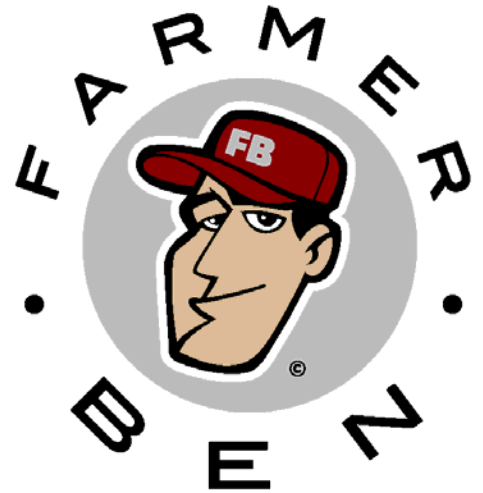


## FARMER BEN'S FARM BEAD BRACELET



The farm is the source of most of the food that we eat, shelter, and some of the clothes that we wear. The Farm Bead Bracelet is a way to remind us what farmers do. Each bead represents something important about farmers and farming.

### You will need:

Brown pipe cleaners  
White, black, red, purple, green, orange, yellow, and blue pony beads  
*Farming* by Gail Gibbons

### How to:

1. Read group a book about farms such as *Farming* by Gail Gibbons.
2. Provide each child with a brown pipe cleaner or piece of thin twine. The twine will represent the farm.
3. Have group add a white bead to the “bracelet” which represents milk. Discuss what products are produced from milk.
4. Add a black bead to the bracelet. This represents animals. Discuss what animals are grown on farms in your neighborhood.
5. Add a red bead to illustrate the needs for barns and farm buildings.
6. Farm workers and affiliated farming careers are represented by purple beads.
7. Add the green bead for farm machinery.
8. Orange beads stand for maintaining the machinery and buildings.
9. Yellow beads represent crops grown to feed us or to feed animals.
10. Finally add a blue bead to show the farm family.

### Bead – Representation

Pipe Cleaner- The entire farm  
White- Milk  
Black- Animals  
Red- Barns and buildings  
Purple- Workers  
Green- Machinery  
Orange- Maintenance  
Yellow- Crops  
Blue- Family

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