO. And on that farm, HE planted seed. EIEIO. We plant a seed here, and plant a seed there, here a seed, there a seed, everywhere we are planting seeds, EIEIO.

**2 Pulling Weeds** – Young Miss Daisy had a farm, EIEIO. And on that farm, SHE pulled some weeds. EIEIO. We pull some weeds here, and pull some weeds there, here’s a weed, there’s a weed, everywhere we are pulling weeds, and planting seeds. EIEIO.

**3 Feeding Pigs** – Old Mac Donald had a farm, EIEIO. And on that farm, HE fed the pigs. EIEIO. We fed the pigs here and fed the pigs there. Here’s a pig, there’s a pig, everywhere we are feeding pigs, and pulling weeds, and planting seeds. EIEIO.

**4 – Milking Cows** – Young Miss Daisy had a farm, EIEIO. And on that farm, SHE milked some cows. EIEIO. She milked a cow here and milked a cow there. Here’s a cow, there’s a cow, everywhere we are milking cows, and feeding pigs, and pulling weeds, and planting seeds. EIEIO.

**5 – Picking Apples** – Old Mac Donald had a farm, EIEIO. And on that farm, HE picked the apples. EIEIO. We picked the fruit here and picked the fruit there. Here’s a fruit, there’s a fruit, everywhere we are picking fruit, and milking cows, and pulling weeds, and planting seeds. EIEIO.

**6 – Driving a Tractor** - Young Miss Daisy had a farm, EIEIO. And on that farm, SHE drove the tractor. EIEIO. She drove the tractor here and drove the tractor there. And we picked the apples, and milked the cows, and fed the pigs, and pulled weeds, and planted seeds. EIEIO.

**7 – Scooped the Poop** – Old Mac Donald had a farm, EIEIO. And on that farm, HE scooped some poop. EIEIO. He scooped some poop here and scooped some poop there. Here’s some poop, there’s some poop, everywhere we are scooping poop, and moved it with the tractor, and we picked the apples, and milked the cows, and fed the pigs, and pulled weeds, and planted seeds. EIEIO.

**8 – Chased a Goat** – Young Miss Daisy had a farm, EIEIO. And on that farm, SHE chased a goat. EIEIO. She chased a goat here, and chased a goat there, the goat got out and is running everywhere, and we scooped the poop, and moved it with the tractor, and we picked the apples, and milked the cows, and fed the pigs, and pulled the weeds, and planted seeds. EIEIO.

**At the end of the song, ask the student to name some jobs of a farmer.**