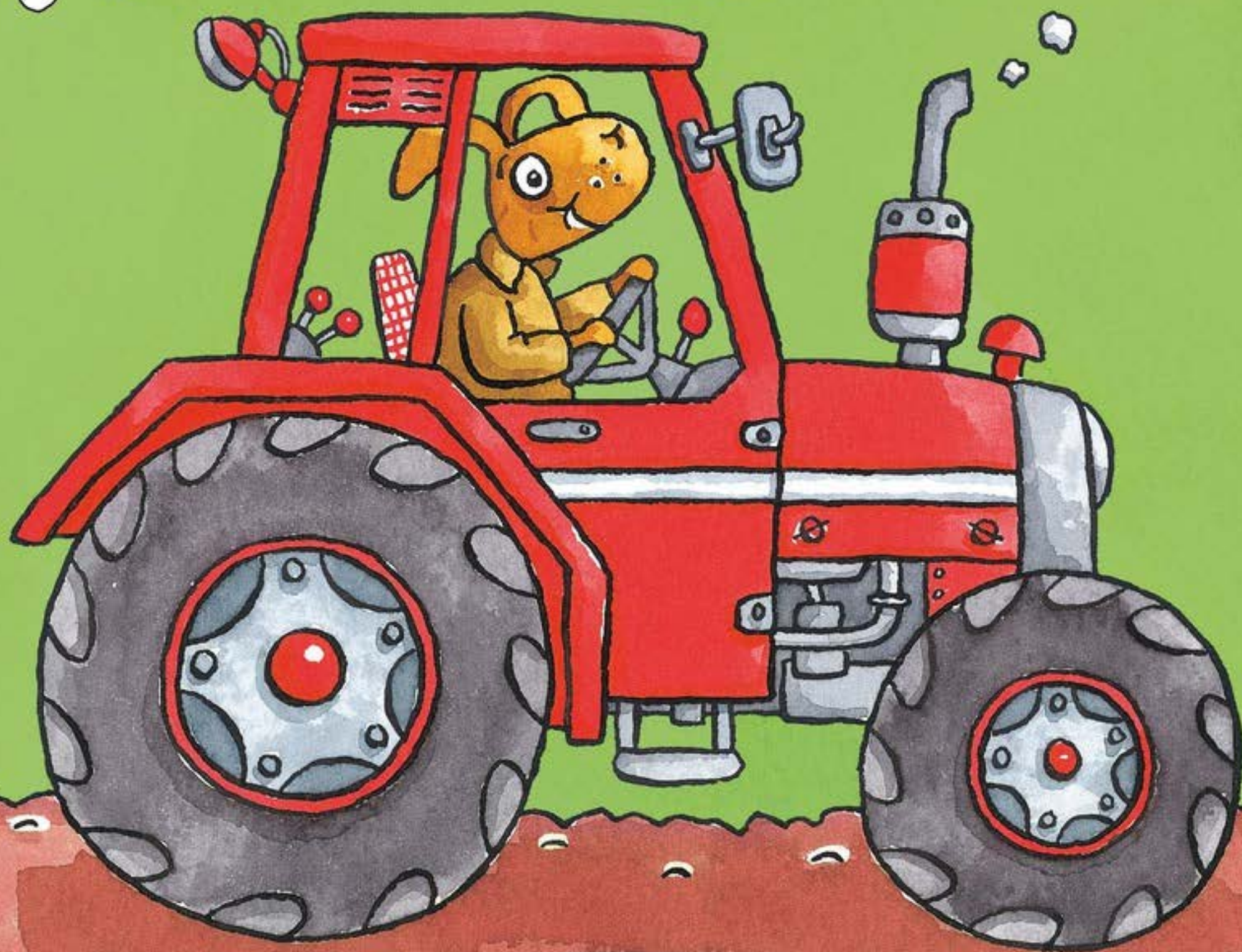


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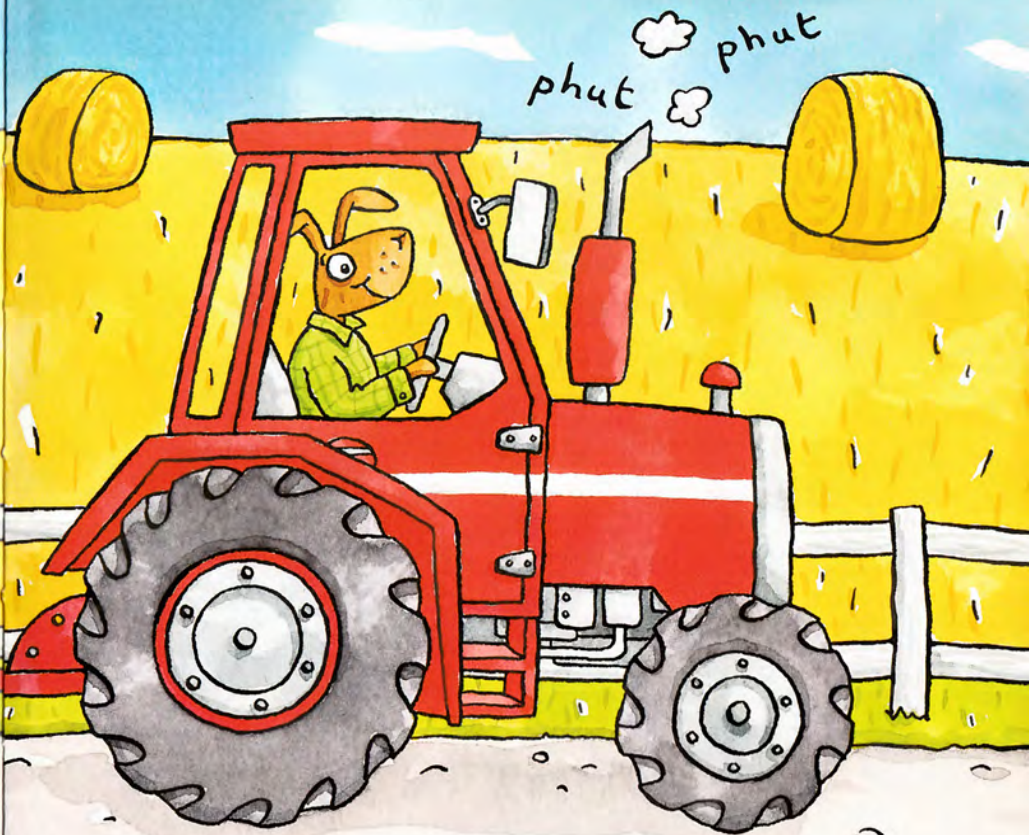


