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Four family-run farms are fighting for their way of life

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A Year on the Farm reveals the magical world of cows, sheep, pigs and poultry. Farms may occupy two-thirds of Britain but it's a secret community most of us know little about. This is an intimate, mischievous look at life on a farm as we've never seen it before.



These aren't your average farmers – they're heroes of the countryside, that have rejected mass produced, industrialised farming to rear their animals closer to nature. This is the British farm at its best.

Episode 1: Turkeys

Paul is a maverick of the turkey world – raising thousands of birds outdoors in the cherry orchards of Essex. But doing things the old fashioned way is a high-stakes game, leaving him on the edge and in debt until his turkeys are delivered for the holidays.



Episode 2: Cows

Like his cows, farmer Steve was born and raised on his dairy in East Sussex, and knows all of his cows by name. But an outbreak of disease and raised rents leaves his 250-year-old farm on the brink of financial ruin.

Episode 3: Pigs

Polly and Graeme leave London to return to Polly's family farm in Wales, taking on 100 cows, 1,000 sheep and 80 outdoor-reared Gloucester Old Spot pigs.



Episode 4 Sheep:

For 400 years the Hodgson family have farmed sheep on the hills of Cumbria. Despite financial uncertainty, oldest son Bertie, 23, is determined not to be the last.

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