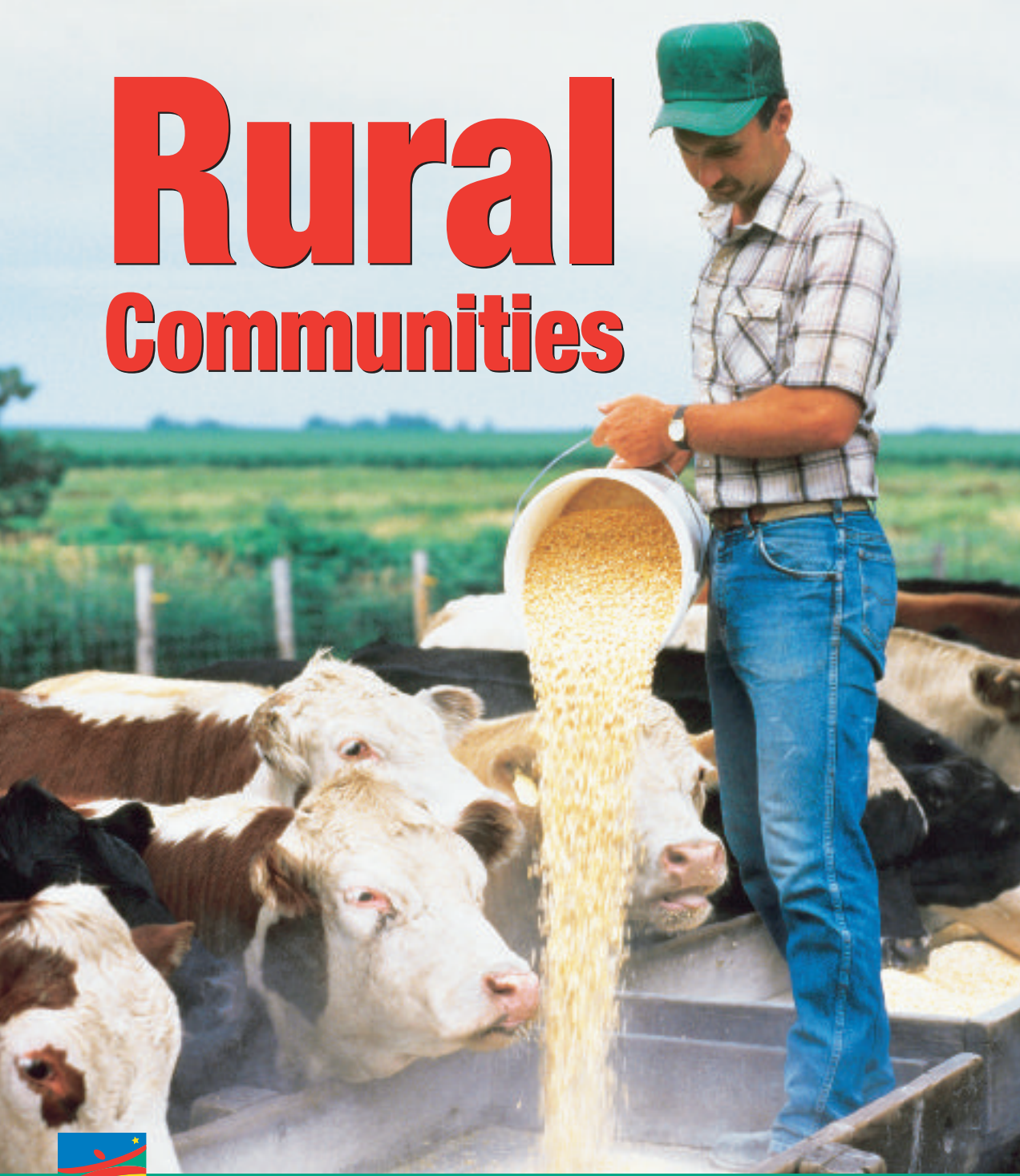
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The Big Idea

This book compares rural communities in Argentina and in Thailand.

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading:
- Visualize

Comprehension:
- Compare and contrast

Phonics:
- Variant vowel /ar/ (farm, farmers)

Fluency:
- Read with appropriate pacing

Content Vocabulary:
- community, farm, ranch, rural, village

Grammar, Word Study, and Language Development:
- Use base words (farm/farmers, ranch/ranchers)
- Use "are" and "is"

Sentence Patterns:
- ___ ride ___.
- ___ eat ___.

