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We Grow What We Eat

Farm boys plant beans near Lafayette. (Tippecanoe County, 1915)
Mrs. Herman Erb of Francesville and her two sons, George (center) and Donald, work in their farm garden. (Pulaski County, 1940)

(Top right) Burying beets and carrots preserved them for winter use. (N.p., 1917)

(Bottom right) Geraldine Tudor of West Lafayette harvests corn and other fresh vegetables from a home garden. (Tippecanoe County, 1933)
(Top left) Russell Brown of Elwood carries potatoes into a vegetable cellar. (Madison County, 1920)

(Top right) Mrs. Elmer Chasteen (center) and sons Howard and Harold plant beans in their farm garden near Franklin. (Johnson County, 1925)

(Bottom) Mrs. E. E. Brown of Veedersburg uses this coal stove and a pressure cooker to can fresh food in her farm kitchen. (Fountain County, 1924)
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(Left) Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wilkey of Kentland grind sausage and trim bacon in their farm basement. (Newton County, 1930)

(Above) Floyd Munsen of Delphi renders lard in an open kettle. (Carroll County, 1933)
(Left) Mrs. Loren McGibben of Swayzee operates a cream separator powered by an electric motor on a portable tripod. (Grant County, 1928)

(Right) On the W. A. Smith dairy farm near Terre Haute, Martha Rose Smith pours milk into an electric churn. (Vigo County, 1933)
Near Lafayette, Amos Myers (left), a Civil War veteran and the oldest active beekeeper in the state at the time, works with another man to inspect a frame of honey and bees. (Tippecanoe County, 1933)

Professor G. A. Young (right) of Purdue University and another man relocate a swarm of bees from a nearby tree to a hive. (N.p., 1929)

Elise Barton of Goodland takes honey from hives. (Newton County, 1927)
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(Left) E. I. Miller skims boiling maple syrup in pans in his maple sugar camp near Lafayette. (Tippecanoe County, 1931)

(Top right) A maple sugar camp on the Adam Yoder farm near Frankfort (Clinton County, 1953)

(Bottom right) Two men tap a maple tree for sap on the John Milnar farm near Sedalia. (Clinton County, 1937)
Austin Cochran of Frankfort boils sap to produce maple syrup. (Clinton County, 1927)
W. H. Todd of Flora samples the sugar water in his maple sugar camp. Todd, who typically harvested between 75 to 100 barrels of sugar water annually from 230 trees, would boil down each barrel to make one gallon of pure maple syrup. (Below) At the time of this photo, Todd had been operating this camp continuously for 35 years. (Carroll County, 1927)

Nelson Hollingsworth cuts a field of sorghum cane on his farm near Russiaville. (Howard County, 1934)
Using a horse to grind sorghum to make molasses (Putnam County, 1918)

Boiling down sorghum molasses on the farm of W.W. Hughes in Hartselle, Alabama (Morgan County, AL; 1939)