

Success Is All About the Crops

Creating a successful Farmville farm requires learning which crops will work for your playing habits, and using the highest experience producing crops when you have time.

When you start out playing Farmville and want to advance quickly you must learn about which crops will give you the best success. You earn experience points and coins for planting and harvesting crops, but not all crops are created equal.

Berries will be your most profitable choice, but require the highest amount of time commitment. As an example, strawberries are one of your starting crops. Strawberries are a fast growing fruit in Farmville, maturing and ready to harvest in only 4 hours. To greatly accelerate your starting efforts convert almost your entire farm to strawberries. One word of caution, you are going to be busy. Your need to harvest every four hours, or more often if you don't plant all of your strawberries at approximately the same time. Strawberries also wilt, and will require replanting on a regular basis. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, since you get additional points for planting your crops.



Since most people enjoy sleeping, you need to plan your strategies for when you will be away from your farm for sleep, or work. Pumpkins can be an excellent choice during these times. You have more time between harvests and wilting, allowing you a good nights sleep. It also helps to keep the boss from yelling at your for logging into Farmville.

As you progress further in the game, you will have the opportunity to start planting blueberries. Blueberries will become your crop of choice for overnight and other periods where you can not harvest for more 8 hours. Blueberries can take the place of your pumpkins, and have a higher return in experience points.

Raspberries are for the dedicated farmers. You get your highest return on raspberries, but they take serious playing time. You will need to login every two hours to keep your farm running optimally with raspberries. If you are serious about moving up levels quickly, plant raspberries.

For those times when you need to be away for the PC for longer periods of times, rice is an excellent crop. Rice allows you to be away for over 11 hours, giving you plenty of time for a day at work or a good nights sleep.

Other crops you must explore include grapes, tomatoes, coffee, and



carrots. The crops all give you more time than strawberries and raspberries, with reasonable returns in experience points. Grapes can give you up to 16 hours away from the PC, depending what level your are at.

Just like a real farm, you must plan your farm strategy, and use your resources wisely for the fastest methods to reach new levels. Don't let your crops whither and die while you are away, when you can plant crops which will continue producing through the night. The success of your Farmville Empire is at stake. Once you know the proper techniques, your friends will stare in amazement as your farm flourishes and grows beyond their wildest dreams.

Getting Serious With Vehicles

If you want to speed up your farming activities there is no faster way than buying vehicles to help do the work. You have a choice of 3 great vehicles to help in all aspects of farming, the Tractor, the Seeder, and the Harvester. Have your coins in hand, these vehicles cost 30,000 coins each.

It is not just a matter of buying a vehicle, you need to plan ahead of time before you make your purchase. These vehicles require storage space on your farm, this impacts what other items you can have. The Tractor and



Seeder require a full 4x2 empty space your property. The harvester is even larger requiring a 4x3 area. When you have acquired all 3 you will be using a full 28 squares just to store your equipment, so make sure you plan ahead.

One item which surprises most Farmville residents when they buy vehicles is the fuel tank. All three vehicles share one fuel tank. When you buy your first vehicle, you get the fuel tank and fuel. With the 150 units of included fuel you can plow, seed, or harvest 150 plots of crop land. After you run out of fuel, you have three options. First, wait almost 7 hours for the automatic fuel refill. Second, buy a refill with Farmville Cash (Yes, this requires you spend real world dollars, not Farmville coins.). Third, if you are a chicken farmer, you may hit paydirt and get a mystery egg with free fuel refills, JACKPOT.

Since you are limited on fuel, make sure you plan your vehicle use carefully. The harvester is the one requiring the most intensive planning, since you can harvest multiple crops simultaneously. Plan your crops to mature at the same times side by side, and you can get the most advantage from your harvester.

Plowing, seeding, and harvesting all take place in 4x4 squares. You choose



your vehicle, and select the ground you want to plow. When you go to start seeding, after you select the spot to plant, you will automatically end up at the seed store to buy your seeds. Using vehicles requires a little more thought and planning than doing all the work by hand, but the rewards can be higher.

