Scarecrows

One sure sign of the fall season is the sight of scarecrows everywhere. Scarecrows are used for practical reasons by farmers and as decorations by many people.

You can find scarecrows on:

Farms

In Yards

# On T-shirts and Sweatshirts

Scarecrows were first used over 2000 years ago by farmers who needed to keep birds out of their fields. Crows and blackbirds were always eating the vegetable crops grown by farmers. The farmers had to do something to stop the crows from coming into the fields. They made these human-like objects out of anything they could find. They used stiks, hay, and pine straw, and dressed the scarecrows in old clothing. The farmers tried their best to make these creations look like real people in a field or garden. They hoped that the crows would see the “person” standing in the field and be afraid of it.

Scarecrows are still seen twoday, but most farmers use other things now to get rid of pesky animals. Scarecrows are more often a decoration, and a way to mark the beginning of fall.