

FARMS IN SINGAPORE

Years ago in Singapore, people owned farmland where they would plant crops or rear animals to make a living. However, because of Singapore's size, these farms had to make way for houses and buildings. Let's take a closer look at farms of yesteryear and today!

Cannot Grow Vegetables Anymore by Koeh Sia Yong



Koeh Sia Yong. *Cannot Grow Vegetables Anymore*. 1968. Oil on canvas, 43 x 33 cm. Private Collection.

This painting captures Singapore during its development, where farms were quickly cleared to make space for buildings.

A farmer in a straw hat is tending his vegetable plantation and gesturing behind him. Look where he is gesturing—in the background, there are some tall buildings on the left, while on the right there are old kampung houses.

What do you think the farmer is saying to the little boy? Perhaps he is wondering about how these developments might affect him.

TRY IT OUT!

What do you think this man's farm might look like? Complete the drawing on the next page according to what you imagine of Singapore's early farms.