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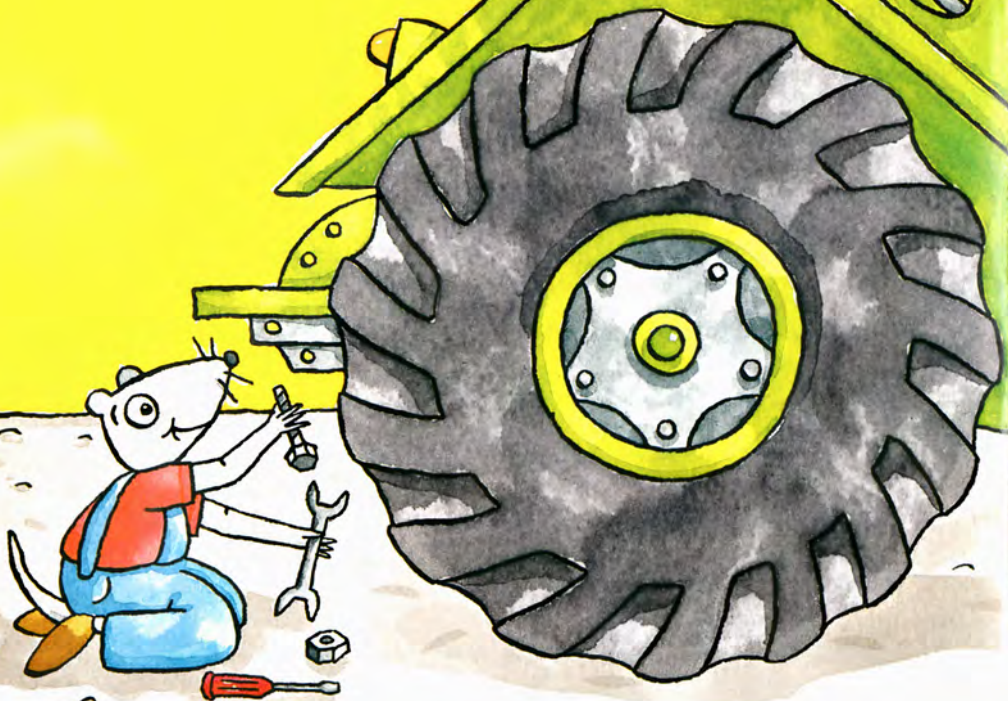




