

Farming Simulator 15

The cover art for Farming Simulator 15 features a large blue tractor in the foreground, driving on a dirt path. In the background, there is a yellow combine harvester, a red barn with a green roof, and rolling green hills under a blue sky with clouds. The title 'Farming Simulator 15' is prominently displayed at the top in a stylized font.

MANUAL

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If you encounter difficulties installing or running Farming Simulator 15, do not hesitate to contact our technical support department by email.

E-Mail : support@focus-home.com

Please provide our tech support team with as much information as possible on the type of problem you are experiencing, how and when it occurs, and your PC's DxDiag.

INSTALLATION

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED

Before installing the game please make sure your computer fulfills the system requirements:

- Windows Vista, Windows 7 or Windows 8
- 2.0 GHz Intel or equivalent AMD processor
- Nvidia Geforce 8600, ATI Radeon HD 2600 or better (min 512 MB VRAM)
- 2 GB RAM
- 3 GB free hard drive space
- Soundcard

INSTALLATION AND GAME LAUNCHING

To install Farming Simulator 15, please insert the DVD into your DVD drive and then follow the on-screen instructions. If no window is displayed after you have inserted the disc into your drive, please do the following: double-click on the [Computer] icon on your desktop, then on the [DVD Drive] icon to launch the install program; then follow the install program instructions that appear on-screen.

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GAME ACTIVATION: When you install the game, you will be asked to enter your product code to activate it. You will find this code inside the game DVD box. Please be sure you are connected to the Internet during activation.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to **Farming Simulator 15**. The manual has been designed to help you take your first steps in this world full of possibilities. Find out everything you want to know about the different crops, livestock, fertilizers, and vehicles in the game. The guide is nonetheless not complete; experience is still the best teacher in **Farming Simulator**. So give it a try!

MAIN MENU

Once you have launched the game, you will access the main menu of the game where you can choose from the following menus:



CAREER

This is the main part of the game. In this mode, you are completely free to decide what jobs you are going to carry out and how you are going to develop your farm.

MULTIPLAYER

Play with players from all over the world, and collaborate together to develop at best your farm.

DOWNLOAD MODS

Customize the game by downloading mods.

TUTORIALS

The tutorials are designed to introduce new players to the basic mechanics of the game. When you press Esc during a tutorial, a summary of the objectives to achieve is displayed.

ACHIEVEMENTS

This is where you can check the rewards you have unlocked.

OPTIONS

Set up the game options according to your preferences

CREDITS

Find out who participated in the development of the game.

QUIT

Quit the game.

STARTING A NEW GAME

We recommend playing the tutorials before starting a new career. They help you become familiar with how the game works and with the different types of vehicles.

To start a new game:

1. First select career mode in the main menu.
2. Select the location you want to save your progress to from the list.
3. You are then proposed, three levels of difficulty: Easy, Normal, and Hard. A description of the difficulty is displayed.
4. Finally, select the map you want to play on: Bjornholm or Westbridge Hills. If, after playing the first map, you want to play a game on the second, go through the steps from the start; select an empty save game location and select the map you want.
5. You then begin your career with a few fields and a small number of vehicles.

Note: If you are selecting the Bjornholm map for the first time, once it has loaded the game will offer to take you through a guided tour while showing you the basic rules of the game.

SAVE/LOAD

Farming Simulator lets you manually save your progress at any point (Press Esc to pause the game, then click on Save to save it).

