Farms and Gardens Key

**How to use:** This lesson is a fun way to help students understand some of the differences between farms and gardens.

1. Print and cut the photo cards.
2. Discuss farms and gardens. What experiences do they have with either? What are the similarities and differences? .
3. Shuffle the photo cards and distribute them to the class (either individually or in small groups).
4. Have the students look at the photos and place them into the correct section of a Farmer/Gardener Venn Diagram. Discuss the results.

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| **Category** | **Farm** | **Garden** |
| Planting space | Field | Garden |
| Seed volume | Bag of seeds | Packet of seeds |
| Size of rows | Long rows | Short rows |
| Types of plants together | Usually same plant per plot | Variety of plants per plot |
| Equipment used | Machinery | Hand tools |
| Equipment storage | Machine shed | Tool storage shed |
| Amount of food produced | Food for many families | Food for one family |
| Crop storage | Crop storage is large | Crop storage is small |
| Harvest | Harvested with machines | Harvested by hand |
| Planting | Planted with machines | Planted by hand |
| Irrigation/watering | Irrigation | Watered by hand |

**Both:**

Sun

Soil

Water

Note: To request a PDF file of the color pictures that go with this lesson, please the Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation at [info@iowaagliteracy.org](mailto:info@iowaagliteracy.org).