FAMILY-FUN ON THE FARM

The Kemps Little Farm Hands is an agricultural education exhibit at the Minnesota State Fair. Children become Farm Hands at this free, hands-on, make-believe exhibit. Farm Hands, are given work aprons, help with farm chores, collect goods to sell at the Farmers’ Market, and then spend their earnings at the Grocery Store. This mock-farm consists of six miniature barns, a grain bin, a tractor yard, six gardens, an apple orchard and a farmers’ market, all connected by a single pathway. Recommended for children ages 5 to 10.

BACK AGAIN! Ag-Vestigator. Learn interesting farm facts while earning an Ag-Vestigator Ribbon! For farm hands 11 years and older.

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MANY YEARS OF HELPING THE WORLD EAT
1. Start Barn
Kids are given work aprons and become State Fair Farm Hands. They grab a harvesting basket and get their first set of instructions... “To the Farm.”

2. Field of Knowledge
So much of what happens on the farm happens in the field! As they make their way through rows of corn, soybeans, sugar beets, wheat, and skyscraper-size sunflowers, Farm Hands learn about the importance of the weather, water cycle, pollination and rich soil.

3. Minnesota Corn Growers Grain Bin
The animals need to be fed, so their food is collected from the Grain Bin. Farm Hands pick up corn to feed their farm friends.

4. Cargill Tractor Shed & Lot
A farm is not complete without straw bales. Farm Hands hop on tractors and haul bales to the straw stack.

5. Chicken Coop
Farm Hands take kernels of corn, feed chickens, and gather eggs to sell at the Farmers’ Market.

6. Apple Orchard
Farm Hands pick apples from the orchard and sell them at the Farmers’ Market.

7. Sheep Barn
Farm Hands learn the difference between cotton and wool textures at the Sheep Barn. They collect wool from a sheared sheep to sell at the Farmers’ Market.

8. Kemps Dairy Barn
Farm Hands take turns on a milking stool, collecting milk from the State Fair Holstein or Guernsey, then collect milk cartons to sell at the Farmers’ Market.

9. The Garden
In the Garden, Farm Hands reap what they sow. Armed with garden gloves and trowels, Farm Hands plant vegetable seeds in one part of the garden, then harvest ripe veggies from another to sell at the Farmers’ Market.

10. Farmers’ Market
With full baskets, Farm Hands take their goods and sell them at the Farmers’ market. After they are paid with play money for their farm products, it’s time to hang up the aprons and go shopping.

11. Cub Grocery Store
Retired Farm Hands buy an item that is related to the farm with their play money. Possible items for sale include: apples, fruit snacks, ice cream, juice or vegetables.

12. Ag-Vestigator
Farm Hands 11+ become Ag-Vestigators by exploring the Little Farm Hands path to answer farm questions. Scan the QR code in the Start Barn with your phone to access and answer the questions. At the end, after checking their answers, they receive a ribbon naming them an official Farm Hand Ag-Vestigator.