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so sturdy and so strong,



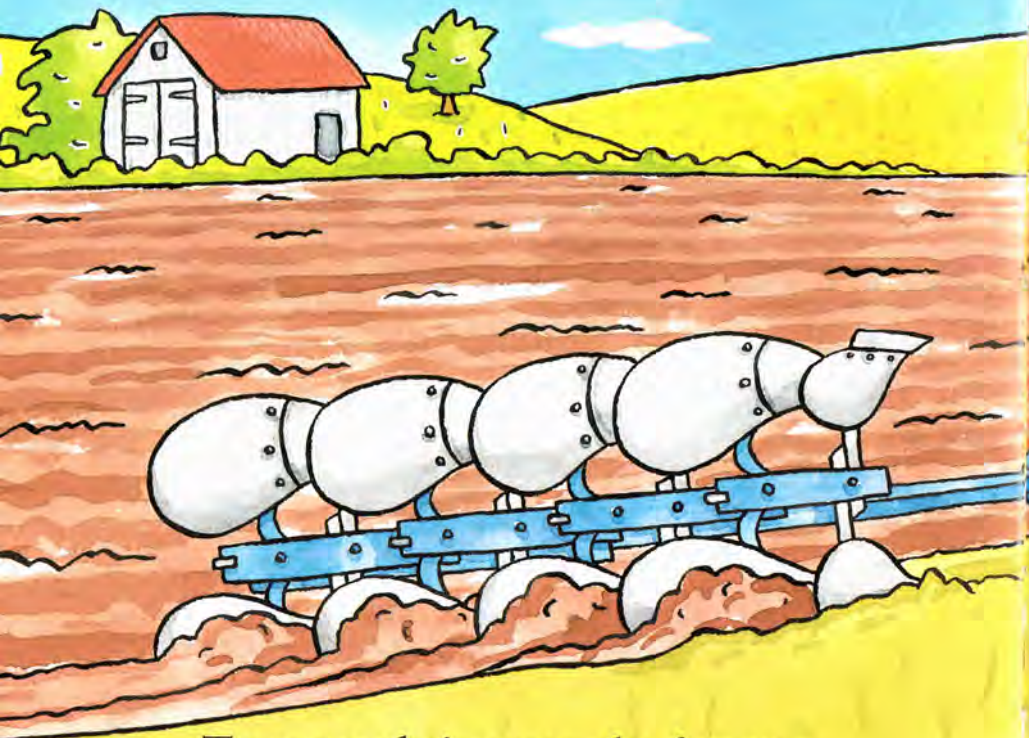
connecting up to farm machines
and pulling them along.



