Illinois State Standards:
SCI-12.A.2a, 12.B.2b, 13.A.2b

Pre-Visit Activities

1. Have the children list as many items as they can that contain corn, wheat, or soy. Keep the list on hand and see if the children were correct after their visit to the farm.

2. Have the children research the kinds of activities that take place on a modern day farm in the Midwest region. Afterwards, make a list of the findings and try to figure out which ones took place in 1920 at Wagner Farm, and which ones might be done differently.

Post-Visit Activities

1. Have the children identify the farm equipment they saw on their visit to Wagner Farm. See if each child can remember the name and what that equipment does on the farm.
   *please refer to worksheet A

2. Have the children go home and find 5 things that contain each of the following:
   1. Corn
   2. Soy
   3. Wheat
   Each child should write down what the product is and bring it to class the next day. Make a master list of the items and compare the findings to what was learned on their visit.

Teacher Resources

http://www.agintheclassroom.org

http://www.livinghistoryfarm.org/index.html


http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/kids/index.html
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What is this machine called?
Manure Spreader

What does this machine do?
This is used to spread manure out in the fields to use as fertilizer for the farm crops.

What is this machine called?
Corn Picker

What does this machine do?
This machine harvests and husks the ear of corn from the plant before carrying it up the conveyor belt to be dropped in a wagon.

What is this machine called?
Hay Loader

What does this machine do?
This machine takes hay from the ground, carries it up the ramp and drops the hay into a wagon that follows behind it.

What is this machine called?
Plow

What does this machine do?
This machine turns the ground over to make the land easier to work and plant crops.