Ask a farmer

Farmers know a lot. Asking is optional; here's how, if the moment is right.

Before you ask

- ★ **Go with a grown-up.** Always.
- ★ **Pick a quiet moment.** No line? Good time.
- ★ **Only where they sell to the public,** like a market table or farm stand. Never on private land.
- ★ **Ask one or two questions.** Not all of them.
- ★ **Busy? That's OK.** Say "Maybe another time!" and smile.
- ★ **Say thank you.** Every time.

Pick a question

1. **What does a day on your farm start with?**
2. **What do you grow or raise, and when is it ready?**
3. **What kind of weather worries you most?**
4. **What's something you learned the hard way?**
5. **What would you tell a kid who wants to farm someday?**

All optional. Only if they have a minute.

What you don't see on a farm

Just notice and wonder. These are for you to think about, not to ask. (Money questions are private.)

- Seed, feed and fuel are bought long before anything is ready to sell.
- Animals need care every day, on holidays and in bad weather too.
- One storm, a dry spell or a late frost can change a whole season's work.
- When a machine breaks at harvest time, someone has to fix it fast.
- What has to happen before food gets to a store shelf or a market table?
- Count the jobs you can see on a farm. Now guess the ones you can't.

After you ask, write it down

Farm or market I visited: _____

What I asked: _____

What they said (in a sentence): _____

One thing it made me wonder: _____

Tell us what you learned. A grown-up can send it to **hello@ourtownalmanac.com**. First name and age only, or no name at all. We might share the best ones in the newsletter.

Earn your sticker. After you ask, print or save your **Good Question sticker**: ourtownalmanac.com/tn/fayetteville/community/shops-and-farms/

Any answer is a good answer, even "not today."