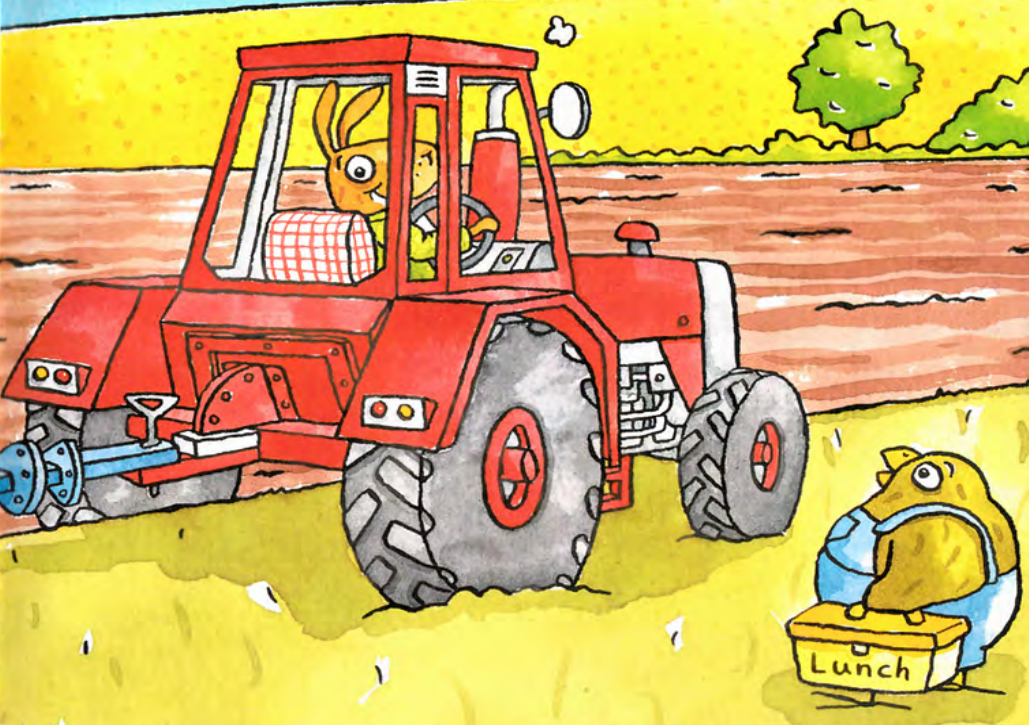
Their big black tyres have solid treads
which help them not to slip.
These chunky treads can chew the ground
and get the wheels to grip.



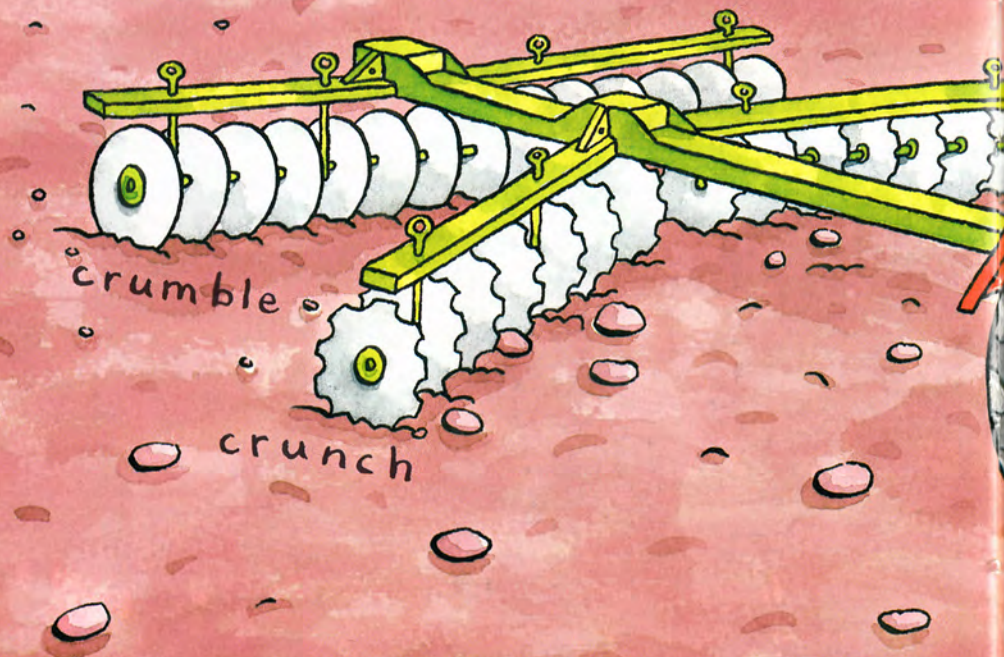
A tractor works on farmland,
so its body must be tough.
It sits up high above the ground,
for farmland can be rough.