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I need to know these words.

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house



meat



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motorbike



ranch



village



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What Is a Rural Community?

Have you seen a farm? You see farms in rural communities. A rural community is outside a town or city.



▲ This boy lives in Argentina. This farm is in Argentina.

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A village is a group of houses. You can see villages in rural communities.



▲ These children live in Thailand. This village is in Thailand.

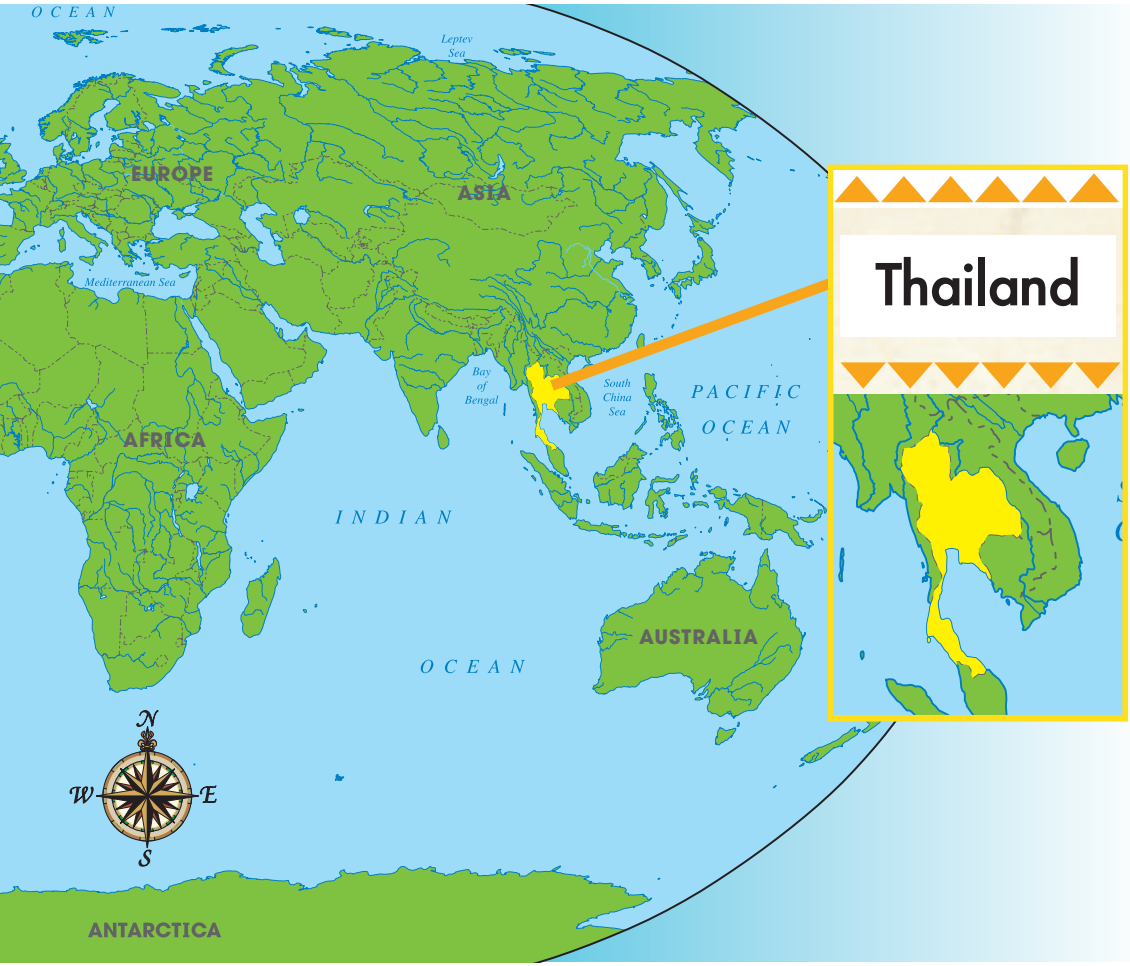
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Argentina is a country in South America. Argentina has rural communities.



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Thailand is a country in Asia.
Thailand has rural communities, too.



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What Work Do People Do?

Some people in Thailand are farmers.
Some farmers grow rice.



▲ This farmer grows rice in fields.

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Some people in Argentina are ranchers. Some ranchers raise animals.



▲ These ranchers ride horses.