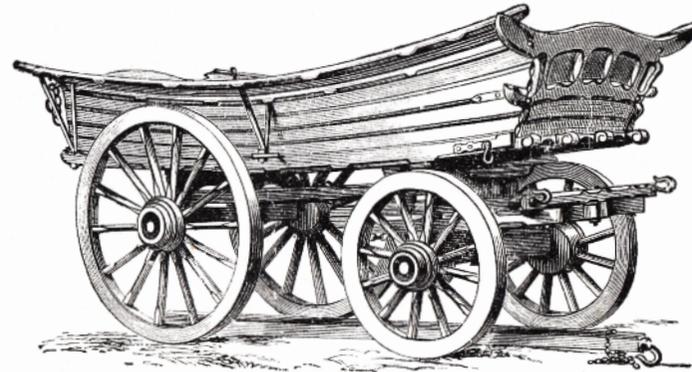


EAST YORKSHIRE FARM WAGGON.

This illustration represents the Waggon that is extensively used in the East Riding of Yorkshire. Fitted with Pole and Swingletrees for 3 horses or Single Shafts if required.



Patent Axles and Brass Caps or Wooden Axles if desired.

No.	Capacity.	Wheels.	Tires.	PRICES.
4	2-tons.	3-ft. 4-in. and 4-ft. 9-in.	3-in.	as per list.
5	3-tons.	„ „	3-in.	„
6	4-tons.	„ „	3-in.	„

Portable Side and End Boards extra, if required.

GENERAL SPECIFICATION OF MATERIALS see page 3.

William Crosskill manufactured trade and agricultural vehicles at Beverley. He pioneered the use of iron hubs and patent iron axles.

Croskills' Catalogue 1904

The Story of the Wolds Wagon

History

Carts have two wheels and wagons have four. Every part of the UK had a different design of wagon.

Three Yorkshire wagons, the Dales, Moors and Wolds wagons are very similar in design but differ in size. The Dales wagon from Bilsdale, Bransdale, Rosedale and the other moorland dales of North East Yorkshire were just 8 feet long and 5 feet wide. The Moors wagon from the coastal districts North of Scarborough were 10 feet long and 5 feet wide. The Wolds wagon was the largest at 12 feet long and 6 feet wide. They could carry 4 tons and were fitted with a pole for a pair of horses to work side by side.

Wagons have smaller wheels at the front to allow part of the wheel to turn under the body of the wagon and so increase the turning circle.

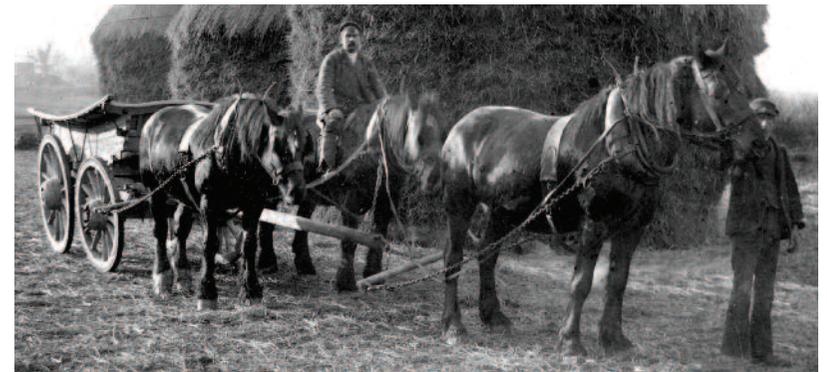
There were a number of wagon makers in the Wolds each with their own style. Wagons were made to order and farmers would demand modifications and particular colours.

The wagon lasted on the farm for over 200 years but by the 1950's was a rare sight and the new tractors and steel framed trailers with pneumatic tyres had replaced them.



The wagon is driven by a postilion, rather than someone sat on the wagon itself, a tradition that lasted on the Wolds well into the 1930's. The clumsy old wains were drawn by oxen but by the late 18th century they had been replaced by the wagon drawn by horses.

George Walker *Costumes of Yorkshire* 1814.



A Wolds wagon at harvest time harnessed unicorn fashion. A moors wagon can be seen at the Ryedale Folk Museum, a Dales and Wolds wagon at the Beck Isle Museum and a Wolds wagon at Sledmere.

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"About the time we beginne to cut grass or howsoever the weke afore wee intende to leade hey; wee sende worde to the wright to come and see that the axcle trees and felses of the wains bee sownde and firme" Henry Best of Elmswell 1642.