To grow their crops the farmers
have to start by sowing seed.
But first, to break the ground up,
a plough is what they need.



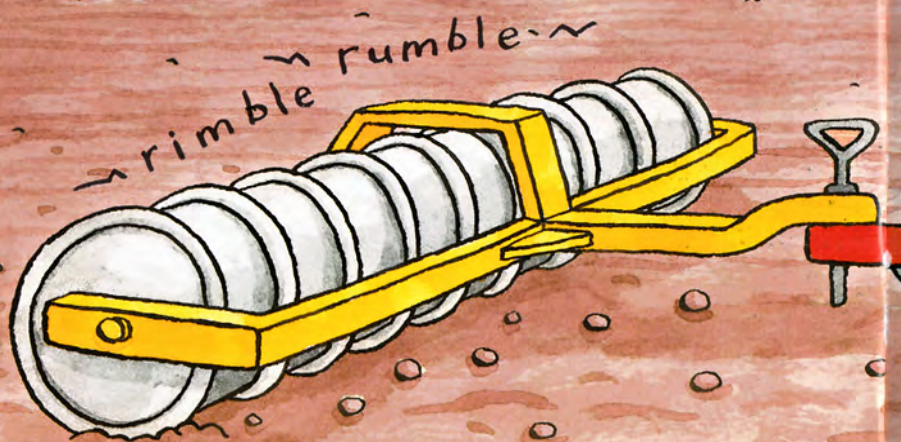
A tractor pulls the plough
across the field, up and down.
The plough blades cut the soil
into furrows, rich and brown.



The tractor hauls the harrow next,
to break the soil some more.



The metal discs crush up the clods –
that's what the harrow's for.



It's time to use the roller now.
The long tube rolls around



to flatten out the field,
pushing stones beneath the ground.



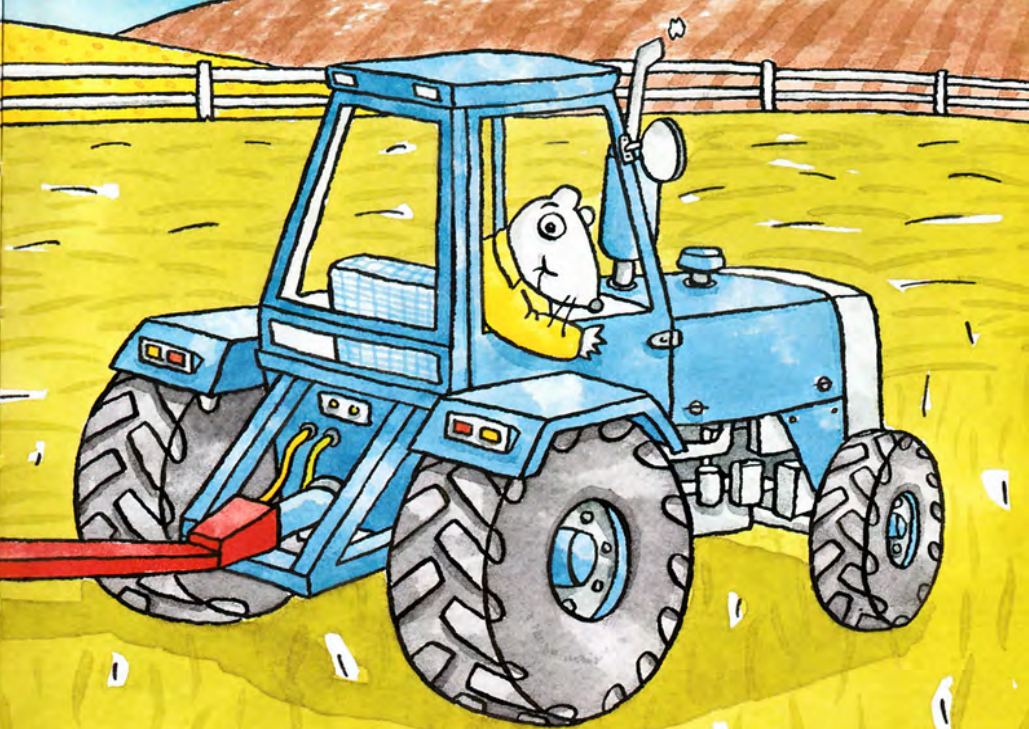
The seed drill has a hopper,
a seed box that you fill.
When it's time for planting,
the tractor pulls the drill.



