



The Secret Farmville Guide

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Getting Started in FarmVille

If you're new to the world of FarmVille, it won't likely take long for you



to figure out why this game has captured the imagination of so many people. There are a ton of options when it comes to what seeds you can grow, what buildings and decorations you can put on your farm, and which types of livestock you choose to raise. Because you do have so many options though, it can be a little difficult at first to figure out where to start in order to develop your farm right.

Expand Slowly

You want to get the most out of your land when you're working in FarmVille. This means that you'll want to clear a substantial amount of land so that you can plant as many crops as possible. You do have to be careful about how much land you clear at once though. It costs 15 coins to clear one plot of land, so if you clear too many at once, you won't have any coins left to buy the seeds you want to plant.



It's best to slowly expand your plowed plots of land so that you're always able to take full advantage of their planting potential. After each harvest, it's a good idea to replant on all of your current plots first. Once you've done this it will be much easier to figure out how much more land you can afford to clear this time around. Following this pattern will quickly allow you to expand your farm while ensuring that you always have enough money to plant on all of your cleared plots.

Plan Your Harvests

Another aspect of FarmVille that it can be tough to get the hang of at first is timing your harvests right. Each crop you plant in the game will take a particular amount of time to mature. Once a crop is mature, you can harvest it. But don't wait too long. If you don't get back in time, your crops will wither and you'll just have to plow the land again and start over. It's important to plan your plantings so that you'll be able to get back to check on your farm before this happens.

One of the great things about FarmVille is that you can take it as seriously as you want to take it. If you only want to log in once a week, that's fine. Just make sure you plant crops that will last that long. Once you start playing though, it's not likely you'll be able to stay away for very long.



How to Level Up Quickly in Farmville

In FarmVille, you can get away from the noise and stress of everyday life. Just relax, plant some seeds, harvest some crops – not a bad way to spend an evening. And as you do this, you'll naturally advance in levels over time. However, there may come a time when you want to get a little more out of the game. Every time you move up a level, you unlock new seeds, decorations, and other discretionary items. This means that in order to get the most out of your FarmVille experience, you'll have to level up quickly to unlock as many items and bonuses as you can.



The Basics

But how do you do this? There are several things to keep in mind if you want to level up quickly in FarmVille. You probably already know that in order to level up, you need to accumulate experience points. For example, each plot of land you plow gets you one experience point. In the early stages of game play, the number of experience points you get by plowing land and planting crops is plenty to allow you to advance at a reasonable pace. Once you get through the initial stages though, you start to need more and more experience points to level up.

Focus on Experience

When you want to build up experience points quickly in FarmVille, you have to supplement what you gain from your normal harvests with other activities. Making improvements to your farm is a good way to gain some quick chunks of experience points. Buildings yield the most, but you can get experience from putting up just about any decoration or structure. You just have to pay close attention to the amounts of experience points each item will deliver.

You should also take experience points into consideration when deciding which crops to plant. Crops that take less than a day to grow only yield 1 experience point, while crops that take longer yield get more. That doesn't mean you only want to plant crops that offer 2 experience points however. If you can get back and harvest them as soon as they're ready, crops like strawberries will get you more than 2 experience points a day because you can harvest them every 4 hours.



You have to be on top of your harvesting and planting cycles in order to make progress this way though. Putting up buildings on your farm remains the best way to get big boosts in your experience quickly. Save up your cash for those, and you'll be well on your way to unlocking all of the available items in FarmVille.

How to Get the Most Ribbons in FarmVille



It's pretty easy to earn a few ribbons in FarmVille. As you just go about your daily tasks, you'll wind up accomplishing at least some of the early ribbon-worthy tasks. You may notice when you do win one though, that the bonuses they pay out are pretty hefty. You can actually earn a lot of money and experience points quickly if you collect as many ribbons as you can. This is relatively easy to do, but you do have to put some effort into it if you want to get as much as you can out of your FarmVille experience.

Know What You Need

You won't be able to focus your energies on earning ribbons unless you know what you need to get them. You can find this information easily enough by clicking on the ribbon icon in the lower right hand corner of your screen. This will bring up a list of all of the possible ribbons and show you how you're progressing in each category.

Pick One

You do have limited resources, particularly when you're just starting out in FarmVille. Because of this, it's a good idea to focus on one type of ribbon at a time. Of course, it's likely that whatever you do to earn

those ribbons will help you to earn some other ones as well, but you can focus on those when you get to them.

Which to Pick

Before you decide which set of ribbons to go after first, you should take a few moments to learn what each ribbon category is about. This way, you'll be able to get a good sense of which ribbons to go for first. For example, the Tree Hugger ribbons require that you harvest fruit from a particular number of unique trees, meaning that to get these, you'll have to have a variety of different types of trees on your farm.



