



**Open Farm Weekend**  
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# 'FARMING THROUGH THE CENTURY'



*Children helped out on the farm with daily tasks and at busy times such as the potato harvest in September, they would miss school to help out.*

*The horse in the picture would have been used to plough fields and transport produce from the farm to sell at markets.*

*Each farm would have had their own hens to produce eggs for the family to eat, the farmer's wife and children would have looked after them. Pigs were a popular animal to keep due to the meat they provided.*

*The lady in the picture is using a spinning wheel to spin wool taken from the sheep. The wool was then used to produce clothes for the family.*

*Most cottages had a thatched roof – a roof that was made of straw. The straw would have come from the barley plant that the farmers grew in their fields.*

**In our grandparent's time, there was very little farm machinery so many hands were needed to complete tasks such as gathering the harvest. Since then there have been a lot of changes in Irish farming. Today machinery does a lot of the work, this means that less people are needed to run farms.**