The seed drill makes a row of grooves
in which the seeds can drop.
The spikes then rake a covering of
soil across the top.



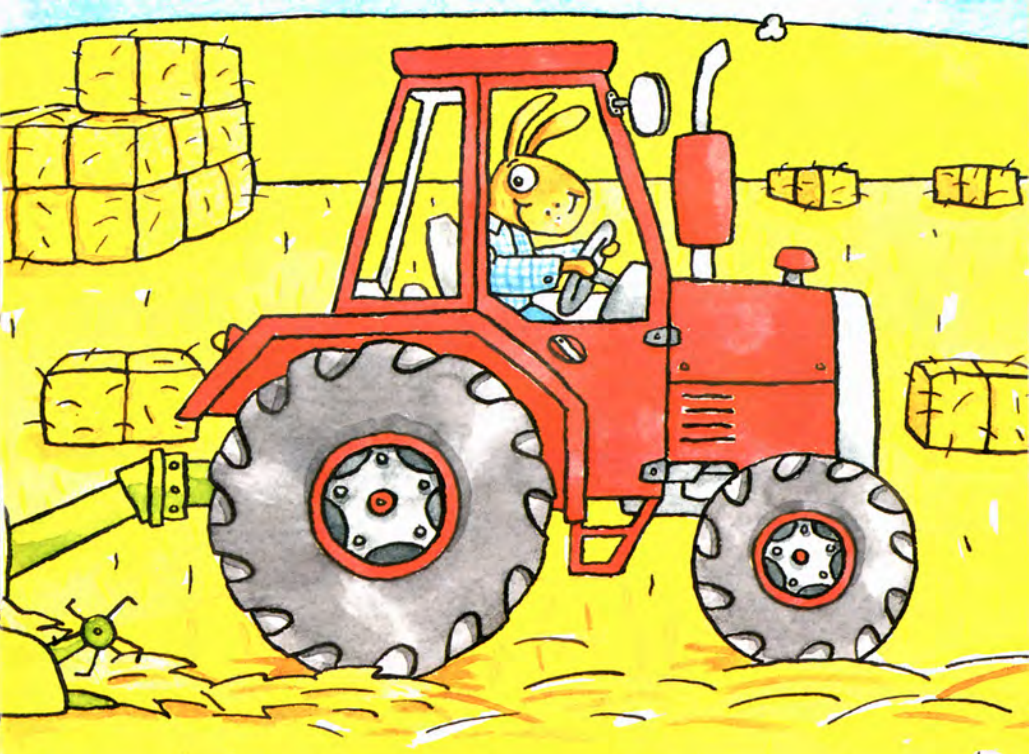
If the crop's a hay crop,
you mow it when it's grown.



