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Allen took this picture of a hand holding four lines especially for the *Indiana Farmer’s Guide* (N.p., 1937).

Mules at attention (Indiana, ca. 1920)
Tennessee Walking Horses at the Harlinsdale Farm in Franklin, Tennessee (Williamson County, TN; 1961)

Belgian mares and a foal on pasture at the Purdue University campus farm (Tippecanoe County, 1935)

A pair of Percherons look over a fence. (N.p., 1938)
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(Top left) Horses drink from a stream on the Cliff Eller farm in Arcadia while cattle graze nearby. (Hamilton County, 1943)

(Bottom left) The Scotch hobble method of restraint works to hold this unruly colt while trimming its feet. (Indiana, 1933)

(Right) Elmer Taft brings Percheron mares and colts to pasture at Purdue University’s Lynnwood Farm in Carmel. (Hamilton County, 1943)
Percherons drink from a concrete watering trough on the farm of C. Orr near Forest. (Clinton County, 1931)
A touring car driven by T.M. Miller pulls a horse trailer in Mendon, Ohio. (Mercer County, OH; 1919)

Harnessing a team of mules on the A. R. Anthony farm in Newton, North Carolina (Catawba County, NC; 1927)

Herman Heaton harnesses his horse in Russiville. (Howard County, 1939)
A farmer unhitches a horse team from a grain drill on the Shadeland Stock Farm. (Tippecanoe County, ca. 1910s)

Front view of four Percheron horses in action on the farm of Harry F. Caldwell near Connersville (Fayette County, 1932)

White Plymouth Rock chickens pick up worms and bugs as they follow a plow on the farm of W. E. McLaughlin near Lafayette. (Tippecanoe County, 1931)
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Harrowing with two mules on the farm of L. C. Young and Son in Montgomery, Alabama (Montgomery County, AL; 1927)

A farmer guides a horse-drawn plow along a hillside on the farm of A. M. McGaughey. (Jefferson County, PA; 1926)

A four-horse team pulls a plow. (N.p., 1915)

This man operates a horse-drawn roller and clod crusher on the Frank Collins farm in Arthur, Illinois. (Douglas and Moultrie Counties, IL; 1920)
Two men prepare a soybean seedbed using six mules pulling a spring-tooth harrow followed by six horses pulling a corrugated roller on the Charles Meharry farm in Attica. (Fountain County, 1925)
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Disking stalks using a six-horse Percheron team on a Frankfort-area farm (Clinton County, 1925)

Cleveland Combs from Mulberry plows with nine horses hitched to a three bottom plow. (Clinton County, 1930)

Two teams with five Belgian horses each plow on the farm of Roy Cox of Sheridan. (Hamilton County, 1943)
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Charles Rutan of Frankfort pulls a large double disc harrow with a team of six horses. (Clinton County, 1929)

L. C. Young plows with a tractor in Montgomery, Alabama. Allen noted, "The ground was so hard in the fall of 1927 that he could hardly keep his plow in the ground." (Montgomery County, AL; 1927)

A man uses an Allis-Chalmers all-purpose tractor to work a field. (Indiana, 1932)
An automobile, tractor, and Ford truck on the farm of Frank Peavey from Jasonville (Greene County, 1924)
Three steel-wheeled tractors pull a double disc, soybean drill, and corrugated roller on the Henry Marshall farm. (Tippecanoe County, 1930)

Preparing a seedbed using an Avery tractor to pull a field cultivator and harrow (Tippecanoe County, 1917)

A farmer uses a steel-wheeled McCormick-Deering tractor with added weight from rocks placed on this disc on the George Bremer farm in Lafayette, (Tippecanoe County, 1930)

Lewis Strasburger from Earl Park uses a John Deere rotary hoe that he mounted on his tractor to make it easier to lift up and move by highway when going between fields. (Benton County, 1956)