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farm  (färm)

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n.

1. A tract of land cultivated for the purpose of agricultural production.

2.

a. A tract of land devoted to the raising and breeding of domestic animals.

b. An area of water devoted to the raising, breeding, or production of a specific aquatic animal: *a trout farm; an oyster farm.*

3.

a. A facility for the generation of energy by converting it from a particular source, usually by means of multiple electric generators: *a wind farm.*

b. A place where a group of similar devices or storage containers are set up: *a tank farm; a server farm.*

4. *Baseball* A minor-league club affiliated with a major-league club for the training of recruits and the maintenance of temporarily unneeded players.

5. *Obsolete*

a. The system of leasing out the rights of collecting and retaining taxes in a certain district.

b. A district so leased.

v. **farmed, farm-ing, farms**

v.tr.

1. To cultivate or produce a crop on (land).

2. To cultivate, breed, or raise (plants or animals).

3. To pay a fixed sum in order to have the right to collect and retain profits from (a business, for example).

4. To turn over (a business, for example) to another in return for the payment of a fixed sum.

v.intr.

To engage in farming.

Phrasal Verb:

farm out

1. To send (work, for example) from a central point to be done elsewhere.

2. *Baseball* To assign (a player) to a minor-league team.

[Middle English, lease, leased property, from Old French *ferme*, from Medieval Latin *firma*, fixed payment, from Latin *firmāre*, to establish, from *firmus*, firm; see **dher-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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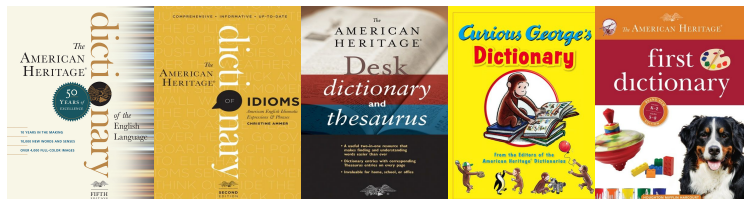
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