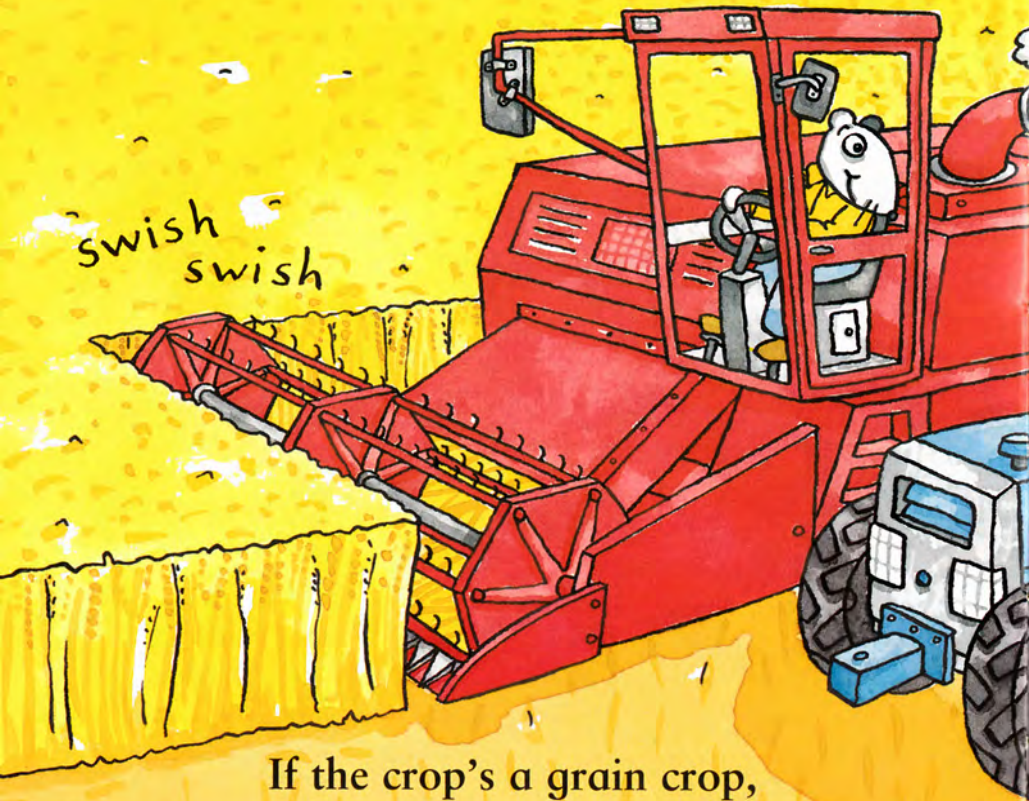
The grass is left in tidy rows
to dry, when it's been mown.



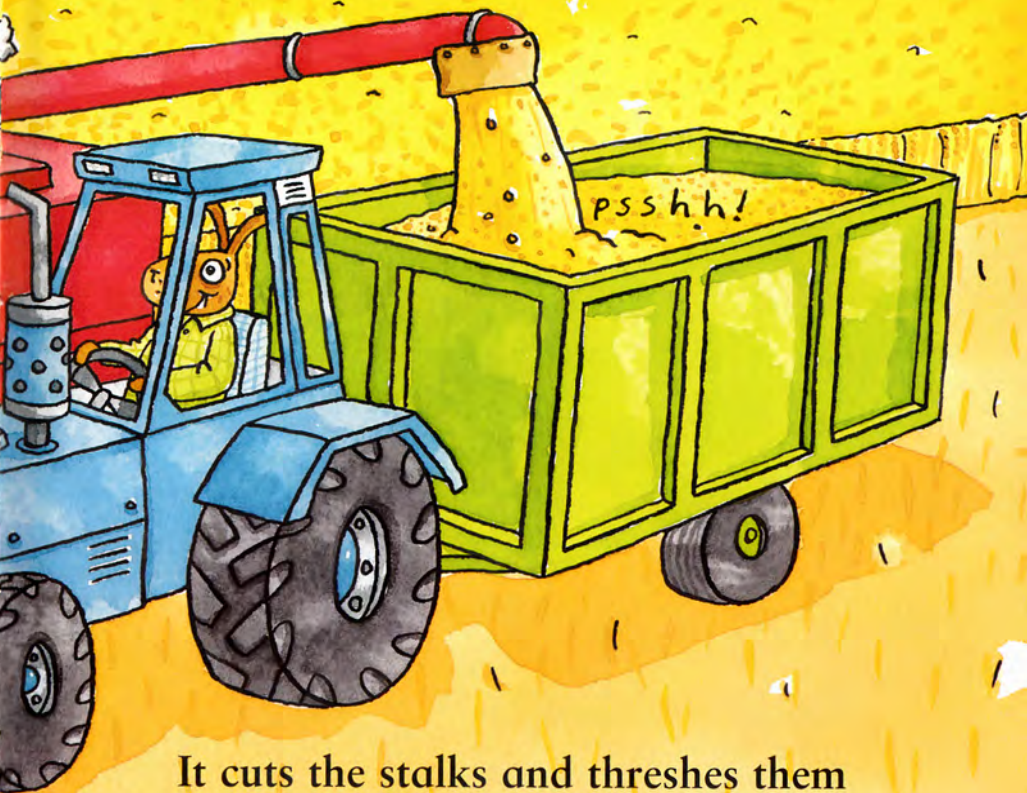
Later on a baler scoops
the stalks up from the ground
and shapes them into bales,
which are bundles, square or round.



