



Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) FFY 06/07

Final Performance Report

Illinois Department of Agriculture
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Total funding:	First Allocation (#CA12-25-G-0528-A)	\$111,450.21
	Second Allocation (#CA12-25-G-0528)	<u>\$111,450.21</u>
	TOTAL Allocation:	\$222,900.42
Projects Funded:	Illinois Farmers Market Advertising Grant Program (54 projects)	\$210,450.00
	Specialty Crop Industry Directory (1 project)	\$6,225.00
	Specialty Crop Educational Document (1 project)	<u>\$6,225.00</u>
	TOTAL Projects Funded	\$222,900.00

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Project Title:

Illinois Farmers Market Advertising Grant Program

Project Summary:

Producers that direct market and farmers markets typically do not have extra dollars to allocate toward promoting their products or market. An advertising grant program allows these direct marketers and farmers markets to increase their competitiveness and local awareness by providing additional funds for use in the various media avenues. Projects were funded that included but were not limited to television advertising, radio advertising, newspaper ads, signs, banners and billboards. By providing an avenue to allow a market to have additional local exposure it was hoped that it would create additional domestic demand for the specialty crop products in Illinois.

Project Approach:

A competitive grant program was established and the request for proposals was distributed to Farmers Market contacts and direct farm market contacts. A total of 55 grant applications requesting \$337,552 for various sub-projects within their proposals were received.

An internal review committee evaluated the submitted proposals with their sub-projects and determined the projects and funding levels that were funded. Each project was evaluated based on the perceived benefit to the state's specialty crop industry as demonstrated within the submitted proposal. Projects were funded that would in some way increase the exposure of the specialty crop industry, to allow for new producers to enter the market, or to allow established producers to expand their production levels to meet the consumers' demand.

A total of 54 grants totaling \$210,450.00 were administered. Funds were forwarded to the grantees at the beginning of the grant period. Monthly reports were required of each grantee on the first business day of each month from the time the grant agreement was executed until the end of the grant period. These monthly reports required project details to be reported including: Detailed update on each project task, Identification of any grant project related challenges, Brief narrative of overall project accomplishments, and a Budget sheet detailing grant related expenditures for the month. Monthly report requirements were in place until the final report was submitted.

Final reports were due within 30 days of the completion of the grant period or at the point when all grant funds were expended and the sub-projects were deemed complete. All final written reports required a narrative describing the work performed, copies or proof (photos, etc.) of all completed grant funded works, narrative describing results obtained and economic impact that resulted from grant funded activities. The final written report narrative evaluated the success of the project and identified the performance measures used in the evaluation. Information and specific details regarding the results and corresponding impact of the grant funded projects were encouraged.

Sub-Project's Plans for Broadcast of Specialty Crop Message

- Concentrated on promotion and education
- Various Signage
 - Billboard
 - Directional
 - On-Site
- Radio/ Television Advertising Spots
 - Radio
 - Television
 - Print (Newspaper ads and inserts)
- Brochures
- Flyers
- Posters
- Newsletters
- Establishment or expansion of use of website and email
- Labeling / Packaging

Goals, Expectations and Outcomes:

Three goals were set forth within the proposed project outline. Two of the goals were incorporated into the 2008 Illinois Farmers Market Advertising Grant Program.

Goal #1: To encourage individual specialty crop producers and farmers' markets to incorporate the "Illinois Where Fresh Is" logo in their marketing campaigns to increase awareness of the logo and generate increased domestic demand for these branded products;

Expected Measurable Outcomes

- Increase the number of specialty growers utilizing the specialty crop logo by 20%.
- Work toward 100% compliance among Illinois farmers markets in incorporating the logo into their marketing efforts.
- Improve recognition of logo program among retailers/wholesalers by 10%.

Goal #2: To provide specialty crop advertising grants to farmers' markets to increase the domestic competitiveness of Illinois specialty crops

Expected Measurable Outcomes

- Provide grants to at least 15 small specialty crop producers/farmers markets.
- All grantees will be required to show the following at the end of their grant term.
 - ◇ Percentage increase of farmers market customers.
 - ◇ Percentage increase (or actual number) in number of visitors to business, farmers market or individual road side stand resulting from increased advertising.
 - ◇ Percentage increase in sales receipts of individual grantee and if a farmers market the market in general.
 - ◇ Additional information may also be provided based on the individual nature of each proposal.

