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LORRY HEADS TO MARKET

Gibbs of Bedford adapted steam lorries no longer used after the First World War, for use on farms and for transporting fruit and vegetables to market.

These steam lorries became a regular feature at the famous Covent Garden Market and many others, helping to feed the whole of London.

Fruit and vegetables were loaded into wooden crates and stacked on the back of the steam lorry. They gradually replaced horse-drawn wagons.

By 1938 the production of steam lorries had stopped because petrol powered lorries were cheaper to own and run.