One more surprise, when you plow, you pay. It will cost you 60 coins for plowing a 4x4 square of land. Make sure to keep plenty of coins on hand, and plant only crops which will give you a good return on investment when you harvest. You don't want to turn farming into a losing game.

When you move up to using vehicles, you start farming like the pros. You get more work done in less time, allowing you to harvest more crops. With good planning your Farmville farm will be producing higher profits, and gathering more experience points to help you level up faster.

As with any Farmville tool, learning the proper techniques can help you have more fun, and greater success.

Farmville Ideas - Using Hay Bales to Level Up

Farmville is a blast, but trying to figure out ways to move a level ahead of



your friends can sometimes be challenging. The best way to beat your friends is not working longer, it is learning to work smarter. Learning techniques for accelerating your opportunities to level up, will quickly put you in the lead.

If you have managed to save up a little money, one technique you can use to increase levels quickly is leveraging the power of the lowly hay bale. Hay bales are one of the cheapest items you can purchase, and normally they lay around on the farm doing no good, except for decoration.

Once you discover the power of hay bales, you may never look at them the same. Hay bales can be purchased for as little as 100 coins each. The magic is in the 5 experience points each bale carries with it. By purchasing large amounts of bales, you can quickly increase your experience point count, and move up a level. Quickly turn around and sell off your hay bales to grab back 5 coins on each bale. This technique can dwindle your coin account quickly, but does enrich your experience points.

Don't neglect giving away hay bales as gifts to neighbors. Anything you can offer as a gift helps to bond friendships, and can result in receiving beneficial gifts in return.



The other place hay bales are critical is for trapping your farmer. Your farmer likes to wander away from the area you want work done in. By using hay bales you can trap him in an area and keep him focused on the job. Having an efficient farmer helps you earn coins, experience points, and to level up faster. Sometimes you just need to get the guy out of the way, so other work can be done. Trapping your farmer in the middle, or in a corner is a great way to keep all the other action going. Some Farmville players even build elaborate areas within their ring of hay bales to entertain their poor trapped farmer.

Even though this won't help you level up, it is fun. If you enjoy decorating your farm, hold on to your hay bales and use them for creating interesting patterns, and structure. There are even some great techniques for making your farm appear to have rolling hills using your hay bales. When you enjoy decorating, don't buy only the cheap bales, but also buy colored bales. You can make great artwork on your farm by carefully arranging the bales. You can write your name, create a cross stitch pattern, or whatever your heart desires. It is just one more place to have fun and be original on Farmville.

As you can see, hay bales aren't just to lay around and waste space. They are a tool to help you level up, create new and exciting areas, and to help



manage your farmer. Take time to learn the tricks and methods of Farmville and soon you will be the envy of all your Facebook friends.

Planning Your Farm's Space for Success

Every Farmville player has dreams of the items, and the layout they would love to achieve. Before you get to caught up in your dreams of conquests, and acquisition, you may want to make sure it will all fit. All items in Farmville take up space, and you need to plan your layout carefully for the best success. Here is the requirements for a few of the most popular items:

Crops - Require a 4x4 square. This one almost everyone is aware of since you start off with crops.

Animals, The critical creatures can take up space fast, so plan your animal population carefully, and with a plan in mind:

Chickens, Calfs, Goats, Lambs, Pigs, Turkeys, Rabbits, and Ducks all require a 1x1 plot.

Cows, Horses, Donkeys, and Alpacas require a 2x2 piece of land.

The Baby Elephant requires a 3x3 square of land. (Why do you want an elephant?)



Farm Buildings - These wonderful structures can fill up your property fast, plan your layout carefully before building.

Fruit Stands, Gazebos, Grain Silos, Rest Tents, Wells, and windmills all require only a 2x2 plot of land.

Chicken Coop - 3x5 - This can be one of your most valuable buildings using strategies to accumulate eggs.