Within the sub-projects, the applicants set their goals within the program's guidelines and some went further and set additional goals and expectations for their projects beyond those supported with grant funds. In summary, some of these additional goals and expectations were:

GOALS

- Education avenues for both consumers and farmers about specialty crops
- Awareness of the availability of these products
- Increase Agritourism related opportunities utilizing specialty crops
- Developed preference for locally grown produce
- Strengthen and grow customer base
- Increased sales and revenues

EXPECTATIONS

- Successful marketing campaigns
- Increased sales of specialty crops
- Greater number of local specialty crops available to customers
- Greater number of specialty crop producers/vendors
- Increased number of customers
- Increased production and employment
- Increased success in surrounding local businesses

OUTCOMES, RESULTS, PROGRESS

Within the 2008 Illinois Farmers Market Advertising Grant Program, a total of 54 grants were awarded to farmers markets located throughout Illinois. The purpose of these grants was to increase the awareness of the market which would directly result in benefitting the specialty crop industry in Illinois. Added benefits would include increase sales, increased opportunities for new and existing producers and new opportunities for new markets to be established.

Many positive results were observed by the market managers when asked to compare the market season during which the advertising campaign was undertaken to the previous year's market season. The markets receiving a grant reported a 25% increase in the number of vendors participating in the farmers markets and a 33% increase in farmers market customers. All projects utilized the "Illinois...Where Fresh Is" logo, where appropriate and possible, in grant related works. Many comments were received by the Illinois Department of Agriculture on the positive benefit of the logo and the increase amount of recognition that was achieved amongst the market customers.

Other positive results were reported by the applicants, a summarization of these remarks include:

- Achieved all goals regarding vendor, customer, and sales increases (except for one market)
- Vendors often sold out of produce by the end of the day
- Expressed future interest by non-participating vendors
- Many achieved the ability to offer a more diverse variety of products ranging from new and different specialty crops, to baked goods, to arts and crafts
- Several achieved wanted community partnerships
- Vendors and customers both commented positively on the additional advertising efforts
- Entertainment offerings expanded (live music and demonstrations)
- Increase in free publicity (Feature articles in local newspapers/ magazines)
- Customers expressed appreciation for healthful choices
- Those that wished to, achieved their educational goals
- Many were successful in discovering which advertising efforts yielded the greatest return and commented that their future strategies would be modified to incorporate increase amounts of those methods that were most effective

Beneficiaries:

The direct beneficiaries reached by this Specialty Crop Block Grant Program were the vendors and customers of the grant supported farmers markets in Illinois. The assistance provided by the Illinois Farmers Market Advertising Grant benefited the 54 farmers markets and their surrounding communities and assisted approximately 1,000 vendors in 2007 and over 1,200 vendors in 2008.

Indirectly, this program benefited all of the approximately 280 markets in Illinois in 2008. The number has dramatically increased from the mere 90 markets identified in the late 1990's.

Illinois recently undertook a great amount of effort to look at the local food systems within the State. The farmers markets are just one of the many key elements of each local food system. The Illinois General Assembly formed the Illinois Local and Organic Food and Farm Task Force that released a report to the Illinois General Assembly in March 2009 entitled "Local Food, Farms & Jobs: Growing the Illinois Economy". Within the report it states:

"The popularity of farmers markets is a measure of consumer demand that now reaches into large-volume wholesale markets."

The report continues to state:

"Smaller markets run into supply problems as well. The Illinois Department of Agriculture estimated that there were more than 270 farmers markets for the 2008 season, up from 97 markets in 1999. But outdoor market managers from Chicago's minority neighborhoods to rural communities have difficulty attracting sufficient number of farmers. Markets across Illinois have opened and closed or were considered but never begun because not enough farmers could be found to supply the product."

The applicants in general expressed optimism in that these grant funded projects will result in continued growth of the specialty crop industry in Illinois and the impact will be felt for several years into the future and the prospect of new or expanded producers to meet the growing need for local specialty crops was increased by this program.

Lessons Learned:

The main lesson learned by the grant program manager within the Illinois Department of Agriculture was how positively this program was viewed by the specialty crop industry within Illinois. There was an overwhelming amount of positive comments regarding the farmers market advertising grant program and an even greater amount of comments expressing disbelief when the program was discontinued for the 2010 market season due to changes within the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. But the farmers market community within Illinois has had at least three years of advertising support and the growth of the number of markets, the number of vendors and the crowds of dedicated customers when combined with the excitement revolving around the local food movement can only be expected to grow on into the future. All involved with this project are extremely grateful for the opportunity to give this sector of Illinois agriculture an enormous boost towards continued growth and opportunity for specialty crop producers.

Other comments and observations were reported by the applicants, a summarization of these remarks include:

- Inclement or unfavorable weather conditions created late or slow starts to the market season and challenges throughout the season.
- Road construction created challenges in getting customers to the vendors.
- Grant did not cover specific wants and/or needs that the markets and vendors identified as being helpful, but several grantees sought matching and/or in-kind funds to support these additional endeavors.
- Difficulties in advertising with various media outlets were experienced by some of the grantees. Most difficulties were localized and were related to specific companies or their representatives.
- Billboard space is extremely competitive in terms of location and timing and created challenges for some proposed projects.
- Coordination issues with media outlets created some project to be modified. These modifications changed the avenue travelled to reach the project's goal and not the goal itself.
- Information placement and minor funding variations resulted within several projects as the variable created different situations from the time that the proposal was initially submitted.

