



SAMPLE GAME

The following is a summary of an actual game, showing the choices made by two farmers who each started by using one of the Sample Starting Operations in the Rulebook. The choices made by the farmers in this case were designed to show the application of as many rules and strategies in various scenarios as possible and do not necessarily represent “best” practice. To maximize the potential for expansion and a variety of activity, neither player will seek to pay off the mortgage before the end of the game.

In the table below, the Event card drawn is shown in the column at left. Keep in mind that farmers draw Chance cards first; then the Event card is drawn. Districts are abbreviated as follows:

Clay River Flats = CRF

Paradise Prairie = PP

Buzzard Hills = BH

Lake District = LD

To follow along, you may find it helpful to have a rulebook and gameboard available for reference.

Turn/Phase	Farmer Gold	Farmer Violet
Start of game	Draws Homestead section D4; selects Combined Operation #1	Draws Homestead section F4; selects Dairy Farm
1 (winter)Buy	Fence and beef cattle for D4; section C4; plants winter wheat on C4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cash remaining \$50 	Fence and dairy herd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cash remaining \$350
1 Event: Income Tax Refunds	Chance: combine breaks down N/A Event: N/A	Chance: Grandpa ascends +\$20 Event: N/A
1 Harvest	Nothing to harvest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cash at end \$50 	LD milk \$100 x 1 herd (F4) = \$100 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cash at end \$470
2 (spring) Buy	Nothing	With healthy cash position, decides to expand to keep excess cash working. Buys section G4 and plants ½ crop of corn on it (note G4 will only support ½ crop and cannot be used for grazers i.e. sheep, beef, or dairy cattle) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cash remaining \$170
2 Event: Flood on E3 G4 G5	Chance: Mastitis N/A Event: no effect	Chance: Pa works at elevator +\$50 Event: loses corn crop on G4
2 Harvest	CRF wheat \$300 x 1 (C4) = \$300 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cash at end \$350 	LD milk \$200 x 1 herd (F4) = \$200 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cash at end \$420
3 (summer) Buy	Buys section D5 to gain access to Buzzard Hills land (landholdings must be contiguous in Early Era and after that, until a truck is purchased). Plants 1½ crops of sorghum (C4, D5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cash remaining \$100 	Section G5 for future dairy expansion; ½ crop of sorghum on G4 (no option to plant on G5; not enough clear land) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cash remaining \$120

3 Event: Treaty signing	Chance: Beetles in soybeans N/A Event: no effect (land prices halved next turn)	Chance: Blackleg in beef N/A Event: no effect (land prices halved next turn)
3 Harvest	Nothing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cash at end \$100 	Collects 1 herd calves; places marker with mother herd on F4. Could sell these immediately but chooses not to as plan is to expand dairy operation. LD Milk \$50 x 1 herd (F4) = \$50 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cash at end \$170
4 (fall) Buy	Nothing	Nothing
4 Event: Grasshopper plague in CRF	Chance: Rust in wheat N/A Event: C4 sorghum halved (turn marker to "white" side)	Chance: Fences vandalized -\$20 for F4 Event: No effect
4 Harvest	Beef \$800 x 1 herd (D4) = \$800 (Could have held these for up to 2 more turns in hope of better price but chose not to.) CRF sorghum \$300 x 1/2 (C4) = \$150 BH sorghum \$300 x 1/2 (D5) = \$150 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cash at end \$1,200 	LD milk \$200 x 1 herd (F4) = \$200 LD sorghum \$500 x 1/2 (G4) = \$250 Passes up last chance to sell calves (they mature and must be moved to their "own" pasture next turn.) cash at end \$600
5 (winter) Buy	1 beef herd for D4; 1 1/2 wheat crops for C4, D5; section E6 with a fence and 1 flock of sheep. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cash remaining \$150 	Fence on G5 (and move former calves here); section F5 for future crops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cash remaining \$250
5 Event: Capital City Fair	Chance: root rot in LD corn N/A Event: wins \$150	Chance Little Cornelius wins +\$10 Event: wins nothing
5 Harvest	Nothing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cash at end \$300 	LD milk \$300 x 2 herds (F4,G5) = \$600 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cash at end \$860
6 (spring) Buy	Nothing	1 crop soybeans for F5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cash remaining \$560
6 Event: Drought in all regions	Chance: Fence down -\$40 (inc. \$20 to Farmer Violet) Event: No effect	Chance: root rot in LD soybeans (will reduce payout at harvest); also +\$20 from Farmer Gold Event: F5 soybeans halved
6 Harvest	CRF Wheat \$300 x 1 1/2 (C4,D5) = \$450 Wool \$300 x 1 flock (E6) = \$300 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cash at end \$1,010 	LD milk \$200 x 2 herds (F4,G5) = \$400 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cash at end \$980
7 (summer) Buy	1 1/2 crops sorghum for C4,D5; sections D6, C6 plus fences and sheep for both sections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cash remaining \$160 	Section G3 with a sorghum crop (could have done two of these but will need cash soon for dairy expansion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cash remaining \$530
7 Event: Milk Price Support	Chance: Hunters want access +\$40 Event: N/A	Chance: Best strawberry jam +\$10 Event: N/A (modern era only)
7 Harvest	Takes 3 herds of lambs (C6,D6,E6) and opts not to sell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cash at end \$200 	LD milk \$300 x 2 herds (F4,G5) = \$600 Takes 2 herds of calves(F4,G5) and opts not to sell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cash at end \$1,140
8 (Fall) Buy	Nothing	Nothing
8 Event: Perfect weather in PP and LD	Chance: Truck breaks down N/A Event: No effect	Chance: Sue Ellen needs braces N/A (modern era only) Event: F5 soybeans return to full crop