Barn - 6x8 - While on a real farm the barn is usually the biggest building, you'll quickly see it is only a tiny structure compared to some.

Tool Shed - 4x4

Work Shop - 3x6

Greenhouse - 4x6

Houses and Living Spaces - You're earning great money, you need somewhere to live, just make sure you don't destroy all your farming land in the process:

Log Cabin or Cottage - 4x8 - These small homes takes up only a little space for you serious and frugal farmers.

Farm House - 5x8 - When you start making a little more money, you might need a real house.



Manor - 6x11 - You must be getting really successful now.

Estate - 10x7 - The start of every mighty farmers dreams.

Villa - 10x12 - You must be one of those wealthy farmers.

Lodge - 13x10 - Now you're just getting greedy, how many kids are you planning on having?

Farm Equipment - To run a successful farm you need heavy duty equipment, make sure you have room to keep them on the farm.

Tractor - 4x2 - An essential to faster plowing.

Seeder - 4x2 - Get those seeds in the ground fast, no successful farmer can live without it.

Harvester - 4x3 - You must be trying to put your poor farmer out of work. When you want to get the harvesting done fast you must have a harvester.

As you can see, without careful planning you won't have enough room on your property for all your essential items. We did not even cover the long list of fun decorations you can include. Put together a vision of your farm early, and you can fill it with wonderful items and still have room for great crop and animal production. Learning the ins and outs of Farmville help you have more fun, and avoid frustrations as you continue to expand your online world.



Tips for Success with Your Chicken Coops

When you are trying to level up in Farmville you need every technique to increase your success. One area you can use to increase the speed of your farm is the chicken coop. You can earn extra coins, experience points, and get your elusive mystery eggs with a little extra work. One technique used by many Farmville experts is coop stuffing. Coop stuffing allows you to accelerate the process of acquiring coins and eggs.

Here are some ideas to increase the production of your chicken coop:

- 1. If you are trying to build up coins it is best to stuff your coop with 20 chickens. Make sure you put in at least one ready chicken before you harvest. You receive bonus coins for using a full coop.
- 2. If the goal is the maximum amount of eggs with the least amount of effort, you can use less chickens. Only place one or two ready chickens into the coop at a time, and harvest. Remove the harvested chickens and replace with another ready chicken. This method will not get you the coin bonus, but does allow you to quickly accumulate eggs. Most people experience their highest success by having several gold chickens in the



coop with the ready chicken.

- 3. Don't forget to feed your chickens. Many Farmville fans report a higher percentage of mystery eggs when keeping their chickens fed.
- 4. Mystery eggs tend to show up more commonly when you have more chickens in the coop.
- 5. Don't over look the importance of mystery eggs. These mystery eggs are filled with great bonuses, fuel refills, pink flamingos, garden gnomes, hot tubs, and other cool additions for your farm. Even more importantly, they can give you additional colored chickens for your farm.
- 6. Sharing your mystery eggs with friends can help you build better relationships to fuel even faster farm growth. You can post your eggs to friends, and up to five friends can claim an egg and enjoy the mystery inside.
- 7. When stuffing your coops, you can re-use your harvested chickens, just make sure to always include at least one ready chicken to make the coop ready for harvest. You often will get additional eggs from your previously harvested chickens.



The most important thing about using your chicken coop to accelerate your accumulation of coins and experience is consistency. Take care of your chickens and harvest eggs often for the highest success. It is like everything else on Farmville, the more efficient you are at farming the more you can learn and earn.

Currently you are restricted to one chicken coop, but watch for this to change. It will either be higher capacity coops, or possibly you will be allowed to use multiple chicken coops.

As with any game, learning new techniques helps you move ahead of your friends very quickly. While they struggle to learn, you can take the shortcut of learning new ideas by doing a little studying. Your friends will be begging your for advice as your farm grows wildly beyond their accomplishments. Keep learning, and have a great harvest.