In general all projects were deemed successful by the applicants and many market managers and vendors were encouraged and excited about the next market season and were going to use the time between seasons for evaluation and planning for the next year's market.

Tracking #	Applicant	Funding Level	Grant Funded Projects
1	Benton Farmers' Market	\$3,000	-- Print advertising -- printing of promotional fliers
2	Grayslake Farmers Market, NFP	\$4,900	-- Promotional signs -- Banner -- Print advertising
3	City of Mendota	\$3,591	-- Print advertising -- Radio advertising
4	Stark County Farm Bureau / Wyoming Cha	\$3,200	-- Posters and inserts -- Weekly print ads -- Radio advertising
5	Market on Main	\$1,600	-- Newspaper inserts -- Advertising flyers -- Signs
6	PRIDE of Peoria, Inc.	\$6,500	-- Print advertising (excluding design & creation) -- Radio advertising -- Television advertising (excluding creation)
7	Woodstock Farmers' Market NFP	\$4,525	-- Newspaper and magazine advertising -- Display posters
8	Village of Bartlett	\$5,000	-- Newspaper advertising -- Newsletter insert
9	Village of Palestine	\$7,500	-- Newspaper advertising and inserts -- Radio advertising -- Television advertising -- Fliers -- Billboard -- Signs
10	Village of Park Forest Farmers' Market	\$4,000	-- Signs
11	Oswegoland Park District	\$5,600	-- Newspaper advertising -- Radio advertising -- Banners -- Signs (excluding brackets)
12	JoDaviess County Farm Bureau	\$2,000	-- Newspaper advertising -- Signs (excluding creation of)
13	Logan Square Chamber of Commerce	\$5,000	-- Newspaper advertising -- Flyers -- Signage -- (Excludes tote bags)
14	Dundee Township Tourist Center	\$5,000.00	-- Advertising in Northwest Herald and other suburban Chicago newspapers
15	City of Country Club Hills	\$4,339.00	-- Print advertising -- Banners
16	Old Town Market	\$7,500.00	-- Newspaper advertising -- Newspaper coupons -- Radio Advertising -- Mobile billboard
17	Farmers Markets 26-1555931 (applied as Kankakee County Farmers Market)	\$7,500.00	-- Billboards
18	Main Street Paris, Inc.	\$1,200.42	-- Newspaper advertising -- Radio advertising -- Banners
19	Downtown Bloomington Association	\$5,500.00	-- Billboards
20	DuQuoin Farmers Market	\$4,000.00	-- Print advertising -- Radio advertising -- Television advertising -- Fliers -- Signs -- Street banners (excluding brackets)
21	Steeleville Farmers' Market - Village of Steeleville	\$5,379.00	-- Print advertising -- Radio advertising
22	City of Park Ridge	\$4,000.00	-- Print advertising -- Radio advertising -- (Excludes Slide Show and Shopping bags)
23	Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce	\$5,440.00	-- Newspaper advertising -- Metal signs -- Billboard -- Sandwich sign -- Radio advertising -- Printing newspaper inserts (not stuffing fee) -- Street banners
24	Quad City Fruit & Vegetable Growers Assoc.	\$5,000	-- Radio advertising -- Cable television advertising

