Farmer Time
Top Tips
For Teachers & Farmers

**Teachers:**

- Contact your farmer before the call, remember they are the experts in farming – you do not have to be. Make the farmer aware of your current learning in class and discuss any possible links.
- Establish beforehand what you would like to focus on in the call. This may be introductory questions to begin with and then develop into linking your classroom learning to the call.
- Plan the length of time that you want to spend on the call and test the technology beforehand.
- Prepare your class for the call and set expectations for behaviour.
- Think about learning activities to do before or following your call; Farmer Time has a couple of resources on Twinkl https://www.twinkl.co.uk/, or have a look at www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk for a host of food production, farming and outdoor education resources!
Farmers:

- Plan the length of time that you want to spend on the call and test the technology beforehand.
- Decide where you are going to make the call from on your farm: is the signal good, if not - does the Wi-Fi reach that area of the farm? If this is not an option, relocating to a different area would be advised.
- If you use farming vocabulary, remember to explain what it means – the children could start to create a farming vocabulary glossary.
- Additional support and ideas can be found here: https://leaf.eco/education/for-farmers/
- Follow @Farmer_Tom_UK on Twitter, and ask to be added to the Farmer Time Farmers discussion group to hear from other Farmer Time farmers!

If you have any queries or would like further support, please contact Tabitha.Salisbury@leaf.eco

If you’re interested in Future Farm Visits, although not part of the Farmer Time initiative, please contact our Regional Education Consultants for further information on how they might be able to support you: https://education.leafuk.org/regional-education-consultants

Safeguarding:

We ask schools to follow their own safeguarding procedures, including not leaving their students alone with the farmer on screen during Farmer Time calls. We also ask the farmers to ensure the teacher is present throughout the call. As the farmers will never be left alone with students, there is no legal requirement for them to be DBS checked. A link to LEAF Education’s safeguarding policy can be found here: https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/leaf-website/Safeguarding-Policy-Revised-January-2021.pdf