

Farmstead Friends

Dallas wasn't always a busy city! Early pioneers came to the Dallas area from Kentucky, Tennessee and even Europe looking for fertile farm land. Early Dallas had few roads and no shopping centers. Imagine life without electricity and indoor bathrooms. How would you survive in the 1860s? Use this activity guide to discover Texas Pioneer life!

Growing a Garden

The area now known as Dallas used to be open, fertile land. Many early settlers became successful farmers and built bustling homesteads that produced large crops of cotton, wheat, and corn.

Here at the Farmstead, there is a vegetable and herb garden in the back.



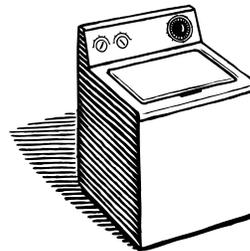
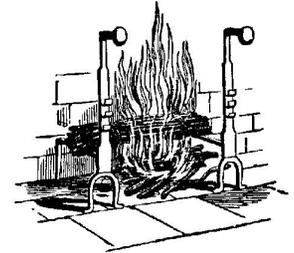
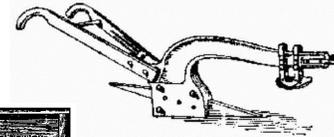
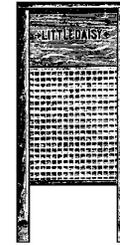
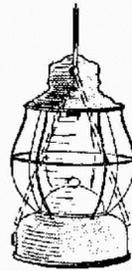
Sketch your own garden! What would you plant?



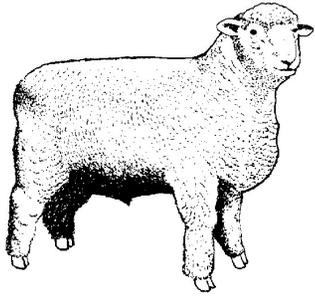
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Find these tools at the Farmstead.

Match them with the modern version below!



Animals were more than pets to the pioneers. Pioneers depended on animals for food, clothing and transportation.



Meet Winston, the sheep.

A lot of things we wear everyday use thread to create it. How many can you think of?
List a few.

Where do you go to buy clothing? _____

Why would a pioneer own sheep? _____

Hey, Chicken!



General Sam Houston is the Farmstead rooster.

How many hens are there in this flock? _____

There are over 100 breeds of chickens in the United States. The Farmstead chickens are called Dominques. You can tell a Dominique by the black and white barred feathers!
Give the rooster above some stripes to make it a true Dominique!

Rambouillet, Rambouillet have you any wool?
(pronounced ram-boo-lay)

Rambouillet sheep produce fine, dense wool used to make thread, yarn and fabric. First the sheep are sheared. Then their wool is cleaned and carded (combed out with toothed paddles). The clean wool is spun into thread that can be woven into fabric or made into yarn for knitting. Find everything the pioneers needed to make blankets and clothing!