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25	The Galena Territory Association	\$2,250.00	-- Newspaper advertising -- Banners -- Fliers
26	Sugar Grove Chamber of Commerce & Industry	\$4,700	-- Newspaper advertising -- Radio advertising -- Television advertising -- Street banners
27	Geneseo Farmers Market	\$4,500	-- Newspaper advertising -- Radio advertising -- Brochures -- Permanent signs
28	Village of Campton Hill	\$2,800	-- 3x3 ad (5 month ad) -- Radio advertising (WSPY FM and WSQR, excluding WGN) -- Television advertising
29	Farmer's Market of Carbondale, Inc.	\$4,000	-- Newspaper advertising -- Radio advertising -- Television advertising
30	Frankfort Country Market, Inc.	\$4,500	-- Newspaper advertising -- Radio advertising
31	Geneva Green Market, NFP	\$4,000	-- Newspaper advertising -- Radio advertising (excluding HS football game sponsorship) -- Brochure -- Posters -- (excludes mailer/bag stuffer/postage and business cards)
32	Village of Elk Grove Village	\$2,478	-- Newspaper advertising -- Placard -- Banner -- Posters -- (excludes stickers, bookmarks)
33	City of Urbana	\$4,000	-- Television advertising (excludes production)
34	Alton Marketplace Association	\$4,000	-- Billboard -- Banners
35	Village of Huntley	\$4,000	-- Monthly and weekly print advertising
36	Winfield Chamber of Commerce	\$3,800	-- Print advertising (monthly and periodic)
37	Board of Trustees of the Univ. of IL on Behalf of the Edwards/Wabash Unit on Behalf of the Edwards/Wabash Farmers' Market	\$4,000	-- Print advertising -- Radio advertising
38	Barrington Village Association	\$50	-- Posters
39	Quad Communities Development Corporation	\$3,800	-- 1/4 page ad in local papers -- Banners
40	Downtown Danville, Inc.	\$4,000	-- Print advertising -- Radio advertising -- Television advertising -- Banners
42	Jacksonville Main Street Program	\$3,000	-- Print advertising (not to be used for prep/layout) -- Radio advertising (not to be used for prep/layout) -- Television advertising (not to be used for prep/layout)
43	Rock Falls Chamber	\$4,000	-- Newspaper advertising -- Radio advertising -- Billboard -- Signage (not to include installation)
44	Downtown Springfield, Inc.	\$4,000	-- Newspaper advertising -- Fliers -- Posters -- Banner
45	Vandalia Main Street Program	\$3,800	-- Newspaper advertising -- Brochures
46	The Land of Goshen Community Market	\$3,100	-- Newspaper advertising -- Brochures
47	Metamora Farmers' Market	\$3,458	-- Newspaper advertising -- Radio advertising (not to include radio remotes) -- Posters
48	Taylorville Main Street, Inc.	\$4,000	-- Newspaper advertising -- Radio advertising (not to include remote speaker and call-ins)
49	Main Street of Sterling, Inc.	\$3,000	-- Newspaper advertising -- Radio advertising (not to include remote speaker and call-ins)
50	Kane Co. Farm Bureau	\$2,500	-- Promotional flyers and inserts
51	Lombard Town Centre	\$2,000	-- Newspaper advertising -- Market Signage -- (excludes streetpole banners)

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52	Dwight Main Street Program	\$390	-- Posters (printing only) -- Handouts (printing only) -- Newspaper advertising
53	Village of Thornton	\$3,750	-- Newspaper advertising -- Radio advertising -- Signs
54	Downtown Neighborhood Assoc.of Elgin's Harvest Market	\$3,800	-- Newspaper advertising -- Postcard printing -- Signage/Banners
55	Ridgeville Park District	\$1,500	-- Newspaper/magazine advertising -- Banners -- Signage
TOTAL FUNDING		\$210,450.42	