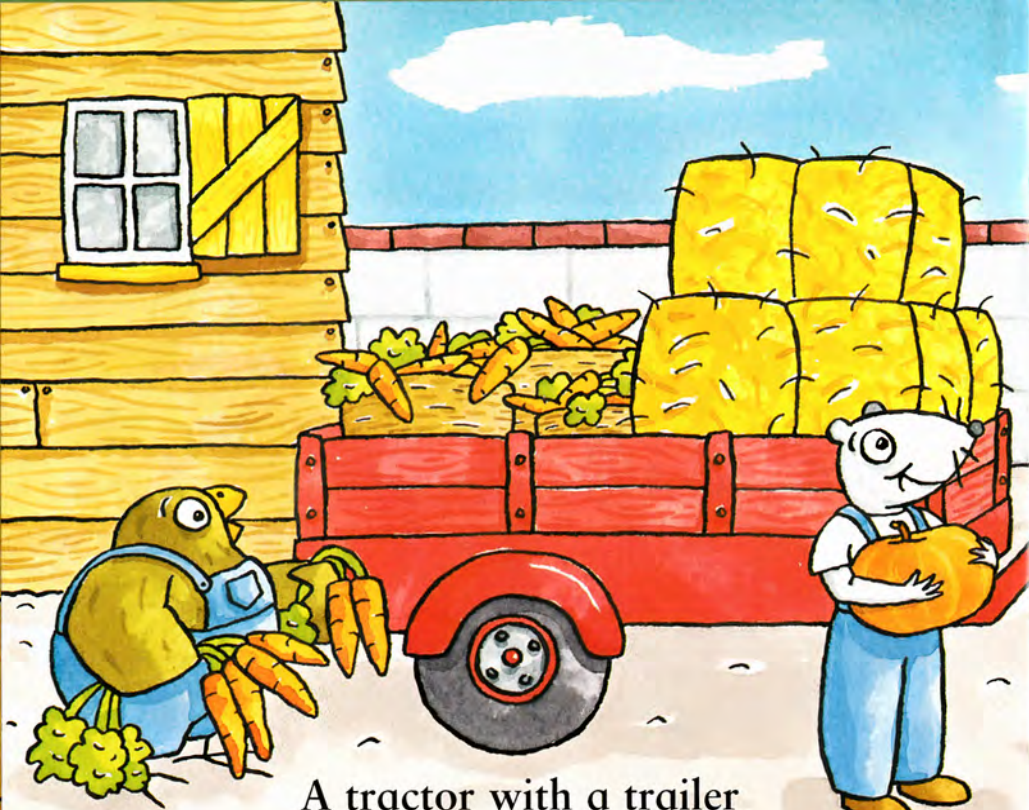
A bale of hay is heavy,
so it's very hard to lift.
A bale fork on a tractor
makes it easier to shift.



If the crop's a grain crop,
when harvest time is here
a great big combine harvester
can get the whole crop clear.



It cuts the stalks and threshes them
to knock the grain right out,
then spreads the straw behind it,
as the grain spills from the spout.



A tractor with a trailer
shifts bales of straw or hay,
takes food to hungry animals,
or carries crops away.



The tractor and the farmer
work hard and do their best.
So when the day is over
they both deserve a rest.

Tractor bits

tyre

this has chunky treads to help the wheel grip bumpy or slippery ground



bale fork

this is for lifting bales of hay or straw and moving them around



seed drill

this scratches small grooves in the ground for planting seeds



← hopper

this holds the seeds and blows them out through a row of tubes

blade



spikes

these move through the ground to cover the seeds after they drop

a plough has sharp blades, or shares, to cut into the ground and turn over the soil

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