Farm Buildings

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Barns are usually painted red and may be as high as 3 levels. The bottom level is for the animals and the top levels are used to store the bales of hay.
A **loft** is the upper floor in a farm building usually used for storing hay.
The **milking parlor** is the room where the cows walk through one sliding door, walk into a stall, then the milking equipment is attached to them by a farmer, the tank fills with milk, the equipment automatically drops off and then the cows walk out the sliding door exit.
A stanchion is a frame that holds the head of a cow in place for milking, grooming or feeding.
A **bulk tank** is a very large metal tank that holds the milk, before the truck comes and takes it to the processing plant.
A **bunker** is often 3 huge cement walls that store silage for the cows to eat. The bunker is large enough for a tractors to push feed into it.
A **silo** is usually a tall cylindrical structure to hold grain or silage.
A garage on a farm is large enough to store a giant tractor so it can be repaired.
A **cupola** is a dome like feature on the top of the barn. Historically, it was used to help vent the air in the barn.
A **chicken coop** is a large room where all the chickens live. It has nesting boxes filled with hay for the chickens to lay their eggs in.
A **manure storage tank** is an above or in ground storage unit for cow manure to be used as a fertilizer on the fields. There is no roof on the manure tank because the methane gas from the cow manure would make the roof explode off.
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