Tracking #	Applicant	Project Contact	Contact Address	City	Zip	Phone	Fax	E-mail
1	Benton Farmers' Market	Ernie Duckworth	215 N. Central	Benton	62812	618-627-4038	618-627-4038	mkbolen@shawneelink.net
2	Grayslake Farmers Market, NFP	Pam Navarre	239 Parker Drive	Grayslake	60030	847-204-0034	847-548-9157	pamnavarre@hotmail.com
3	City of Mendota	Karyn Bock	800 Washington St.	Mendota	61342	815-538-5043	815-538-7029	mainstreetmendota@yahoo.com
4	Stark County Farm Bureau / Wyoming Chamber of Commerce	Rich St. John	101 W. Main, Box 240	Toulon	61483	309-286-7481	309-286-6701	starkcfbmanager@agviewfws.com
5	Market on Main	Lisa Haynes	480 CR 2500 N	Mahomet	61853	217-586-5632		lisaahaynes@yahoo.com
6	PRIDE of Peoria, Inc.	Sharon Gramm	401 SW Water St., Ste. 201C	Peoria	61602	309-671-5555	309-674-2401	info@peoriariverfront.com
7	Woodstock Farmers' Market NFP	Richard Brook	9306 Lawrence Rd.	Harvard	60033-9230	815-943-5998		brookfarm@t6b.com
8	Village of Bartlett	Steven Bosco	228 S. Main St.	Bartlett	60103	630-837-0800 X5915	630-837-0800	sbosco@vbartlett.org
9	Village of Palestine	Mayor Pat Schofield	Village of Palestine, 301 S. Main St.	Palestine	62451	618-586-2777	618-586-9471	websterb@uiuc.edu
10	Village of Park Forest Farmers' Market	Christine Blue	350 Victory Drive	Park Forest	60466	708-748-1118	708-748-1630	cbue@pfhealth.net
11	Oswegoland Park District	Lina Bishop	313 E. Washington St.	Oswego	60543	630-554-4423	630-554-1577	lbishop@oswegolandpd.org
12	JoDaviess County Farm Bureau	Sara Sullivan	5257 South Tower Rd.	Elizabeth	61028	815-598-3138	815-858-3728	ssullivan319@hotmail.com
13	Logan Square Chamber of Commerce	Paul Levin	3147 W. Logan Blvd., Ste. 12	Chicago	60647	773-489-3222	773-489-3760	paul@loganchamber.org
14	Dundee Township Tourist Center	Kathy Herman	319 N. River St.	East Dundee	60118-1300	847-658-8529		kathycandle@comcast.net
15	City of Country Club Hills	Wendy Boston	4200 West 183rd St.	Country Club Hills	60478	708-798-2616	708-798-7352	wboston@countryclubhills.org
16	Old Town Market	David Donley	3157 East B Street Rd.	Belleville	62221	618-235-3310	618-235-3310	dldonley@aol.com
17	Farmers Markets 26-1555931 (applied as Kankakee County Farmers Market)	Merrill Marxman	440 Meadows Rd. N	Bourbonnais	60914	815-939-2070	815-939-3090	merrill@marxmanag.com
18	Main Street Paris, Inc.	Kim Stewart	222 N. Main St.	Paris	61944	217-463-2611	217-463-2611	mainstparis@joink.com
19	Downtown Bloomington Association	Peggy Flynn	200 West Monroe St.	Bloomington	67101	309-829-9599	309-829-9925	director@downtownbloomington.org
20	DuQuoin Farmers Market	Martha Morgenstern	P.O. Box 146	Pinckneyville	62274	618-357-6016	618-357-3038	martha.morgenstern@il.nacdn.net
21	Steeleville Farmers' Market - Village of Steeleville	Carol Meyer	4370 Rockcastle Rd.	Steeleville	62288	618-965-3800	618-965-3231	meyer@egyptian.net
22	City of Park Ridge	Barbara Beil	505 Butler Place	Park Ridge	60068	847-318-5200	847-318-1930	bbeil@parkridge.us
23	Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce	Dave Ard	8 S. Madison	Carthage	62321	217-357-3866	217-357-3292	david.ard@il.usda.gov
24	Quad City Fruit & Vegetable Growers Assoc.	Steve Krause	12420 County HWY 5	Atkinson	61235	309-936-7792	309-936-7399	tkp@geneseo.net
25	The Galena Territory Association	Madelynn Wilharm	2000 Territory Drive	Galena	60136	815-777-2000	815-777-9194	gtacommittee@thegalenaterritory.com
26	Sugar Grove Chamber of Commerce & Industry	Pat Graceffa	923 Spruce St.	Sugar Grove	60554	630-466-1014		patdangraceffa@msn.com
27	Geneseo Farmers Market	Amy Gadberry	111 E. Exchange St.	Geneseo	61254	309-269-7409	309-944-4994	amysbeads@geneseo.net
28	Village of Campton Hill	Al Lenkaitis, Jr.	P.O. Box 212	Wasco	60183	630-561-9514	630/377-0496	alri@comcast.net
29	Farmer's Market of Carbondale, Inc.	Lee Roy Rendleman	170 Leepy Lane	Jonesboro	62952	618-833-4613	618-833-4613	leepymarl@team-national.com
30	Frankfort Country Market, Inc.	Veronica Blair	10430 Brookridge Creek Dr.	Frankfort	60423	815-469-7041		vnblair@sbcglobal.net