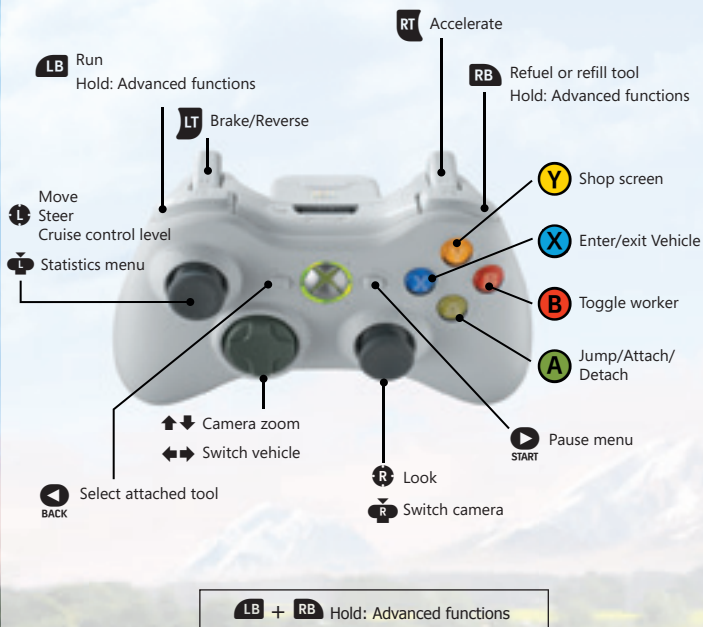
Note: The game does not have an auto-save function. It is therefore strongly recommended that you regularly save your game.

Once the game has been saved, you can access it via Main Menu > Career > Select game.

GAME CONTROLS

Farming Simulator 15 supports mouse, keyboard or a gamepad like the Microsoft Xbox 360 Controller for Windows. You can adjust the controls according to your preferences in the options menu or use the default settings as shown here:

XBOX 360® CONTROLLER FOR WINDOWS ONLY



MOUSE & KEYBOARD

Action	Key	Mouse
GENERAL CONTROLS		
Move	W A S D	
Look around	Arrow keys	Mouse movement
Run	Shift left	
Jump	Space	
Shop screen	P	
Light on/off	F	
Statistics menu	I	
Pause menu	ESC	
Activate object	R	
Change time scale	7 8	
Chat (multiplayer)	T	
Transfer money (multiplayer)	L	
VEHICLE CONTROLS		
Steer	W A S D	
Move camera	Arrow keys	Mouse movement
Enter/exit vehicle	E	
Switch camera	C	
Zoom camera	Page down/Page up	Mouse wheel
Move front loader/telescopic loader	J K N M	Buttons + movement
Attach/detach implement Unload tipper	Q	
Switch between vehicles	Tab	
Hire/dismiss worker	H	
Lower/lift tool	V	
Tool function 1 2 3 4 5	B X O V Y	
Switch between attached tools	G	
Refuel or refill tool	R	
Activate cruise control	3	
Change cruise control speed	1-2	

INTERFACE AND GAME SYSTEM

GAME INTERFACE

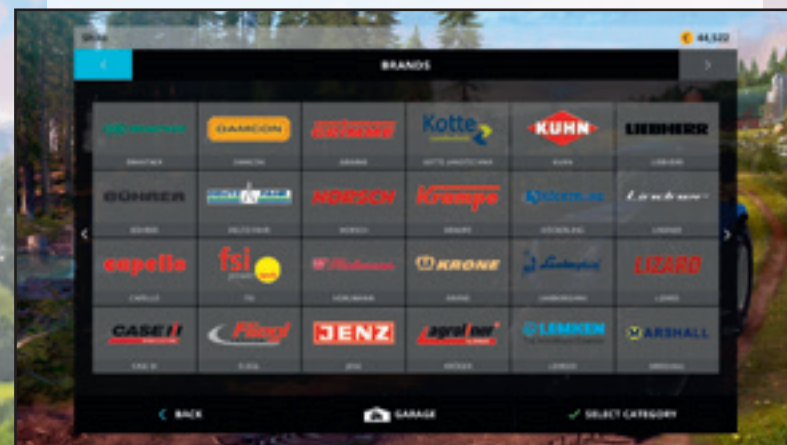


- 1. Help panel:** indicates the actions you can perform.
- 2. Map:** press 9 to increase the size of the map.
- 3. a.** Day/night cycle indicator
- b.** Time of day
- c.** Time scale: You can change this value to speed the game up via the options menu.
- d.** Bank account: tells you what your sales figure is and so how much money you have.