The Knock on Wood ribbons can be earned by simply harvesting any type of tree a certain number of times. This means that if you focus on earning the Tree Hugger ribbons, you'll automatically be making progress towards the Knock on Wood ribbons as well. The converse is not necessarily true because you could get the Knock on Wood ribbon for harvesting from only one kind of tree.

Get Some Neighbors

Neighbors help you get ribbons both directly and indirectly. There are ribbons for just having a certain number of neighbors, how many times you help your neighbors out, and how many different types of gifts you receive. All of these categories are easier to progress in the more neighbors you have, so don't hesitate to hit up your friends and earn some ribbons that way too.

How to Make the Most Money in FarmVille



FarmVille is a great place to go to escape the rigors of everyday life. You can get back to nature and enjoy the peace and tranquility that comes from working on the land. However, not everything in FarmVille is an escape from the ordinary. You still need money for just about everything you do. You have to buy the seeds to plant, and you'll even have to pay a small sum for each plot of land you plow.

These costs are easily managed of course because you're harvesting and selling your crops for more than it cost to plant them. There are a lot of other items you can buy in the FarmVille market to decorate and build up your farm, and you won't be able to get these without some significant sums of cash. Buying these items will also get you some much needed experience points to help you advance to the next level, so you'll have to find a way to make sure you have enough money for all the discretionary items you want to buy.

Earnings Per Hour

Because you'll need your coins for so much in FarmVille, you need to maximize the earning potential of your farm. The best way to do this is to figure out which crops pay out the most coins per hour. For example, strawberries sell for 35 coins per plot of land harvested and they take 4 hours to grow. Pumpkins, on the other hand, take 8 hours to grow and sell for 68 coins per plot of land harvested.

That means, for the same acreage planted, you'll earn 8.75 coins per hour by planting strawberries, while the pumpkins will only get you 8.5 coins per hour. This may seem like a small difference, but these small



amounts can add up fast. Of course, you won't be getting your money's worth unless you can harvest the crops as soon as they're ready and immediately replant on that land.

A Quick Turnaround

If you're not going to be able to get back to your farm for 8 hours, you're much better off planting the pumpkins. The longer you leave a crop after it's done maturing, the less you'll be getting per hour once you harvest it. You can only make money fast on crops that mature quickly if you're going to be able to harvest and replant as soon as they're ready for sale. Make sure you take these details into consideration when you're selecting your seeds at the Market, and you'll be seeing your bank account swelling in no time.

Five Advanced Tips



Break up your farm into quads of eight and plant your crops in intervals so you can use your farm equipment effectively. You only have so much fuel to use and buying more is a waste of your Farmville dollars. The best way to plant your crops is in intervals of 2-3 hours. This way, your fuel levels have a chance to build back up and you spend less time tending your farm by hand.



Know what trees to plant. By the time you've reached level twelve, you've got tons of trees. Keep track of what ribbons you have, but you will find that you don't need all of those trees. The real reason you keep them is because it is a steady income. I won't keep any tree that doesn't produce at least a half a coin per hour – with one exception –

cherry trees. The cherry tree is able to be harvested once every two days and will help you get your “Knock on Wood” ribbons faster. Other than that, I only plant the top five trees and get rid of the rest. NOTE: Don’t start getting rid of trees until you’ve finished the “Tree Hugger” ribbons. Here is a list of the trees and what they produce.

Acai: 2 days, 158 coins, **3.29 coins/hour**
Olive: 4 days, 112 coins, **1.67 coins/hour**
Date: 3 days, 69 coins, **0.95 coins/hour**
Pomegranate: 5 days, 108 coins, **0.90 coins/hour**
Banana: 3 days, 56 coins, **0.78 coins/hour**
Passion Fruit: 5 days, 93 coins, **0.76 coins/hour**
Grapefruit: 3 days, 50 coins, **0.69 coins/hour**
Lime: 5 days, 75 coins, **0.63 coins/hour**
Apricot: 4 days, 56 coins, **0.58 coins/hour**
Lemon: 3 days, 41 coins, **0.57 coins/hour**
Fig: 3 days, 37 coins, **0.51 coins/hour**
Avocado: 3 days, 37 coins, **0.51 coins/hour**
Orange: 4 days, 48 coins, **0.50 coins/hour**
Peach: 4 days, 47 coins, **0.49 coins/hour**
Plum: 3 days, 30 coins, **0.42 coins/hour**
Apple: 3 days, 28 coins, **0.39 coins/hour**
Cherry: 2 days, 18 coins, **0.36 coins/hour**



The same goes for animals. There are only a few animals that actually produce any coin for you. Sure, they look nice and friendly on your farm, but you only have so much room. Stick with horses, goats and wandering animals. Make sure that you get all your ribbons before you start selling them off to market, but then streamline your inventory. Pay attention to the “Zoologist” and “Animal Shelter” ribbons before discarding. Here is a list of the animals and how much they produce. Note: If you have to choose between trees and animals, the Horse,

Goat and Duck outperform most trees. The exception to this is the Chicken. It produces fast and it is small. You can get a lot of chickens to help you out with the Zoologist ribbon.

