

# Shelby County RT2: Read, Taste, & Touch

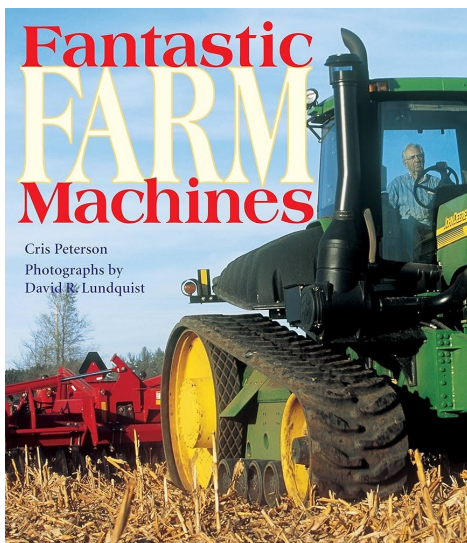


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**Welcome** to our first month of RT2! For the month of October we will be learning about how farmers grow the food we purchase in the grocery store from a tiny seed and about the different types of machines required to harvest this food.

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**Activity:** For this month's activity we made beaded corn out of pipe cleaners and plastic beads. This was a simple and fun craft for our youth to complete. For more information on this activity please go to <https://www.smartschoolhouse.com/diy-crafts/beaded-corn>



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This month we will be reading “*Fantastic Farm Machines*” by Cris Peterson. With harvest right around the corner we found this book to be a great tool in explaining what all these magnificent machines do!

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**Healthy Snack:** To kick off the autumn season we enjoyed *caramel apples* for this meeting.

\*Did you know– apples are made up of roughly 85% water and an excellent source of fiber making them a filling snack!

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**Next Meeting:** December 5, 2023 | 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. | Education Room, Shelby County Purdue Extension Office

## Vocabulary

Below are some words or phrases you may have heard during our reading of 'Fantastic Farm Machines' by Cris Peterson.

**Tire:** the round rubber part on a tractor that helps it move and grip the ground.

**Plow:** a farm tool that is pulled by a tractor and used to turn over soil and create furrow for planting seeds

**Furrow:** a long narrow trench that is made in the ground by a plow, which helps farmers plant seeds in neat rows.

**Hopper:** a part of the tractor that holds and distributes seeds or fertilizer while the farmer is planting crops

**Bale:** a large bundle of hay or straw that has been compressed and tied together, often used for animal feed or bedding.

**Thresh:** the process of separating grains, like wheat or rice from the stalks and husks that surround them

**Grain Drill:** plants wheat, oats, soybeans, and other crops; the tiny seeds sift through metal plates and plastic tubes to land in narrow rows