



The South African Pony Club



FARMING ACHIEVEMENT BADGE

GUIDELINES:

- To be able to identify the most commonly grown crops in the local area.
- To be able to talk about harvesting of named crops, including hay.
- To be able to identify different breeds of farm animals kept in the local environment.

KEYPOINTS:

- Identification of crops which may include: wheat, barley, oats, oilseed rape, peas, potatoes, turnips, Swedes.
- Brief descriptions of the harvesting processes, including making hay and silage.
- Identification of three breeds of domestic farm animal

TEACHING, TESTING IDEAS AND RESOURCES:

Many children will come from farming backgrounds and will therefore find this award easy to achieve. Others will find it extremely difficult and this is the group which will need the most help. As many farming issues, such as the production of crops for horse and pony feeds, impinge upon the equine industry it is vital that these issues are understood.

- a) Farm walk/rides, in summer (if suitable tracks/bridleways are available).
- b) Plant-head samples collected, dried and used for identification.
- c) Animals: Farm visits, County Shows, Photos, Flash cards.
- d) Individual discussions on harvesting techniques, use of cuttings from Farmers Weekly as 'flash cards' to identify crop types, harvesting machinery and animal breeds.
- e) Use of silhouettes to identify equipment; drawings of crops/animals to colour and identify.

Recommended Reading

Farming Achievement Badge Buddy

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