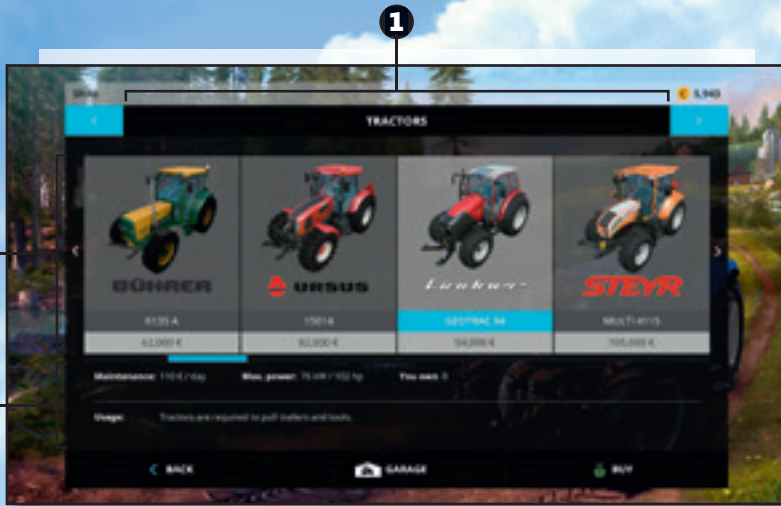
STORE

In Farming Simulator 15, west to your farm is a farming equipment supplier where you can purchase vehicles, equipment, and animals. You can access it at any time by pressing the P key. You still have to go there to pick up your purchases.

STORE INTERFACE



When you enter the shop, you can sort out the vehicles by category or by brand.



1. Equipment categories.
2. Equipment available in the selected category and their price.
3. Equipment data sheet.

SALES

From time to time the vehicle store has temporary sales on specific equipment. If an entire brand goes on sale, you receive a message to make sure you don't miss it.

PAUSE MENU

The Pause menu can be accessed at any time via the Esc key.

There are several tabs.

- **Briefing**
- **Settings:** This is where you can adjust several game options, such as the time scale, the mission frequency, and the help display on the maps.

STATISTICS MENU

By pressing 'I' you can access the statistics menu which offers information about the game on several pages:

Overview

The first page displays the weather forecast and a brief summary of your finances.

Map Views

This map shows you the growth state of your fields and what you have planted.

Vehicle Selection

This map shows the locations of all your vehicles and farming equipment you currently own. You can select individual items and enter them (if they are drivable) or reset their position back to your farm.

Statistics

Here you can review a lot of statistics about the current game, like the total area you have seeded or the amount of bales you have created so far.

Storage - Prices

This view lists all the places where you can sell your products and their individual prices. You can scroll the list with the arrows displayed at the sides of the table.

Animals

The last page is a summary of the animals you own and what they have produced so far.

CAREER

FIRST STEPS IN THE GAME

This is the main part of the game. You are in charge of your farm and free to develop it at your own pace.



At the start of the game you can walk into the pulsating question mark symbols to get gameplay information relevant to this location. You can also use the phone booths to receive further hints about the game.

SILOS

There is a silo at your farm where you can store your harvest temporarily.

To store your harvest in a silo you have to unload a filled tipper into the pit next to the silo. When the trailer stands in the correct position, you can unload the tipper.

To retrieve a commodity from storage, position a trailer below the pipe on the other side and activate it. This opens a menu allowing you to select the desired grain type. The trailer will be loaded until it is full or until the storage is empty.

Potatoes and sugar beets are located separately in the storage building next to the silos. Behind the building are two conveyor belts that allow you to fill your trailers.

PURCHASING FIELDS



To work a field you have to buy it first. Each field not in your possession has a buy symbol in its center. If you activate this symbol, a description of the field is displayed (field area & price) and you receive the option to purchase it.

The buy symbol of each field is at the same spot where you see the field's number on the map. Fields already in your possession are marked with green numbers on the map.

HIRING A WORKER

You can hire a worker to help you in the fields. This person will give you a hand with a specific task, such as harvesting.

You can start and stop a worker as often as you like by pressing H. Note that all work deserves a wage, and so each time you use a worker, it means money is deducted from your revenue.

MAKING MONEY

SELLING CROPS

To make money, you have to grow plants and deliver the harvest to one of the unloading stations. The prices of the different types of grains constantly change and the stations don't all accept the same ones, and don't pay the same prices. Check the Statistics menu to see the applicable prices.

SELLING ANIMAL PRODUCTS

If you buy animals, you gain another source of income: cows produce milk, sheep provide wool, and chickens lay eggs. It's up to you to make sure you get the best price for it.

