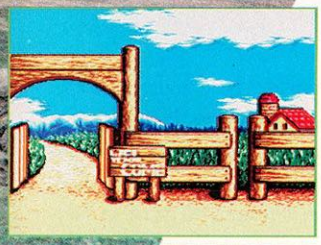
HARVEST MOON

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Farm-Out! Natsume's innovative Harvest Moon is more realistic than your typical, monster-bashing RPG. If you're bored with building levels and saving the world, take a chance on an original game that's down-to-earth fun!

A REALISTIC RPG THAT'S DOWN-HOME FUN

While other role-playing games are fixated with saving the world or destroying the most evil characters in the universe, the goal in Natsume's Harvest Moon is more modest and realistic: you need to improve your run-down farm, seek out a wife, and find a way to live happily ever after. If you think this sounds more corny than watching the corn grow, you're standing in the wrong field. This addicting cross between a RPG and a simulation game might be the Tetris Attack of the RPG genre. We chuckled until we played it, and then we couldn't put the controller down. Look for the game in stores this spring!





All work and no play might make Jack a dull boy, but at least it puts food on your plate and earns you enough cash for the next hoedown.



THAR'S PLENTY OF CHORES EVERY DAY

Effective time management is the key to building a flourishing farm. Unfortunately, there is not enough time in a day to get everything done. You'll have to do your best. We've outlined below a handful of the typical tasks that you'll have to complete on an average day at the homestead.

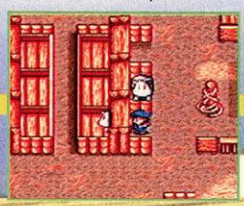
RISE AND SHINE!

So much to do and so little time. Rise and shine! Harvest your crops so they'll be ready to be picked up when the collection truck arrives. If you're late, you won't get paid.



MILK THE COWS

Pinch your pennies and buy one cow, or get several cows and start a dairy. Milk is a great source of revenue, but the responsibility can consume all your time.



HARVEST CROPS

Pick your crops and get them to the food bin for pick-up. You'll only have a few hours to harvest your food before the truck comes to pick up the goods.



POWER SHOPPING

If you have time between feeding the animals and tending the crops, run into town and buy a few more bags of seeds or some of the latest gardening gadgets.



BUILD YOUR FARM, NOT YOUR LEVELS

You won't have to worry about finding experience points in Harvest Moon. You start the game with a run-down farm and pocket change. Clear your land and plant your crops. If you plan carefully and pinch your pennies, you'll gradually be able to make improvements to your land and buy some animals. It's hard work all year round.

SPRING

The frequent rains help germinate the seeds you've planted, but you'll also have to contend with a bumper crop of weeds and pesky pests. You're going to have work from early spring right through to harvest time. The only time you'll get a break is during the annual Flower Festival.







SUMMER



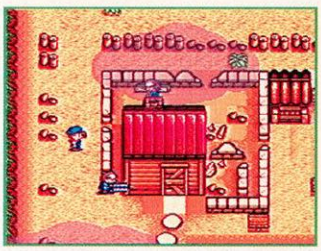


The living is easy in the summertime for some, but not you. There's a field of crops to water and herd of animals to feed. Since there are no festivals during the summer, make a social visit to town during a warm evening. The Pub is always open and your neighbors will be happy to see you.

FALL

While you can't grow crops in the fall, there is still plenty of work to be done. Repair your fences and prepare your fields for next year. If you have spare time, test your luck at foraging for mushrooms or fishing at the lake in the forest. Save some extra food for the annual Harvest Festival. If you're lucky, you might find some charming young woman to dance with there.

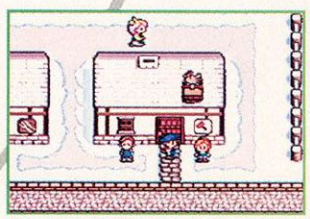


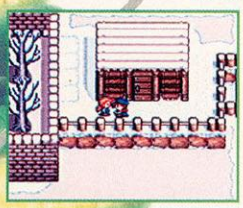




WINTER

During the summer, you have to stow away enough hay in your silo to feed your stock through the cold winter. Since your fields are fallow beneath a blanket of snow, this is the prime time of year to make social calls and get to know folks in the nearby town. Some of the best festivals of the year take place during the winter, ranging from Thanksgiving to the New Year's celebration. If you play your cards right and make a good impression, you might find yourself a steady date for all of the local social events.







A SOCIAL CALL?

Attend the town festivals and charm the local women with gifts. If you're unsure whether someone likes you, try sneaking a peek at the pages in her diary!



CHICKEN FEED

Check on your animals when you're not tending to your crops. Animals require supervision—you don't want your dog chasing the hens around the barnyard.



EXPLORE NEARBY

The nearby mountain offers a bountiful food supply throughout the year. You can also rest your weary bones in the soothing, hot spring water at the public bath.



BURN THE MIDNIGHT OIL

You won't earn cash if you pick your crops at night, but you can repair fences or clear your land. Work until you're exhausted and then climb into bed.



Sweet Dreams!