The Addiction You Can Embrace With Joy

Come on, if you are reading this, you already know what we are talking about. You have become one of the millions of Farmville addicts. Here's the 10-Step Program for Farmville addicts.



- 1. Expand your farm rapidly, you need to hurry up and have a 22x22 farm, because you know the 24x24 is coming soon. You don't want to be the last of your neighbors to have a 24x24 farm.
- 2. Coop stuffing is required. You need to get those golden chickens in and out of your coop quickly, and put those pregnant hens in. Collecting mystery eggs can help you rapidly get coins, cool accessories, free fuel, and many other great benefits.
- 3. Help your neighbors. You must create relationships and help out on other farms. There is no better way to expand your experience points, receive gifts, and to find people to help you out in keeping a healthy growing farm.
- 4. Planning is essential. You are a professional farmer. You need to plan your crops, plan your field layout, and place your animals in the proper places to get the highest returns from your farm.
- 5. Get involved in a Farmville forum. You need to keep up on the latest news about Farmville. You never know when a new mystery, or new upgrade is about to happen.



- 6. Explain your addiction to friends, and tell them all of those invitations are not meant to annoy them. You know they need to play, because it is the right thing to do. Explain those dark circles under your eyes are from intensive late nights of serious fun.
- 7. Take pictures of your farm and share it with everyone. You have worked hard to develop the property. You know it looks better than your real yard. In Farmville you have garden gnomes, pink flamingos, wells, and other beautiful features. Best of all, they require low amounts of maintenance.
- 8. Buy a Farmville T-shirt, 2 Farmville mugs (one for home and one for the office), and buy a Farmville hat. Your wardrobe and accessories need to let people know you are not just some share cropper, you are a plantation owner growing serious cash crops.
- 9. Keep a Farmville guide in the bathroom. No reason to waste this valuable time. You could be expanding your skills and having the best farm among all your friends and neighbors.
- 10. Buy stronger coffee. Sleep is optional for a serious farmer. In those 8



hours you were going to sleep you could have harvested more berries, made more coins, racked up experience points, and found a few more neighbors. You can always sleep the next time your internet service goes down.

Being a Farmville addict does not require counseling, or stress therapy. Farmville is the stress therapy so many of us need. A fun and enjoyable escape from the television, the stress of the day, and a way to share with friends. Embrace your addiction, it is one of the few addictions you can enjoy without guilt.

The Importance of Gifts

One of the biggest tragedies on Farmville is when gifts are wasted. Many Farmville users will ignore, or not accept all incoming gifts because they already have the item. It's time to change your habit, and increase your opportunity.

The best strategy is to accept every incoming gift you are offered. When you fail to accept, you have just shut down a path for future gifts. Next week or next month this same person may have the exact item you desire so badly, but instead of gifting it to you, they will send it to another more



appreciative friend.

Yes, your gift box may fill up quickly with items you don't need, but is that a bad thing? You can sell them off quickly and add to your own stash of coins, to buy items you really want. The extra gifts also allows you to do more gifting, which expands your circle of influence and brings more gifts back to you, possibly great gifts.

One thing you want to check before gifting is to make sure you are sending to an active player. Farmville residents come and go at very fast rates. Sending gifts to people who are not actively playing will be a waste of your time and theirs.

You will probably discover there are some players who don't accept your gifts, don't worry, just move along and continue to be a happy giver. You might want to send them a note about the importance of giving and receiving gifts or even direct them to this simple note.

Farmville is an ever evolving world with new items being added on a regular basis. If you don't participate in the two way street of giving and receiving, you may be the last of your friends to acquire the latest hot item for your farm. Many times these items circulate rapidly through gift



exchanges as someone discovers a way to accumulate the item easily.

Need a garden gnome to complete the garden for your trapped farmer? You will probably get one as a gift. Don't have a chicken coop yet? Most likely a friend has an extra one they will share as a gift. Do you have extra items you don't need? Gift them, and keep the flow of items going. The free flow of gifts helps everyone quickly expand their farms and have the most fun possible. Not giving, or accepting gifts puts the entire game into slow motion.

