

On the farm
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Antiques and collectables come in all different shapes and sizes, and what is one person's junk is somebody else's collectable. And the old farm equipment and other items around the farm are a very good example of this.

Now most of you will be well aware that the old car in the hay shed that has not seen the light of day for more than 50 years could well be the collector's item. But I am more interested in the old farm equipment that is just sitting round in various stages of disrepair.

So many rural properties I go to now have taken the old plough or horse drawn cart and turned it into a decoration in the garden. But there are many other items round the farm waiting for their second life as a piece of art. The old milk pail is high on the decorators' list of do up items, and the old iron tractor seat now makes a very smart bar stool. What about the old subdivision maps of the local area or even the old enamel sign for a long forgotten oil company?

The list of items that can be turned into a decoration or a functional piece of furniture will only be limited by your imagination. And don't just look outside for inspiration, what else around the farm will have a second lease of life? It is worth remembering that there are collectors out there for most items.

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