MISSIONS

There are several job boards found on the map which show a list of missions you can do. Each successful mission earns you some additional money.

Depending on the mission's type you need different equipment:

Transport missions ask you to deliver some goods on a pallet to a specific location. This mission type requires a front loader and a pallet fork.

Mowing missions want you to mow a certain (fenced in) area. This requires a tractor and a mower.

Demand missions expect you to deliver a given amount of a certain fruit type to a specific location. You need a tractor, a trailer and the right amount of the demanded fruit type. Note that you can deliver the amount in more than one go, so you don't need to deliver everything at once.

If you accept a mission, an indicator starts blinking on the map, showing you where you have to go.

Generally, a mission gives you about 10 minutes to complete it. If you find that you can't finish a mission you've started, you can either let the time run out or go to a job board and cancel the mission manually. You do not get punished for a failed mission.

New missions appear at regular intervals. You can adjust the new ones appear in the settings of the pause menu.

TYPES OF SEEDS

You are free to choose which of the four types of grains (wheat, canola, barley, or corn) you want to sow.

Nonetheless, you should only sow what you can reap, as ripe grain starts to rot if not harvested. To reap corn, you need a combine harvester with a specially designed corn blade that can be bought at the store.



Wheat



Canola



Corn



Barley

POINTS OF SALE & GRAIN PRICES

To make money, you have to deliver your harvest to one of the points of sale. These places are shown on the map as green unload symbols. The price depends on the frequency and quantity sold for each type of grain.

For example, if you keep selling canola, its price keeps decreasing until you make almost no profit.

On the other hand, the types of grains that you don't sell for a while will fetch a high price. Check the figures in the Statistics menu to see the applicable prices at each point of sale.

GREAT DEMAND

Since the unloading stations are competing with each other, it can happen that a station detects a sudden need for a certain commodity. In that case a temporary great demand starts.

During a great demand the unloading station in question offers a significantly higher price than its competition. You receive a message as soon as a great demand starts and you can look up all currently running demands in the Statistics menu.

FINANCES



Another way to make money and manage your finances consists of going to the bank.

If you go to an ATM and activate the money symbol, you can see a detailed overview of your financial situation.

In the finance screen you can see all income and expenditures of the current day and the two days prior. The loan you have from the bank is also displayed.

If you need more money urgently, you can borrow some from the bank here in steps of 5000\$. However, at the end of each day, you will have to pay excessive interest on the loans you take out.

VEHICLES AND IMPLEMENTS

To successfully tend to your fields and feed your animals regularly, you have a large selection of vehicles and tools at your disposal:

TRACTORS

Many tools can only be used when they are attached to a tractor. The larger and heavier the implement, the sturdier and more powerful the tractor needs to be.



FRONT LOADERS

The front loader or telescopic loader allows you to perform tasks like transporting pallets of sheep wool or unloading manure into a manure spreader.



PLOWS

Before you can seed your fields, you need to loosen up the soil with a plow. There are several plows of different sizes available at the shop.



SOWING MACHINES

Depending on the sowing machine model you can sow different kinds of seeds. The description at the vehicle shop gives you more information. Sowing machines empty as they are used. To refill them you need to bring them to seed pallets which can be found at your farm, at the farm shop and at the garden center.



SPRINKLER

To improve the eventual harvest, you can fertilize growing plants with a sprayer. The sprayers empty as they are used and have to be refilled at the blue fertilizer tank located on your farm. If you have cattle, you can use manure to fertilize your fields in a more organic way.



COMBINE HARVESTERS

Once the grain is ripe you can climb into a combine, attach the fitting cutter and harvest the field. To harvest corn you need to attach specially designed corn headers.



TRAILERS

Once a combine's tank is full, you can unload the harvest into a tipper. Then you can drive the trailer to one of the unloading stations where you receive money for your crop.

If you do not want to sell your harvest directly, you can store it temporarily in the silos at your farm.



BALERS

The straw that accumulates during the threshing process can be pressed into bales. There are balers available for square and for round bales.



AUTOMATIC BALE LOADERS

The automatic bale loader makes collecting and transporting square bales a lot easier. Afterwards you can stack the bales wherever you need them.