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31	Geneva Green Market, NFP	Karen Stark	333 Oakwood Drive	Geneva	60134	630-208-9321		Karcryo@mac.com
32	Village of Elk Grove Village	Beth Jacobsen	901 Wellington Ave.	Elk Grove Village	60007	847-357-4006	847-357-4022	bjacobsen@ElkGrove.org
33	City of Urbana	Tom Carrino	400 South Vine St.	Urbana	61801	217-384-2442	217-384-0200	tcarrino@city.urbana.il.us
34	Alton Marketplace Association	Sara McGibany	100 E. Broadway	Alton	62002	618-463-1016	618-463-1091	sara@altonmarketplace.com
35	Village of Huntley	Barbara Read	10987 Main St.	Huntley	60142	847-669-9600	847-515-5245	bread@huntley.il.us
36	Winfield Chamber of Commerce	Rich Bysina	0S125 Church St., P.O. Box 209	Winfield	60190	630-682-3712	630-682-3726	winfieldchamber@sbcglobal.net
37	Board of Trustees of the Univ. of IL on Behalf of the Edwards/Wabash Unit on Behalf of the Edwards/Wabash Farmers' Market	Martha Speir	350 North 7th St.	Albion	62806	618-445-2934	618-445-3746	maspeir@uiuc.edu
38	Barrington Village Association	Margaret Myren	324 E. Liberty St.	Barrington	60010	847-382-3829	847-382-3829	mmyren@sbcglobal.net
39	Quad Communities Development Corporation	Bernita Johnson-Gabriel	4659 South Cottage Grove Ste. 204	Chicago	60653	773-268-7232	773-536-7296	Bernitajohnsongabriel@gmail.com
40	Downtown Danville, Inc.	Rachael Dietkus	149 N. Vermilion St.	Danville	61832	217-443-3886	217-443-3872	rachael.dietkus@gmail.com
42	Jacksonville Main Street Program	Judy Tighe	P.O. Box 152	Jacksonville	62651	217-245-6884	217-479-4002	info@jacksonvillemainstreet.com
43	Rock Falls Chamber	Doug Wiersema	601 W. 10th St.	Rock Falls	61071	815-625-4500	815-625-4558	rockfallschamber@essex1.com
44	Downtown Springfield, Inc.	Ann Frescura	3 West Old State Capitol Plaza, Ste. 15	Springfield	62701	217-544-1723	217-544-1725	ann@downtownspringfield.org
45	Vandalia Main Street Program	Dana Whiteman	124 S. 5th Street	Vandalia	62471	618-283-8751	618-283-8751	vanmain@swetland.com.com
46	The Land of Goshen Community Market	Sherry Case	11412 Pocanotas Rd.	Marine	62061-1246	618-887-9228		sjchase@wisperhome.com
47	Metamora Farmers' Market	Paul Edward Kouri	215 N. Washington St.	Metamora	61548	309-678-8402	866-318-3524	barbperry@mchsi.com
48	Taylorville Main Street, Inc.	Michelle Merker	108 Market St., PO Box 526	Taylorville	62568	217-824-8651		mmerker@consolidated.net
49	Main Street of Sterling, Inc.	Shelley Day	PO Box 261	Sterling	61081-0261	815-626-8610	815-626-5420	sterlingmainstreet@essex1.com
50	Kane Co. Farm Bureau	Steven Arnold	2N710 Randall Rd.	St.Charles	60174	630-584-8660	630-584-0023	steve@kanecfb.com
51	Lombard Town Centre	Elizabeth Gelman	102 W. St. Charles Rd. #2C	Lombard	60148	630-620-8063	630-620-8064	info@lombardtowntowncentre.org
52	Dwight Main Street Program	Janice Lauritzen	117 W. Main Street	Dwight	60420	815-584-1830	815-584-1830	dwightmainstreet@sbcglobal.net
53	Village of Thornton	Max Salmon	115 East Margaret St.	Thornton	60476	708-877-4456	708-877-4458	clerk@thornton60476.com
54	Downtown Neighborhood Assoc.of Elgin's Harvest Market	Tonya Hudson	2 Douglas Ave.	Elgin	60120	847-488-1456	847-488-1449	thudson@elginil.org
55	Ridgeville Park District	Brian Rosinski	908 Seward Ave.	Evanston	60202	847-869-5640	847-869-5667	908seward@sbcglobal.net

Of the three goals that were set forth within Illinois' proposed project outline. The third and last of the goals were incorporated into two grants that supported two publications.

Goal #3: To create publications highlighting specialty crop businesses location information to consumers so they can readily access locally grown products. Distribute directory through at least 50 tourism centers and chambers of commerce facilities throughout Illinois.

Project Title:

The Illinois Agritourism Guide

Project Summary:

This Illinois Agritourism Guide is a directory that highlights the vast amount of Agritourism offerings in the State of Illinois. Agritourism is a growing sector of the specialty crop industry in Illinois. Areas of interest include: orchards, pumpkin patches, wineries, u-pick farms, agricultural attractions and much more. While there are several organizations that promote specific types of Agritourism related businesses, the Agriculture and Tourism Partners of Illinois (ATPI) serves as a collaborative marketing coordinator for the various businesses that utilize Agritourism as an important marketing tool. The purpose of this guide is to encourage more visits to Illinois farms that will result in increased purchases of Illinois farm products. By providing this information to the public, ATPI will encourage visitors to stay that extra day and take advantage of all that Illinois has to offer. The target audience includes but is not limited to leisure travelers, family vacationers, history buffs, travelers seeking to reconnect with agriculture and nature, and education seeking travelers.

The Illinois Agritourism Guide is a statewide directory featuring the numerous farm activities, produce and attractions throughout the state. This directory encourages more visits to farms and more purchasing of farm fresh products. It also directs travelers who are seeking a wholesome experience on locations they can visit. Many of these businesses do not have the resources to develop a marketing strategy. Their inclusion in the Illinois Agritourism Guide has given them statewide exposure and has also created unique partnerships with the tourism agencies in the state. Countless free marketing exposure has been created through this project. The guide features all products regardless of growing season thus creating a yearlong product and endless shelf life.

Project Approach:

This grant was given to support the printing of the Illinois Farm Activity Guidebook. A total of 40,000 copies were printed. The document measured 8 3/8" X 10 7/8" and contained 48 pages in four color.

Production of the guide started in April/June with solicitation of advertisers. The next few months Agritourism businesses were contacted to update information on listings. Multiple mailings, phone calls and email follow-up helped increase the number of businesses who confirmed their information. The final process involved layout and design, coordination with printer and print proof. Product was completed in late August of 2007.

