

Directions

In your assigned groups:

1. You will be loaned \$2000
2. You must set aside \$200 (transportation) and \$300 (living expenses) each round (year)
3. You must decide which items to farm (crops/livestock)
4. Assign a recorder to document items farmed
5. Set a goal for how much money you hope to make

Farming Crops (\$50)

FARMING

- The cost to plant crops is all the same.
- You can grow up to 160 acres of crops (16 items). You may plant on all the land , or only part of it.
- You will buy your crops from the Crops Market.

SELLING CROPS

- They may sell for different prices depending on the market.
- You will learn what your investment return is after you turn in your crops to the market.

Raising Livestock (\$5)

RAISING

- You may decide to raise livestock.
- You only need to pay for the cost of feed.
- You do not need to reserve farm land for livestock.
- At this time, public land could be used for this purpose.

SELLING LIVESTOCK

- They may sell for different prices depending on the market.
- You will learn what your investment return is after you turn in your crops to the market.



THE YEAR: 1885

PLANTING CROPS/RAISING
LIVESTOCK

CROPS (\$50)



CORN



BEANS



WHEAT



BARLEY



OATS



FIELD
HAY



TOBACCO



FIELD
PEAS

LIVESTOCK (\$5) [Maximum: 20 each]



CATTLE



SHEEP



HOGS



THE YEAR: 1885

OUTCOMES

A serious lack of early spring rain in July almost destroyed the wheat, barley, and oat crop in central Nebraska. The prices paid for corn, beans, field peas, and tobacco are up because of drought east of the Mississippi. Cattle prices are depressed because of large herds of range stock being sold in Texas. The price for sheep is up and the price paid for hogs is at an all time high.

1885

Item	Investment Return
Corn	\$100
Beans	\$150
Wheat	\$50
Barley	\$100
Oats	\$100
Field Hay	\$100
Tobacco	\$100
Field Peas	\$100
Cattle	\$5
Sheep	\$10
Hogs	\$15

Railroad tycoon

Cornelius Vanderbilt has decided to charge you more to ship your items to East! This year you must set aside \$400 for transportation and \$300 for living expenses!

THE YEAR: 1886

**PLANTING CROPS/RAISING
LIVESTOCK**

CROPS (\$50)



CORN



BEANS



WHEAT



BARLEY



OATS



FIELD
HAY



TOBACCO



FIELD
PEAS

LIVESTOCK (\$15) [Maximum: 20 each]



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THE YEAR: 1886

OUTCOMES

This was the coldest winter in history with temperatures of 60* below zero destroyed most of the cattle and hogs. Sheep prices are high. Abundant spring and summer rain throughout most of the state has produced excellent crops. The price of corn, wheat, barley, and oats is good and the price of tobacco and field peas remains the same. The bean crop has produced a small yield because of late frost and the field hay prices are depressed because of limited demand for hay.

1886

Item	Investment Return
Corn	\$100
Beans	\$50
Wheat	\$100
Barley	\$100
Oats	\$100
Field Hay	\$25
Tobacco	\$100
Field Peas	\$100
Cattle	\$0
Sheep	\$30
Hogs	\$0



Uncertainties of Farming in the Gilded Age

Railroad tycoon Cornelius Vanderbilt has decided to charge you more to ship your items to East! This year you must set aside \$500 for transportation and \$300 for living expenses!

THE YEAR: 1887

**PLANTING CROPS/RAISING
LIVESTOCK**

CROPS (\$50)



CORN



BEANS



WHEAT



BARLEY



OATS



FIELD
HAY



TOBACCO



FIELD
PEAS

LIVESTOCK (\$15) [Maximum: 20 each]



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THE YEAR: 1887

OUTCOMES

Nature dealt a crushing blow to farmers in Nebraska. After a hot dry spring with little rain, a plague of grasshoppers infested the crops. Most crops are badly damaged. Cattle prices are very good, as the range herds have not yet recovered from the killing winter of '86. Sheep prices are depressed by hog prices are good.

1887

Item	Investment Return
Corn	\$50
Beans	\$0
Wheat	\$25
Barley	\$75
Oats	\$50
Field Hay	\$100
Tobacco	\$25
Field Peas	\$50
Cattle	\$30
Sheep	\$5
Hogs	\$20



FARMING after 3 years

OUTCOMES – Have you made a
profit?!

Did you make a profit?

1. How much money did your “family” make?
2. Did your family make a lot of money?
3. Did your family make as much as you had hoped?
4. **REMEMBER** – you still have to pay back your \$2000 loan.

So, did you make a profit?