CULTIVATORS

Use a cultivator to loosen the soil. After cultivating a field, you can seed it again. It is up to you if you want to plow the field beforehand.



MOWERS

Use a mower to cut grass. Grass ready to be mowed can be found almost anywhere, but you can also create your own grass fields.



FORAGE WAGON

Attach the wagon to a tractor, activate it and then drive over mowed grass to load it. You can feed the hay to your animals or dump it on one of the green haystacks.



TEDDER

To accelerate the drying process of mowed grass, you can turn it with the rotor tedder.





WINDROWER

The windrower prepares mowed grass by raking it into windrows which makes it easier for the forage wagon or the baler to collect it.

POTATOES

To plant potatoes you have to purchase the correct machines. First you need a potato planter, like the SE 260 from Grimme. To fill the machine with potatoes, you can place it under the conveyor belt at your farm or haul potatoes manually with a frontloader plus shovel. You can also fill the planter at the pallets with seeds, though that costs you additional money.



To harvest the potatoes you need the self-propelled potato harvester TECTRON 415 from Grimme. With this massive vehicle you can retrieve your potatoes in no time. After harvesting them, you can unload your potatoes into a trailer by positioning it underneath the harvester's bunker head.

SUGAR BEETS

Similarly to potatoes you need special machinery to plant and harvest sugar beets. For sowing you can for example use Väderstad's Tempo F8. Sugar beet seeds are available at the seed pallets at your farm or at the garden center.



To harvest sugar beets you can use the self-propelled sugar beet harvester MAXTRON 620 from Grimme. This machine works similar to the potato harvester.

CATTLE MANAGEMENT

Aside from vehicles and tools you can also buy livestock at the shop. If you purchase cows, they are automatically transported to their pasture.



MILK PRODUCTION

Cows only give milk if they are well-fed. You can feed them with hay, cut corn, or straw. If you give them enough, they produce more milk. If you don't give them enough of one of them, the milk production will be cut in half.

The statistics keep you informed about the fill level of the feeding trough (hay) and the driving silo (chopped corn). The milking robot on the cow pasture automates the milking process. At the end of each day the money earned from sold milk gets booked to your account.

SLURRY TANKER

Aside from milk your cows also produce liquid manure which is stored in the slurry pit at the cow pasture.

This is where you can fill the slurry tanker in order to spread the manure on your fields as an organic fertilizer. You can also fill it at the biogas plant Biofuel factory.



MANURE SPREADER

With this trailer you can spread manure on your fields. Use the front loader's shovel to haul manure from the dungheap next to the cow pasture into the manure spreader.

FORAGE HARVESTER

As mentioned earlier, you can provide your cows not only with grass but with chopped corn as well. Corn silage is produced by the Krone forage harvester. Since the forage harvester has no tank of its own, you either need to directly attach a trailer to it or hire a worker and drive along the harvester with a trailer. Unload corn silage at the driving silo next to the cow pasture or unload it into one of the silos at the biogas plant.



MIXER WAGON

You can optimize the milk production of your cows by feeding them total mixed ration (TMR) from mixer-wagons. Mixer-wagons take several feedstuffs (hay, silage, straw) and weigh and blend them into a complete ration.



If you have a mixer-wagon attached (or you are driving a self-propelled model), a graphical display in the top left consisting of several bars shows you the current mixing ratio. To get ideal forage, all bars have to be within the range marked with arrows.

You can fill mixer-wagons with a front loader plus shovel or with a wheel loader.

SHEEP



As with cows, any sheep you buy automatically get transferred to their pasture. The sheep are the only animal that produces wool. The more animals you have and the happier they are, the more quality wool they will produce. There is a concrete slab at the sheep pasture where a pallet of wool appears in regular intervals. You can use a front loader to pick up and transport these pallets to the area marked out at the spinners where they are sold.

CHICKENS

Similar to cows and sheep, the amount of eggs your hens produce mainly depends on their number and their happiness.

Visit the chicken coop and collect all the eggs you can find in the area. Eggs can be sold at places marked on the map with an egg symbol.