8 Harvest	Beef \$1500 x 1 herd (D4) = \$1,500 CRF Sorghum \$500 x 1 (C4) = \$500 BH Sorghum \$300 x ½ (D5) = \$150 Opts to hold lambs (now must either buy land for them or sell under Distress next turn) ▪ cash at end \$2,350	LD milk \$100 x 2 (F4,G5) = \$200 LD soybeans \$500 x 1 (F5) – \$100 for root rot = \$400 PP sorghum \$500 x 1 (G3) = \$500 Opts to hold calves (now must either buy land for them or sell under Distress next turn) ▪ cash at end \$2,240
9 (winter) Buy * Modern Era begins	Beef herd for D4. Sections A6, B6, C5 with fences for each; Well for C5; moves 3 former lamb flocks to A6,B6,C5. Truck (to enable non-contiguous landholdings) Sections A3,A4; Wheat on sections A3,A4,C4, and D5 ▪ cash remaining \$50	Dairy barn for F4 (required in Modern Era); Sections G6 and H5 with fences for each; moves 2 former calf herds to G6, H5. Note these sections are all contiguous as dairy cattle must always have walking access to the Homestead. Hog barn and hogs for G4 (note no fence needed for hogs, and G4 is half clear so can accommodate 1 herd) ▪ cash remaining \$590 (plans to plant sections F5,G3 in spring)
9 Event: Tornadoes in E2, D1, D5	Chance: Native artifacts +\$200 Event: Wheat crop on D5 halved	Chance: Swine fever – will affect payoff for herd at time of sale Event: no effect
9 Harvest	Nothing ▪ cash at end \$250	LD milk \$100 x 4 herds (F4,G5,H5,G6) = \$400 ▪ cash at end \$990
10 (spring) Buy	Nothing	Section H4; 1 corn (G3); 1½ soybeans (F5,H4) ▪ cash remaining \$40
10 Event: Tornadoes in F2,A2,J4	Chance: Pa works on railroad N/A Event: No effect	Chance: Hunters want access +\$60 Event: No effect
10 Harvest	CRF wheat \$1000 x 3 (A3,A4,C4) = \$3,000 Wool 300 x 6 (C5,A6,B6,C6,D6,E6) - \$1,800 BH wheat \$500 x ¼ (D5 halved) = \$120 (actual amount is \$125; round up or down as you prefer) ▪ cash at end \$5,170	LD milk \$100 x 4 herds (F4,G5,H5,G6) = \$400 ▪ cash at end \$500
11 (summer) Buy	Sections A2,B2,B3,C3 with fences and beef herds on each. Machinery set (to farm more than 5 sections of crops simultaneously). Sections A1,B1,C1; sorghum on sections A1,B1,C1,A3,A4,C4,D5. ▪ cash remaining \$170	Section H3 with sorghum ▪ cash remaining \$50
11 Event: Hail on H4,D4,E3,J1,D2	Chance: Wolves attack sheep N/A (pioneer era only) Event: no effect	Chance: Mastitis – will affect dairy payout this turn Event: Soybeans on H4 halved
11 Harvest	Collects 6 lamb herds (C5,A6,B6,C6,D6,E6) and opts not to sell any ▪ cash at end \$170	Collects 4 dairy calf herds (F4,G5,H5,G6) and opts not to sell any. LD milk \$100 x 4 (F4,G5,H5,G6), halved by mastitis = \$200 ▪ cash at end \$270
12 (fall) Buy	Nothing	Nothing

