

Teacher's Note

- Help students make a list of modern farm machinery.
- Explain how technology has changed techniques of farming.
- Discuss about how small farms have been replaced by large farms or stations because of the advancements of technology.
- Obtain library books with your students to view different farm machinery used today.

Suggested Activities:

- ❖ Have a go at a brush harrow. Find a suitable strong branch. Tie a rope around the limb and have students take turns at ploughing a patch of dirt. Find an area where it is not going to upset anyone.
- ❖ The old scythe or sickle are similar. Maybe an older farmer has one still that you might be able to borrow to show your students. Be careful, a good one is very sharp. They are hard to come by. Hand tools are regarded as old fashioned yet they are invaluable to some rural families who still use them in difficult areas where electric mowers or brush cutters pose a problem.
- ❖ Visit a museum that has old farm machinery on display.
- ❖ Visit a dairy to show students the modern way of milking or visit a farm where hand milking is still done. A goat stud is a good place to visit too as often hand milking is done there as well.

Learning Area: T&E. **Strands:** TP, M, I, S. **Substrands:** TP1,2,3,4. M1,2. I1,2. S1,2.
Overarching: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12,13. **Linking Subjects:** Eng. and Art.