Goals, Expectations and Outcomes:

This project consisted of three (3) main goals, as set by the applicant in addition to the State's goal:

1. To provide travelers collective information regarding the unique places where they can experience farm activities from petting zoos, wineries, pumpkin patches and agriculture related festivals.
2. To attract and encourage more visitors to enjoy the variety of available farm fresh products and experiences.
3. And to increase revenue for farm based businesses involved in Agritourism while increasing tax revenues for the state and local governments.

Performance measures used in evaluating the success of the project include lead collection through advertisement, website, and repeat visitors. Although the guide has not been in circulation long enough to capture quantifiable impact numbers, the demand for replacement supplies and the response from Agritourism business owners has been extremely positive to date.

Over 40,000 guides were printed and have been distributed throughout the country. The main form of distribution was via UPS. Boxes of guides were shipped to the Tourism Information Centers throughout the state. This is a request that is fulfilled when needed. Peak seasons for distribution at the centers are during the apple/peach and fall pumpkin season. The guide has also been distributed at the Illinois Farm Progress Show, Illinois State Fair, Great Performers in Chicago, Downstate Days in Chicago, Illinois Route 66 Mother Road Festival in Springfield, RV Show in St. Louis and numerous other county fairs and farm markets. The guide has also been distributed by the University of Illinois Extension office through its numerous educational sessions and outreach programs. Agriculture and Tourism Partners throughout the state have taken them to seminars, conferences and trade shows as well.

As a direct result of the success of this guide and project, a statewide website has been created, www.agfun.com. This website is a mimic of the guide and is easily updated. The website has been seen by a great number of visitors throughout the state. The website was acknowledged by the Illinois Bureau of Tourism during the Illinois Governors Conference on Tourism as being the best website in the state. Without the overwhelming positive response and support from the guide, the website would have not been possible. This project has been a successful partnership between all the specialty crop farmers and attraction owners, Illinois Department of Agriculture, The Illinois Bureau of Tourism and partners, Illinois Grape Growers and Vintners Association, University of Illinois Extension, The Agriculture and Tourism Partners of Illinois, USDA, and many other valuable partners throughout the state.

Beneficiaries:

The IL Agritourism Guide is provided as an easy reading directory to the 1000+ farm based Agritourism businesses. This project is an extraordinary example of a multitude of partnerships and they include but are not limited to:

- The Regional Tourism Development Offices
- Illinois Bureau of Tourism
- Illinois Department of Agriculture
- Illinois Specialty Growers Association
- Illinois Farm Bureau
- University of Illinois Extension
- Illinois Grape Growers and Vintners Association
- Local Agricultural Organizations
- Business Owners throughout the state

Lessons Learned:

The guides are most popular along the interstate highways. They are available at the Illinois Tourism Information Centers and many Agritourism businesses. This guide book has also proved to be very popular at special events like the Illinois State Fair, Amtrak Day at Chicago Union Station, Great Performers of Illinois-Chicago, International Route 66 Mother Road Festival in Springfield and many other special events. The guide has been the key piece in developing awareness for the variety of specialty agriculture products available in the State of Illinois. As the guide continues to fall into the hands of consumers, ATPI and tourism offices are fielding more calls and website requests for other unique Agritourism opportunities. ATPI has as its continued goal to bring awareness to farm produce and entertainment options and the Illinois Agritourism Guide will be an important tool in that effort.

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Of the three goals that were set forth within Illinois' proposed project outline. The third and last of the goals were incorporated into two grants that supported two publications - **continued**.

Goal #3: To create publications highlighting specialty crop businesses location information to consumers so they can readily access locally grown products. Provide "Ag Mag" to at least 1,000 children throughout Illinois.

Project Title:

Specialty Crop Ag Mag

Project Summary:

This project was designed by the Illinois Ag In The Classroom (IAITC) staff to produce an Ag Mag, a 4-color tabloid, written at the 4th grade level on various Illinois Specialty Crops, highlighting the 'Illinois...Where Fresh Is' program promoting locally grown commodities. The program addresses the common misconceptions that 'food comes from the grocery store' common among both students (and adults).

Project Approach:

A total of thirteen specialty growers across the state of Illinois were interviewed, and photographed representing a variety of specialty crops as well as the diverse geographic locations across the state. Working with the Illinois Farm Bureau Graphic Art Department, the Ag Mag was produced and printed by Original Smith Printing in Bloomington Illinois. A total of 140,000 copies at a total cost of \$10,086.63 were printed and made available to local county Agriculture Literacy Coalitions on March 15, 2009. The printing of these coincided with the end of The *Illinois* Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) Testing and National Agriculture Week, so students through various classroom presentation have been able to learn more about the scope and availability of Illinois specialty crop products.

Additionally, a lesson plan booklet was also made available to teachers and students across the state, featuring links to Illinois Specialty Crops. These lesson plans have been a hit with teachers. Sixty eight percent (68%) of the teachers surveyed during 2009 Summer Teacher Training indicated that they would utilize the Specialty Crop Ag Mag and companion lesson plans.

