

# Interactive Fun: Farmer Dress-Up

## Objective:

To project the message that farmers wear many hats as they do their job. Some of these “hats” include business person, veterinarian, electrician, engineer, horticulturist, mechanic, etc.

## What you need:

- A variety of hats, shoes, and clothing that demonstrate the many “hats” of farmers and break down stereotypes about the “Old Macdonald” type of farmer.
  - Examples: Suit jacket, coveralls, briefcase, hard hat, rubber boots, dress shoes, women’s clothing, tie, tool belt, etc.
- A sign or banner advertising your activity
- Laundry baskets, clothing hooks, etc.
- Mirrors
- Carpet or foam tiles to put on the floor (depending on the surface)
- Chairs (for children and parents as they wait)

## Variation:

- Put clothing items and accessories into a bag. Have children pull out the items one by one and discuss if a farmer would use/wear each item.
  - **For example:**
    - Do farmers wear lipstick? [Nooo!] Did you know that not all farmers are men? There are lots of lady farmers too, who take care of animals and grow crops.
    - Do farmers wear neckties? [Nooo!] Did you know farmers are businesspeople too! When they’re not in the barn you might find them in important meetings.

## Fun add-ons:

- Have a Polaroid camera on hand so children can take home a souvenir of their farmer dress-up.

