



NEW HAMPSHIRE FARM LIFE

Life on a New Hampshire farm is not easy! There are many chores to complete and problems to solve. But it can also be rewarding and fun. This chart shows a list of common situations on a New Hampshire farm in the 1800s and their solutions. Draw a line to match each situation with the correct solution.

Situation

The animals need to be fed, the cows need to be milked, the fields need to be weeded, food needs to be cooked, and fences and buildings need to be mended – all in one day! The entire family needs to help with daily chores.

New Hampshire's growing season is short.

A field needs to be cleared for planting more corn.

The hay harvest did not provide enough to feed the cattle over the winter.

The barn is collapsing and a new barn needs to be built before winter.

The pair of oxen that were born last spring have grown into very strong, beautiful adult animals.

Solution

Plant seeds in mid to late spring to make sure they get enough sun and water. Harvest the crops before the ground freezes in mid-autumn.

Ask neighboring farmer and his sons to help clear and plow the new field.

Gather all the neighbors for a barn raising.

Wake up before the sun rises so you can get all of your work done while there is enough daylight.

Enter the oxen in the local fair in September. They may win a prize!

Young children will feed the chickens, older children will feed the cows and horses and weed, mother will cook food and mend clothes, and father will work in the fields and fix the broken fence.

Trade some of your crops with a neighboring farmer to get the hay you need.