



15 Minute
Farmer
Time

TEACHER OVERVIEW

Wonderful Wool



Outcomes:

- Explore how plants and animals are grown for food, clothing and shelter. ([VCDSTC035](#))
- Explore the characteristics and properties of materials and components that are used to create designed solutions. ([VCDSTC017](#))
- Visualise, generate, and communicate design ideas through describing, drawing and modelling. ([VCDSCD019](#))
- Living things have a variety of external features and live in different places where their basic needs, including food, water and shelter, are met. ([VCSSU042](#))
- Objects are made of materials that have observable properties. ([VCSSU044](#))

Lesson Description:

This 15-Minute Farmer Time explores the features and needs of sheep on a farm. Students will have the opportunity to hear first-hand from Victorian producer, Farmer Grant about the different tasks that he performs each day to care for the animals on his farm. Students will develop an understanding of the journey wool takes from farm to fibre and will put their creativity to the test as they design their own woolly jumper. Students will use hands on materials to create their own paper plate sheep, considering the external features of sheep raised for wool production.

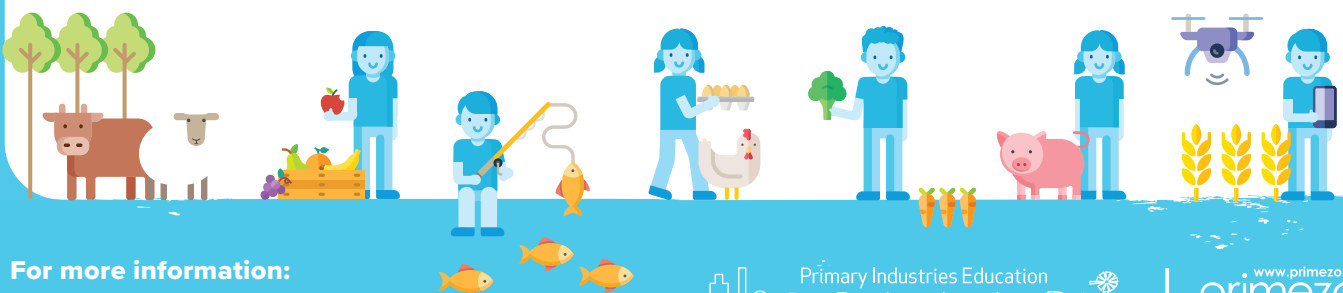
Resources:

- Internet/computer access for provided links
- Printable 'Needs of a Sheep' Activity Sheet
- Small paper plate
- Cotton balls
- Googly eyes
- Stapler or glue
- Scissors
- Marker
- Printable 'Woolly Jumper' Design Template

Activity Sequence:

- **Activity 1:** Farmer Profile Read or Listen Task
- **Activity 2:** Farmer Time Video and Response Task
- **Activity 3:** Making a Paper Plate Sheep
- **Activity 4:** 'Charlie the Shearing Kid' Video
- **Activity 5:** Ordering the Journey from Fleece to Fibre Drag and Drop Task
- **Activity 6:** Design Your Own Woolly Jumper

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Links:

- Farmer Grant's Profile: <https://farmertime.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Pre-Recorded-Farmer-Profiles.pdf>
 - VIC Farmer Time – 'A Day in the Life of a Sheep Farmer': <https://youtu.be/SdXPJ8xG99E>
 - Printable 'Needs of a Sheep' Activity Sheet: <https://farmertime.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/how-do-farmers-care-for-their-sheep-worksheet.pdf>
 - 'Making a Paper Plate Sheep' Video Instructions: <https://youtu.be/nf3JmR5-9yc>
 - 'Charlie the Shearing Kid' Video: https://youtu.be/V_2V6-Cevso
- Source: www.youtube.com. (n.d.). *Charlie the Shearing Kid - Behind the News*. [online]
Available at: https://youtu.be/V_2V6-Cevso [Accessed 1 May 2022]
- Printable Design Template Activity Sheet: <https://farmertime.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Woolly-jumper-design-template.pdf>