12 Event: Income Tax Refunds	Chance: Cattle rustlers N/A (pioneer era only) Event: +\$120	Chance: Swine flu – G4 herd halved Event: +\$80
12 Harvest	CRF sorghum \$200 x 6 (A1,B1,C1,A3, A4,C4) = \$1,200 BH sorghum \$100 x ½ (D5) = \$50 Beef \$1,000 x 1 (D4) = \$1,000 (note beef bought on turn 11 cannot be sold yet) Lambs \$100 x 4 (C5,C6,D6,E6) = \$400 ▪ cash at end \$2,940	PP corn \$400 x 1 (G3) = \$400 PP sorghum \$200 x 1 (G4) = \$200 LD soybeans \$400 x 1¼ (F5,H4) = \$500 Hogs \$1500 x ½ (G4) - \$100 (from swine fever) = \$650 LD milk \$50 x 4 (F4,G5,H5,G6) = \$200 Calves \$400 x 2 (G5,G6) = \$800 ▪ cash at end \$3,080
13 (winter) Buy	Wheat on 6 ½ sections (A1,B1,C1,A3, A4,C4,D5). Sections A5 and B5 with fences and wells; move former lambs from A6 and B6 to these. Section D2 with a fence; beef herds for D2 and D4 ▪ cash remaining \$90	Sections I6 and J6 with fences; move former dairy calves to these. Hog barn for H4, 2 hog herds (H4,G4) Section F2 for future planting ▪ cash remaining \$1,030
13 Event: Capital City fair	Chance: Aunt Wilhelmina +\$50 Event: Wins \$250	Chance: Borer worms in corn N/A Event: Wins nothing
13 Harvest	Nothing ▪ cash at end \$390	LD milk \$50 x 6 herds (F4,G5,H5,G6, I6,J6) = \$300 ▪ cash at end \$1,330
14 (spring) Buy	Nothing	Corn on 3 sections (F2,G3,H3); soybeans on 1 section (F5) ▪ cash remaining \$130
14 Event: Flood on D3,E3,G4, G5,H5	Chance: Puppies +\$10 Event: no effect	Chance: Sheep contract mange N/A; -\$10 to Farmer Gold for puppies Event: G5 dairy herd moved to dairy barn and G4 hogs moved to homestead barn (see temporary housing rules); buildings and fences on G4,G5,H5 damaged (turn to white side); Distress Sale for H5 dairy herd +\$600
14 Harvest	CRF wheat \$500 x 6 (A1,B1,C1,A3,A4, C4) = \$3,000 BH wheat \$500 x ½ (D5) = \$250 Wool \$500 x 8 (A5,B5,C5,A6,B6,C6, D6,E6) = \$4,000 Beef cattle \$400 x 0 (opts to hold out for better price on 4 herds from turn 11) ▪ cash at end \$7,640	LD milk \$200 x 5 = \$1,000 ▪ cash at end \$1,730
15 (summer) Buy	Sections E1 and E2; sorghum on 8½ sections (A1,B1,C1,E1,E2,A3,A4,C4, D4). Sections D1,C2,B4,D3,E3 with fences and beef herds. Sections F1,G2,J1,J2 with sorghum ▪ cash remaining \$340	Flood repairs (G4 hog barn, G5,H5 fences) and return livestock to G5,G4. Section I4 with 2 hog barns and herds. ½ section of sorghum on H5 (may as well get a crop off this section now that it's not needed as dairy pasture) ▪ cash remaining \$90
15 Event: Nat'l Pacific 2 nd track	Chance: Bumper garden crop +\$20 Event: +\$400	Chance: Free seed Event: +\$400