Horse: 3 days, 84 coins, **1.17 coins/hour**

Goat: 2 days, 54 coins, **1.13 coins/hour**

Duck: 2 days, 45 coins, **0.94 coins/hour**

Sheep, Black: 3 days, 56 coins, **0.78 coins/hour***

Pig: 2 days, 30 coins, **0.63 coins/hour**

Rabbit: 4 days, 60 coins, **0.63 coins/hour**

Cow, Brown: 1 day, 12 coins, **0.50 coins/hour***

Sheep: 3 days, 28 coins, **0.39 coins/hour**

Chicken: 1 day, 8 coins, **0.34 coins/hour**

Cow: 1 day, 6 coins, **0.25 coins/hour**



Build up your neighbors. They can give you extra experience and coins. You can find them if you click on the tab “MY NEIGHBORS” and scroll down the page. It will give you a list of the people already your neighbors, then friends that play Farmville, but are not currently one of your neighbors. You need fifty neighbors to get the blue ribbon for “Local Celebrity”. Make sure you give a gift out to your neighbors as much as you can. Don’t always give the best thing you can offer. You get ribbons for variety and receiving 20 Pomegranate trees a day is annoying. Keep an eye out on your wall outside of the game, too. Each time one of your friends reaches a goal, it will post the achievement on your Facebook screen. You’ll want to click on this to receive additional coins. Helping out your neighbors each day will also give you between 1-5 experience points each, as well.



Another aspect of the game is buildings and decorations. You don't have a lot of space on your farm for the important stuff like crops, trees, and animals, so think conservatively when buying these items. Owning 12 farmhouses will do you no good if you can't keep enough cash flow coming in to support your crops. The best thing to do is buy rest tents and bales of hay. With those, you'll save the room you need and still get your ribbons as fast as you need them. You can always go back and stylize your farm when you're rich and high level. What's important off the get-go is to build experience through finishing your ribbons.

Trick to Speed Up Harvesting and Planting

**note—to do this trick you'll need \$1,200 in coins.*

- Step 1)** When you first log on to your farm you will notice that your character always starts at the center-most area of your FarmVille farm. Likewise, when you visit your neighbors' farms the same rule holds true.
- Step 2)** In most cases the center-most area that your character occupies consists of one plot of the farm, but in some of the larger farm expansions it may be two plots. In either case, if the plot(s) are plowed or planted, you will need to dig them up so they are grass.
- Step 3)** After digging up the plot(s) you will need to move your character out of the way so you can build a perimeter around the plot(s). I have found that the best way to do this is with bales of hay -- which you can obtain in the decorations category of the market for \$100 coins each. It will take approximately 12 bales of hay to complete the perimeter. You

will need to place all but 2 of the hay bales around the perimeter, but DO NOT close it in yet.

Step 4) Before closing the perimeter of hay bales you must place your character inside so he or she can be closed in.

Step 5) After moving your character, place two more hay bales as such that it closes your character into the perimeter of the hay bales so he or she cannot get out.

Step 6) Now your character is trapped in the perimeter of hay bales and cannot go about your farm. As such, he or she will no longer have to travel to any given area to harvest, plow or plant, and you can now achieve these things MUCH FASTER! Likewise, when your neighbors visit your farm they will likewise be trapped in the hay bale perimeter; making it much more convenient to fertilize your crops.

Wrap Up



I hope you have enjoyed this guide and found it helpful. I wish you the best of luck on FarmVille and hope you find the success you are looking for on the game! Stay tuned for more advanced tips, tricks, and strategies--and come on over to my blog (<http://MrFarmVille.com>) to learn many more free FarmVille tips, hints, secrets, and strategies!

****update**—I recently read an amazing FarmVille tips, hints, and legal cheats guide called FarmVille Secrets—it's an amazing guide that has me advancing at 4x the speed I was before in FarmVille. If you want more advanced tips and want to learn some great legal cheats copy and paste this link – <http://MrFarmVille.com/FarmVille-Secrets-Guide>