Remember, when you don't accept, you quickly quit receiving. When you don't give, you do not establish new connections, and new relationships. Farmville is the most popular game on Facebook for one reason, it extends the relationship and fellowship feel of Facebook in a fun, easy, and friendly way. Farmville is not just about farming, it is a true small town farming community where sharing, giving, receiving, and helping all play a major role in daily life, and success.

Don't stand on the sidelines, become a part of the Farmville community and expand your game through gifts.

Farmville the Power of Neighbors



Farmville can be fun playing all by yourself, just tending to your own little plot. It is even more fun when you share your experience with friends and family on Facebook. Then when you decide to get serious about this exciting game you will need to explore the power of good neighbors.

The first factor you need to understand about neighbors is the gifting portion of Farmville. Everyone receives items they cannot use, either because they already have one, or simply aren't interested in the aspect of Farmville at the moment. Many of these extra items can be given away as gifts to your neighbors to help them accelerate the building of their farms. Likewise, as your build good relationships with your neighbors, they will give you gifts which will help you build a better and more productive farm.

Being a good neighbor isn't all about gifts, sometimes it is helping out. Your farmer can visit the neighbors farms and help in the work and harvest. Helping other Farmville residents helps to give you extra life experience points. Having good neighbors is also one more way to help your own farm grow. By pooling resources and efforts, you can all have healthier, faster growing farms.



Choosing neighbors who have different sleep schedules can be a brilliant move. They can help out on your farm while you snore throughout the night. Being a good neighbor means you need to be ready to reciprocate during your hours in Farmville. Being a good neighbor is not a one way street.

Finding neighbors is very easy, start off by exploring the neighbors function in Farmville and finding your friends who play. For the best benefits you want to find friends who are seriously addicted to the game. They will be more willing to gift, and to come work on your farm. They understand the power of sharing in the experience, and want you to help them gain in experience points also.

You can also find many people making friends requests in forum and groups on Facebook. Take the time to do a little searching and soon you will have plenty of active neighbors to help you enjoy and grow in Farmville.

One factor you don't want to overlook about neighbors is the ability to request a gift. If you know there is an item you really need to explode your growth, you are sure to have a neighbor who might have it. Ask your neighbors and send a polite gift request. You can expand your farm



quickly, and without spending high amounts of coins. Just remember, this is a two way street. Don't be greedy with your items, make sure you share you excess and build relationships with your neighbors, it is one of the fastest ways to success in Farmville.

Learning to play Farmville successfully is both exciting and fun. By taking the time to read, experiment, and learn, you will become the expert among your friends and neighbors. You will quickly be the players with the highest bankroll, the finest looking farm, and the highest level of play.

The Secrets Inside Those Mystery Eggs

Mystery Eggs are one of those wonderful treasures to cultivate in Farmville. The first requirement of course is chickens. If you don't have chickens, no eggs. The second item you need is a chicken coop. The best way to start off with both chickens and a coop is to find a neighbor with too many. They can only use one coop, and many times have an extra one sitting in a gift box, and are unable to use it. You can even offer to buy a chicken coop if you can't find one as a gift.

Mystery eggs come in several varieties, white, brown, black, and gold. To get the best variety of mystery eggs you will need to accumulate chickens



of the correct colors. Here are some of the current gifts you can earn through mystery eggs:

- * From a premium white mystery egg you might receive A chicken coop, a white chicken, brown chicken, garden gnome, pink flamingo, picnic basket, or scarecrow.
- * Finding a brown mystery egg in your coop could result with a brown chicken, a black chicken, or a single fuel refill.
- * Black mystery eggs can help you add A black chicken, a golden chicken, or 10 fuel refills.
- * The coveted golden mystery egg can bring you Another golden chicken, a hot tub, a tree swing, a garden gnome, a fire pit, 20 fuel refills, a carousel, a zen garden, or an animal float.