FORESTRY

Forestry is a brand new feature in Farming Simulator 15 which allows you to cut down trees and plant new ones. You have access to the following equipment:

TREE PLANTER



You can use the tree planter to plant several types of trees. To fill the planter, you need to buy a pallet of saplings at the garden center. Then drive the planter close to the pallet and fill the machine.

Trees can also directly placed by purchasing them as placeables in the shop. However, this is more expensive

TREE HARVESTER

Use a harvester to cut a tree and remove its branches. The resulting wood can be sold or turned into wood chips.



FORWARDER

By using the crane of the forwarder, you can place trunks on the load space and then transport them.

WOOD CHIPPER

A wood chipper allows you to reduce trunks into wood chips which you can sell at the biomass heating plant.



STUMP CUTTER

A cut down tree leaves behind a stump which you can remove with a stump cutter.



CHAINSAWS

Using a chainsaw is a cost-efficient way of cutting down trees.



BJORNHOLM

Shipping Office

Lumberyard

Circus

Shore Village

Transport Company

Hotel

Dairy

Biomass Heating Plant

Windmill

Village

Farm

Grain Elevator

Garden Center

Biogas Plant

Train Station

1-41 Fields

-  Place of unloading
-  Unloading place for grass
-  Cow stable
-  Sheep pasture
-  Chicken coop
-  Gas station
-  Farm equipment supplier
-  Spinnery
-  Job board (missions)
-  ATM
-  Selling point for eggs

WESTBRIDGE



1-21 Fields

- Grain unloading
- Player's silo
- Unloading place for grass
- Sheep pasture
- Chicken coop
- Cow stable
- Selling point for eggs
- Spinnery
- Job board (missions)
- Farm equipment supplier
- ATM
- Phone

MULTIPLAYER

Farming Simulator 15 allows you to manage your farm together with several other players via Internet or LAN. Select 'Multiplayer' in the main menu to start a multiplayer game or to join an already created game.

JOIN GAME

Select this option to join an existing game. You get to see a list of the currently available games from which you can choose one. If a game is running with mods, you need to install them as well. You can look at the details of each game to see which mods are required.

CREATE GAME

Here you can create your own game that other players can join. As with a regular career game you first select a savegame, difficulty and map. In the following screen you can adjust additional settings, like the maximum number of players allowed in the game or the mods used. A click on 'Start' opens the game.

CHAT

To communicate with other players in the game you can start the chat by pressing T and then type a short text message.

TRANSFER MONEY

In a multiplayer game each player has their own account balance. However, you can transfer money to other players by pressing L. This opens a screen where you can select the player and the amount you want to transfer. For further information about multiplayer games please visit the support section of www.farming-simulator.com.

TIPS

If you leave certain grain types in their ripe state for too long they wither away. Only sow as much as you can reap in time.

All the vehicles and tools you own continually cause running costs which you can look up in the finances view. The smaller you can keep your arsenal of machines, the lower is its price over time.

Depending on the selected difficulty, your silos are already filled with grain. Sell the grain to improve your funds early in the game.

It is a good idea to park vehicles at important locations (e.g. the cow pasture or the vehicle shop). This way you can quickly get there just by switching through the vehicles (D-pad).

If the grain prices are at an all-time low, you can store your harvest in the silos at your farm and wait a few days for the prices to stabilize.

ADVICE

Here are some tips to help you start the Farming Simulator adventure on the right foot.

You can also obtain more information about Farming Simulator during the game by going to the Telephone Booth or by checking the tutorials via the Main menu.

At the start of your farming career, there is a field ready for harvesting next to your farm. You can harvest the field, then put the wheat in the closest tractor trailer and then go sell your grain in town.

It is possible to hire a worker to harvest the field for you but it will cost money.

You can also store your harvest in the silos near your farm in order to sell it when the market price is higher.

Once the harvest is complete, use a cultivator to plow the ground and plant new seed with the sowing machine.

At the start of the game, only buy the vehicles you need. It costs money to maintain them.

The missions are a quick way to make money. Don't wait too long before buying a Front Loader, its pallet fork and a Mower so you can carry them out.

If you acquire beehives and chickens at the start of the game, you will have regular income at a low cost.

On the other hand, you should wait before investing in livestock (cows and sheep), as the necessary equipment and maintenance is expensive.



THE WAY
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