



CHAPERONE INSTRUCTIONS

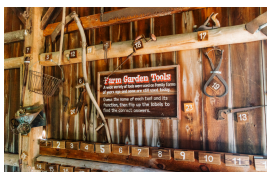
Lead students to explore the buildings and areas of Michigan's Farm Garden. Read the information below at each location. **Alternatively**, students could work in pairs or small groups to use this page as a **Seek and Find**.



FARMHOUSE | The farmhouse was the most important building on the farm! It was where the farm family would eat, sleep, play and seek shelter from the weather. Our farmhouse was designed to resemble the farmhouse that Lena Rader Meijer grew up in. It has a large front porch where a family might relax or visit with friends. If you were a farmer, what might you talk about while relaxing on the front porch with friends and family?



BARN | The barn was an important building that provided shelter for farm animals, storage for farm equipment, and food for the animals. Our barn is over 100 years old! If this were your barn, what types of animals would you keep here? What would the animals eat? What sounds would the animals make?



FARM TOOLS | Look inside the barn and find the tools hanging on the wall. Each of these tools would have been used on a farm. Choose a tool and see if you can name it. Can you guess what the tool might have been used for? Look under the numbered door to see if your guess was correct.



CORN CRIB | A corn crib was a place to store extra field corn for the animals to eat, particularly in the winter. Corn cribs typically have open spaces between the wooden slats on the walls. The spaces between the slats provide air circulation for the corn, so the cobs dry out instead of rotting. Which farm animals might eat corn?



PRODUCE STAND | Produce means parts of plants that we eat like fresh fruits and vegetables. Most of the produce harvested from the garden was eaten fresh or preserved and stored for later use. If there was extra, it might have been sold at a produce stand. Where can we buy produce today? What is your favorite fruit? What is your favorite vegetable?



OUTHOUSE | This building was important to the entire farm family. Can you guess what this small building was used for? Indoor plumbing was not widely available in the United States until the 1940s. So families would go to an outhouse to use the bathroom! The outhouse was often found with tall flowers or shrubs planted nearby to block the view of the outhouse and also so guests would know where the "facilities" were without having to ask. Do you recognize any of the tall plants around the outhouse?

Michigan Social Studies Standards:

1 - H2.O.4 Compare life today with life in the past using the criteria of family, school, jobs, or communication.

2 - G4.O.1 Describe land use in the community.

3 - E1.O.4 Describe how entrepreneurs combine natural, human, and capital resources to produce goods and services in Michigan.