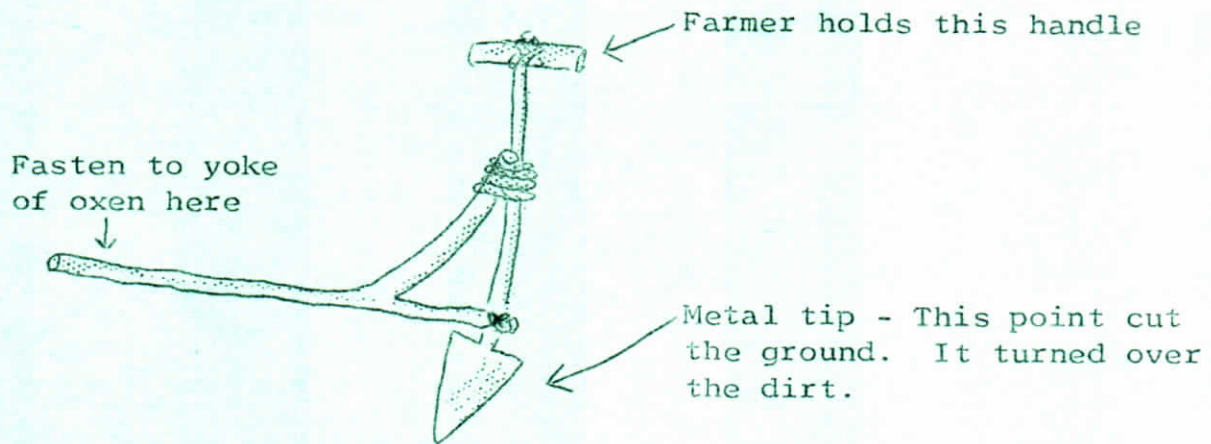
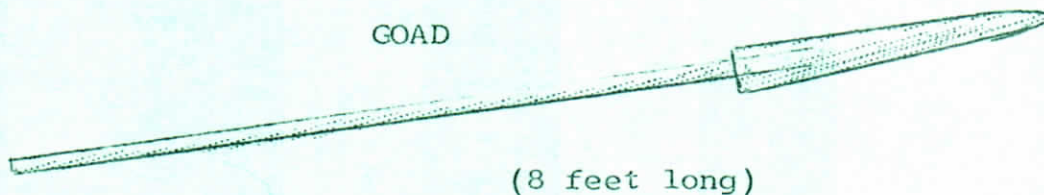


When the first drops of rain came sometime in October, the farmer got out his plow. He cleaned and sharpened the plow. It was time to get ready to plant the seeds in his fields.



The plow was not at all like plows today. The most important part was the plow point. This was made of iron. The Philistines could make iron tools before the Israelites knew how. When Saul was king, the farmers in Israel took their plows and axes to the Philistines to sharpen. (I Samuel 13:20)

The farmer used a goad to steer the oxen when he plowed. This was a long wooden stick with an iron case for the end.



The farmer tapped the back of the ox to steer him in the right direction.