Don't hoard your mystery eggs. One of the biggest benefits to accumulating mystery eggs is in creating relationships. You can gift mystery eggs out to 5 friends, allowing them to discover and accumulate more items for their farms, also. The benefits which flow back to you by being a good neighbor and friend far exceed the benefits of just opening a single egg.



Don't forget to watch for your neighbors and friends to gift mystery eggs, also. It is important to be both a receiver and a giver in Farmville. One of the finest aspects of Farmville is in growing your community of friends.

Many people use a technique called coop stuffing to accelerate finding mystery eggs. They will take one chicken who is ready to lay, and put it in the coop with 19 other chickens. Often you will harvest several eggs from this technique, even though the other chickens were not ready. You can keep rotating in other ready chickens, and work to find more eggs. Some people have good luck even using a smaller number of chickens. Since the golden eggs contain the highest value, stuffing your coop with golden chickens can increase your odds of finding a golden mystery egg.

As you'll quickly discover playing Farmville, every good thing requires work. Stuffing coops takes time and effort, but the rewards can be very high. You not only find additional mystery eggs, but you increase your coins and experience points.

Farmville is best enjoyed by learning great ideas to increase you opportunities to level up and expand your farm. Never stop learning, and Farmville will stay exciting for a long time.



Time to Go Big With Land Expansion

You have been busy learning the ins and outs of Farmville, plowing, planting, and harvesting. Now you are chomping at the bit, ready to add some of those cool accessories, get some buildings, and considering buying some farm equipment. The problem is on your tiny 12x12 piece of land there is no room. It's time to start your efforts to expand your Farmville property.

If you have hit the point you are out of room the first thing you'll need to do is make sure you have some coins and neighbors in place. Your first step in expansion is jumping from 12x12 up to 14x14. Before you can make this move you'll need 8 neighbors and 10,000 coins. This will gain you an additional 52 blocks of real estate to work with.

The next step in expansion is the 16x16 expansion pack. Hopefully you've continued saving your money. This one is going to set you back another 25,000 coins, and requires you have 10 neighbors. Take note, you cannot jump from a 12x12 starter farm directly to a 16x16, you must go through the purchase of a 14x14 expansion first. If you want to expand quickly, and have 10 or more neighbors, you could quickly purchase the 14x14 expansion, then follow up shortly with the 16x16. It will cost you 35,000



coins to make the double jump. A 16x16 is a full 256 plots to work. You'll have gained 112 plots over your starting point.

Since you've decided to be a Farmville land baron, your next jump is to the 18x18 expansion set. At 50,000 coins and requiring 13 neighbors, you'll need to be frugal with your money and save. You have now more than doubled the size of your property with 324 plots of land. You have room for a wide variety of equipment, buildings and crops.

You have two more expansions currently available to you, the 20x20 and the 22x22. You'll need deep pockets to make these jumps. Each increasing size of land gets more expensive. A 20x20 is an investment of 75,000 coins and you must have accumulated 16 neighbors. The big jump is to the 22x22 expansion, dig deep and pull out another 250,000 coins. Yes, you heard it right, you are investing a cool quarter million coins for this jump. By this time you will have expanded your land over 3 times its original size. You will have invested 410,000 coins to reach your maximum sized farm. (Keep your eyes open, there is rumblings of even larger properties soon.)

If you are impatient and want to shortcut the accumulation of coins, it can be very easy. Just pull out your wallet and credit card. Each step up can



be purchased for 20 units of Farm Cash, except the final 22x22 size, it costs 30 units. To get to the full 22x22 you would invest 110 units of Farm Cash. This shortcut costs you real life dollars, but if you want to move up fast, it is one way to make it happen. You will most likely have more fun playing the game and earning your expansions as you go.

One important note on expanding your property. Make sure you create a plan for the best success. You want to strategically place your crops, buildings, and animals for the easiest work. This will let you level up easier, and earn extra coins quickly.