

# HARVEST

## Some facts about harvest time on the farm



### What is Harvest ?

Harvest time is when the farmer's crops, fruit, vegetables or even flowers are gathered in from the fields.



### What time of the year is harvest?

The harvesting of the various crops and food takes place throughout the year. The main harvest for an arable farmer in the U.K. is usually in the months of July and August.



### What are the main crops?

On an arable farm some of the main crops are wheat, barley, oats and oil seed rape.



### What do these crops make?

Wheat - Flour to make Bread  
Barley - Malted Biscuits and Beer  
Oats - Cereals and Biscuits  
Oil Seed Rape - Oil for cooking



### The Combine Harvester

Many years ago the harvest was collected using the farm horses and farm workers. It took months to complete.

Nowadays it is done with lots of different large machinery to include the combine harvester. The combine harvester is one of the most important pieces of machinery at harvest time and can do the work of 1,000 men!



### Why is the weather important?

The farmer will have worked long hours and spent a lot of money growing his crops. They need good weather during harvest so the crops are dry when collected so they can be stored without rotting.



### The Importance of British Food

Many foods are grown and produced right here on our doorsteps. Choosing British food means enjoying the delicious food that our varied countryside and climate produces. It also helps support the farmers who look after the beautiful countryside that we all enjoy.

