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Farming Then and Now



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Farms and Food

Today, most of the food we eat comes from big farms.
But our food didn't always come from farms.

Long ago, people had to learn how to grow food.
Once people learnt to farm, it changed their lives.
It changed our lives, too.

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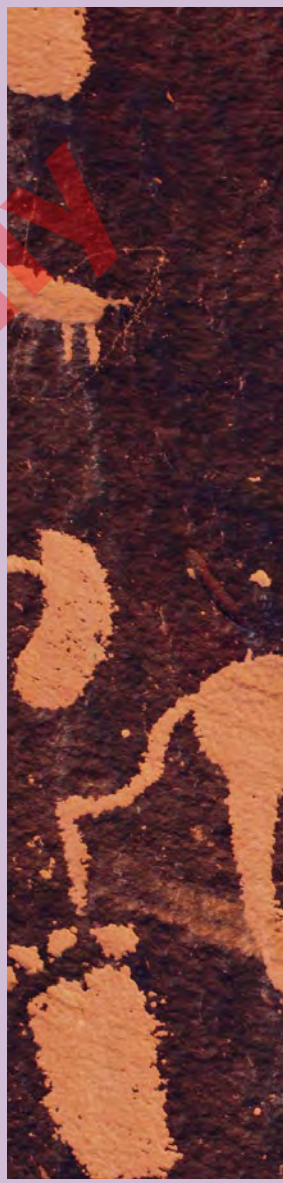
Farmers have learnt how to grow lots of food.



Before Farms

In the past, people had to find their own food.
They hunted animals and looked for plants to eat.

When the animals moved, the people had to move with them.
When the plants were gone, the people had to look for more.
People were always moving from place to place.



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This cave painting shows early people hunting animals for food.

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Farming Begins

Later, people learnt how to grow food.
They planted **crops**.
They no longer had to move to find more food.

Crops Grown in the Past and Today

barley





corn

rice





wheat

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People could live in one place.
They could build homes and farms.
They began to build towns and cities, too.

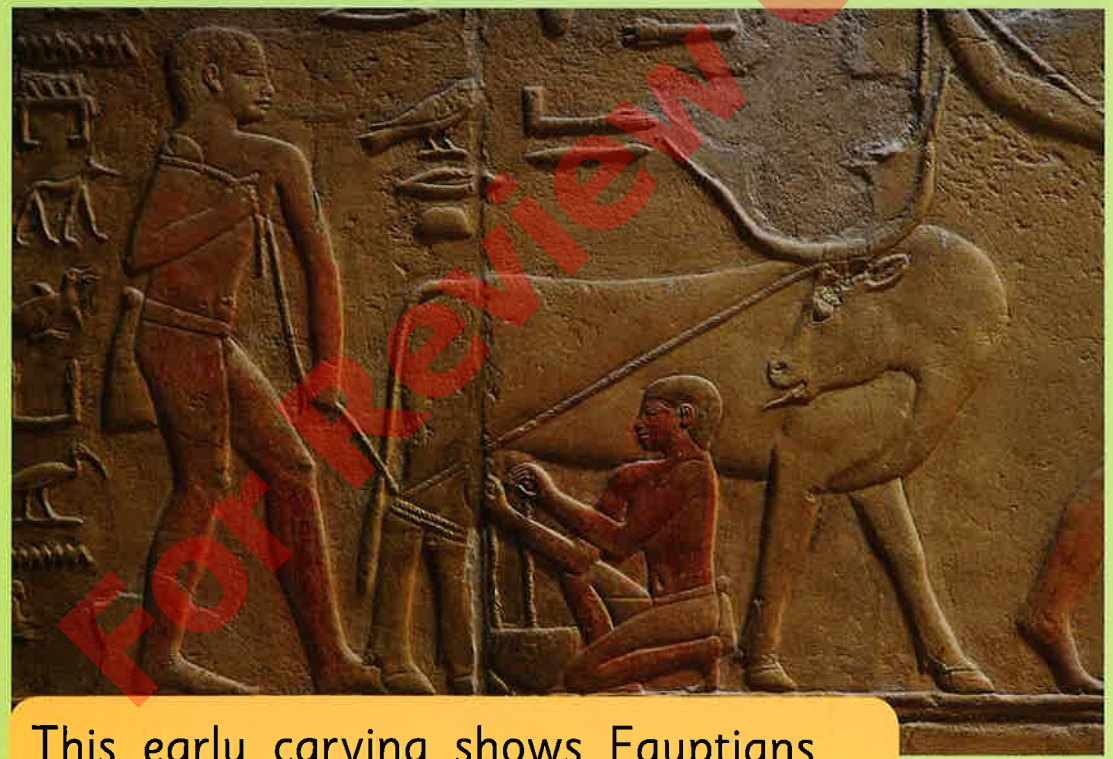


Long ago, Egyptians recorded how they grew and harvested wheat and other crops.

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Farming and Animals

Early farmers also learnt to raise animals. They raised cows, pigs, sheep and chickens for food and clothes.



This early carving shows Egyptians raising cows for their milk.

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