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The Wheat Farm

We make many types of food using flour from wheat... but where does wheat come from?



Wheat is grown on farms. First farmers plough their fields before sowing the seeds. Wheat seeds are sown in rows. On farms it is done by machines pulled by a tractor.

The seeds sprout and grow steadily. When the wheat plants dry out and turn brown the field is ready to be harvested.

A combine harvester is driven through the field. It cuts the stalks and separates the grain. Trucks are driven along behind the harvester to collect the grains. The left over stalks are bundled together into hay bales by a machine called a baler.

The grains are stored in silos. Grain is taken to the flour mill to be crushed into flour. Farmers keep some grain to be used for the next planting season.

I love eating bread and pasta made from wheat flour.

Write the missing words

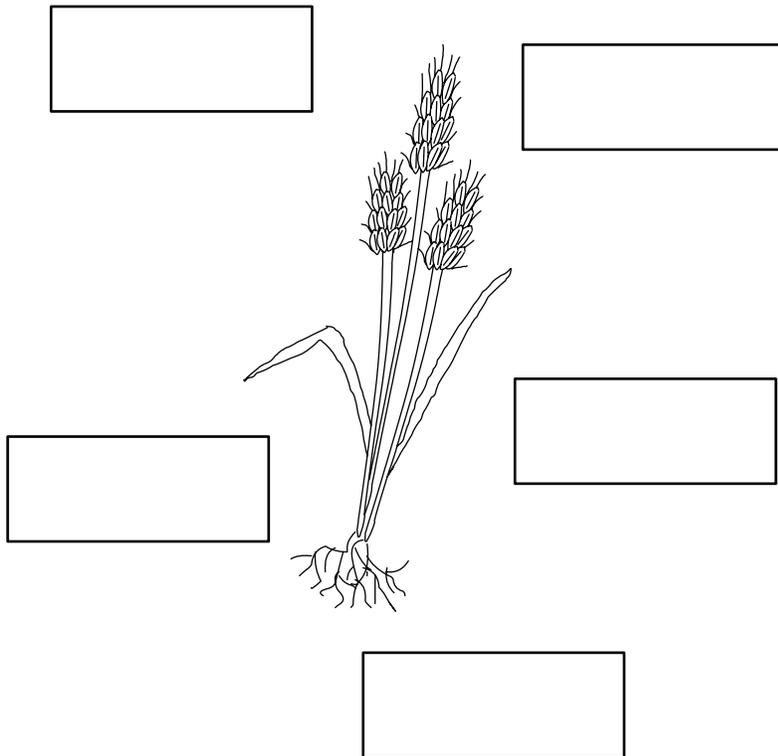
- 1) Flour is made from crushed wheat _____.
- 2) Bread and pasta are made from _____.
- 3) Farmers use machines pulled by _____ to plough their fields.
- 4) Wheat is harvested when the crop is dry and _____.
- 5) Farmers keep some wheat to _____ the next season's crop.

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Label the parts of the wheat plant:

grain leaves stalks head roots



Answer these questions

1) Which part of the wheat plant is crushed to make flour?

2) Which parts are collected as hay bales?

3) Which part grows under the ground?

Write another word with a similar meaning

plough _____

harvest _____

sow _____

pulled _____

bundled _____

stored _____

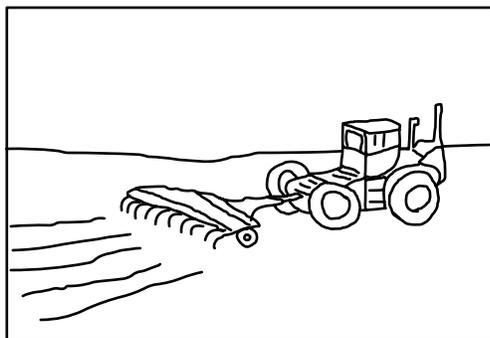
Draw three things wheat plants need to grow.
Label your pictures.

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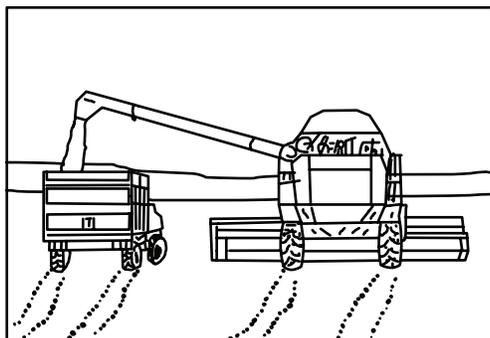
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Explain how each piece of farm equipment works.

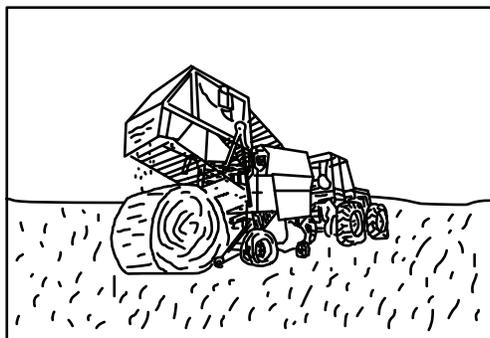
1) The Plough



2) The Combine Harvester



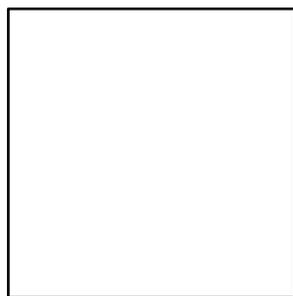
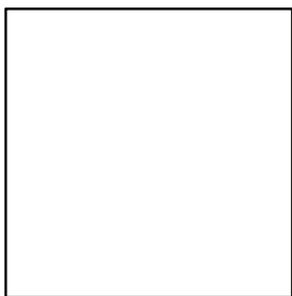
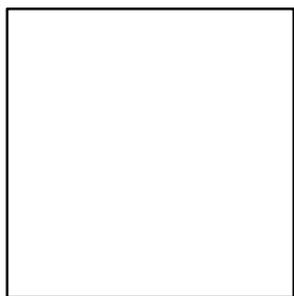
3) The Baler



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Draw and label some products that are made from wheat flour.



Importing and Exporting Wheat

Sell or buy?

To export wheat is to _____
wheat to other countries.

To import wheat is to _____
wheat from other countries.

Top 5 Exporters: 2008-2009 (million tonnes)

1. United States ... 26.7
2. Russia ... 18.5
3. Canada ... 17.7
4. Australia ... 13.5
5. Ukraine ... 12.5

Top 5 Importers: 2008-2009 (million tonnes)

1. Egypt ... 9.5
2. Iran ... 8.5
3. Brazil ... 6.5
4. Algeria ... 5.5
5. Japan ... 5.5

Explain how these weather conditions might affect a country's wheat exports.

1) Drought _____

2) Flood _____

3) Storms _____

Answer these questions.

1) How many million tonnes of wheat did Australia export in 2008-2009?

2) Which country exported the most wheat in 2008-2009?

3) Why do you think countries like Egypt and Iran import wheat?