15 Harvest	Collect and sell 8 lamb flocks @ \$100 (A5,B5,C5,A6,B6,C6,D6,E6) = \$800 Beef \$1000 x 4 herds from turn 11 (A2,B2,B3,C3) = \$4,000 ▪ cash at end \$5,540	LD milk \$100 x 5 (F4,G5,G6,I6,J6) = \$500 Collect 5 calf herds and sell 4 (G5,G6,H6,I6) @ \$400 = \$1600 ▪ cash at end \$2,590
16 (fall) Buy	Nothing	Nothing
16 Event: Economy crashes	Chance: Wilt in sorghum; will affect all sorghum crops at harvest Event: No effect (land prices halved next turn)	Chance: Prize animal +\$100 Event: No effect (land prices halved next turn)
16 Harvest	CRF sorghum \$200 - \$50 (for wilt) x 8 (A1,B1,C1,E1,E2,A3,A4,C4) = \$1200 PP sorghum \$200 - \$50 (for wilt) x 4 (F1,G2,I1,I2) = \$600 BH sorghum \$100 - \$30 (for wilt) x 1 (D5) = \$70 Beef \$500 x 0 (opts to hold 2 herds from turn 13 for better price) ▪ cash at end \$7,410	PP corn \$1500 x 3 (F2,G3,H3) = \$4,500 LD soybeans \$400 x 1 (F5) = \$400 LD sorghum \$200 x ½ (H5) = \$100 Hogs \$200 x 0 (opts to hold 2 herds from 13 for better price) LD milk \$100 x 5 (F4,G5,G6,I6,J6) = \$500 Opts to hold remaining calf herd to replace lost herd ▪ cash at end \$8,190
17 (winter) Buy * Last chance to buy livestock	8 ½ sections of wheat (A1,B1,C1,E1,E2,A3,A4,C4,D5). 4 Beef herds (A2,B2,B3,C3) ▪ cash remaining \$4,110	Moves former calves from F4 to H5
17 Event: Perfect weather in PP and CRF	Chance: Truck breaks down -\$50 Event: No effect	Chance: Truck breaks down N/A Event: No effect
17 Harvest	Beef \$500 x 0 (opts to keep holding 2 herds from turn 13 for better price) ▪ cash at end \$4,060	LD milk \$50 x 6 (F4,G5,H5,G6,I6,J6) = \$300 Hogs \$400 x 0 (opts to keep holding 2 herds from turn 13 for better price) ▪ cash at end \$8,490
18 (spring) Buy	4 sections corn (F1,G2,I1,J2) Offers to rent machinery to Farmer Violet for \$200 (slightly less than cost to buy) because she would have bought otherwise ▪ cash remaining \$3,060	3 sections corn (F2,G3,H3) (uses Free Seed card from turn 15 for one of these) Sections H6 and J4 3 sections soybeans (F5,H6,J4) Agrees to rent Farmer Gold's machinery for \$200 to work more than 5 sections of crops this 'year' (saves \$100 vs. buying) ▪ cash remaining \$6,190
18 Event: Capital City fair	Chance: Hunters want access +\$160 Event: wins nothing	Chance: Wilt in sorghum N/A Event: wins \$150
18 Harvest	CRF wheat \$400 x 8 (A1,B1,C1,E1,E2,A3,A4,C4) = \$3,200 BH wheat \$300 x ½ (D5) = \$150 Wool \$200 x 8 (A5,B5,C5,A6,B6,C6,D6,E6) = \$1,600 Beef \$1500 x 7 (D2,D4 from turn 13; D1,C3,D3,E3,B4 from turn 15) = \$10,500 ▪ cash at end \$18,670	Farmer Violet now fears she's losing and decides to hold out for highest possible prices on livestock LD milk \$50 x 6 (F4,G5,H5,G6,I6,J6) = \$300 Hogs \$1500 x 2 (last chance to sell G4,H4 from 13) = \$3,000 (opts to hold I4 hogs from turn 15 for better price) ▪ cash at end \$9,640
19 (summer) Buy	8½ sections of sorghum (A1,B1,C1,E1,E2,A3,A4,C4,D5) ▪ cash remaining \$17,820	Nothing

19 Event: Oil Strike on A6, D3,I2	Chance: Swine fever N/A Event: will collect royalties of \$100 for A6,D3 on all subsequent harvests	Chance: Best blueberry pie +\$10 Event: no effect
19 Harvest	Collect and sell 8 flocks of lambs (A5, B5,C5,A6,B6,C6,D6,E6) @\$100 = \$800 Collect \$100 oil royalties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cash at end \$18,720 	LD milk \$100 x 6 (F4,G5,H5,G6,I6,J6) = \$600 Calves \$200 x 0 (collects 6 herds for F4, G5,H5,G6,I6,J6 and opts to hold for better price) Hogs \$1500 x 0 (opts to continue holding hogs on I4 for better price) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cash at end \$10,250
20 (fall) Buy	Nothing	Nothing
20 Event: Hail on H3,G4,G3,G5,I6	Chance: Fire in dairy barn N/A Event: no effect	Chance: Ma works at donut shop +\$30 Event: corn crops on G3,G4 halved
20 Harvest	CRF Sorghum \$300 x 8 (A1,B1,C1,E1, E2, A3,A4,C4) = \$2,400 BH sorghum \$300 x ½ (D5) = \$150 PP corn \$600 x 4 (F1,G2,I1,I2) = \$2,400 Beef \$800 x 4 (A2,B2,B3,C3) = \$3,200 Collect \$100 oil royalties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cash at end \$26,970 - \$8,000 for mortgage Final score \$18,970	LD milk \$300 x 6 (F4,G5,H5,G6,I6,J6) = \$1,800 Calves \$300 x 6 (F4,G5,H5,G6,I6,J6) = \$1,800 PP corn \$600 x 2 (F2, ½ each on G3,H3) = \$1,200 LD soybeans \$1,000 x 3 (F5,H6,J4) = \$3,000 Hogs \$2,000 x 2 (I4) = \$4,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cash at end \$22,080 - \$8,000 for mortgage Final score \$14,080