Because the grant from IDOA did not cover the entire cost of the Ag Mag, the IAITC staff looked to find additional funding and found the necessary support within the Illinois Specialty Growers Association.

Goals, Expectations and Outcomes:

The IAITC staff reported that all of the goals set during the project were completed. The Ag Mag has been produced and is in circulation. The publication's format of letters from various producers leads this to be a natural tie for Language Arts classes, in addition to the plant sciences that typically surround specialty crops.

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Beneficiaries:

- 61% of the Local Education Agencies (school buildings) across the state utilize Agriculture in the Classroom programs and activities.
- Over 483,000 Illinois students were included in local Agriculture in the Classroom programs in 2008-2009 (an increase of 3%)
- Since circulation of this Ag Mag began in mid-march 2009, nearly 51,000 copies have been distributed. This is a significantly higher rate (36%) than was expected (25% expected)

Lessons Learned:

- The scope of Illinois Specialty Crops and Livestock across the state was greater than initially expected.
- The ability of teachers and students to identify the 'Illinois...Where Fresh Is' logo was increased by the Ag Mag and related classroom lessons.
- The need to showcase the growing Illinois Specialty Livestock market was one area that was not touched by this project, but the need exists.
- Another lesson learned was that the Illinois Grape Growers and Wine Producers need to have a vehicle to promote their product to the average consumer. Unfortunately, it was not in this project's targeted audience's best interest to promote wine in a school age magazine.
- Another sector of Illinois agriculture that could benefit from additional exposure is specialty livestock. IAITC staff felt that this was unfortunate but honored the request by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Specialty Growers Association to not feature specialty livestock within this publication. IAITC staff felt there was and still is an empty space in student learning when it comes to fibers and specialty meats produced in the state of Illinois. With the rise of various ethnic populations across the state, one challenge that has been faced by the Illinois Ag In The Classroom program is the ability to feature goat meat and milk production and consumption as well as the fiber industry.

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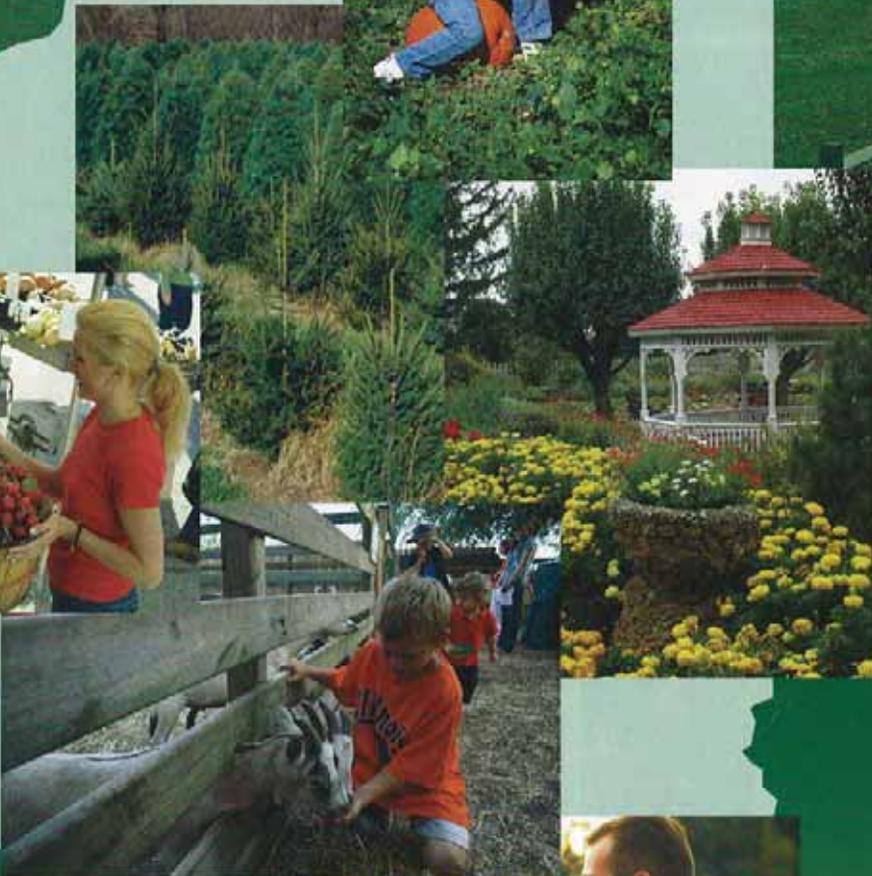
Additional Information:

Visit the Illinois Ag In The Classroom website

- To preview the Ag Mag on-line:
http://www.agintheclassroom.org/060605/Teachers/Printable/agmags/ag_mags.html
- For printable lessons to accompany the Ag Mag:
http://www.agintheclassroom.org/060605/Teachers/Printable/printable_home.html

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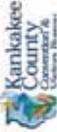


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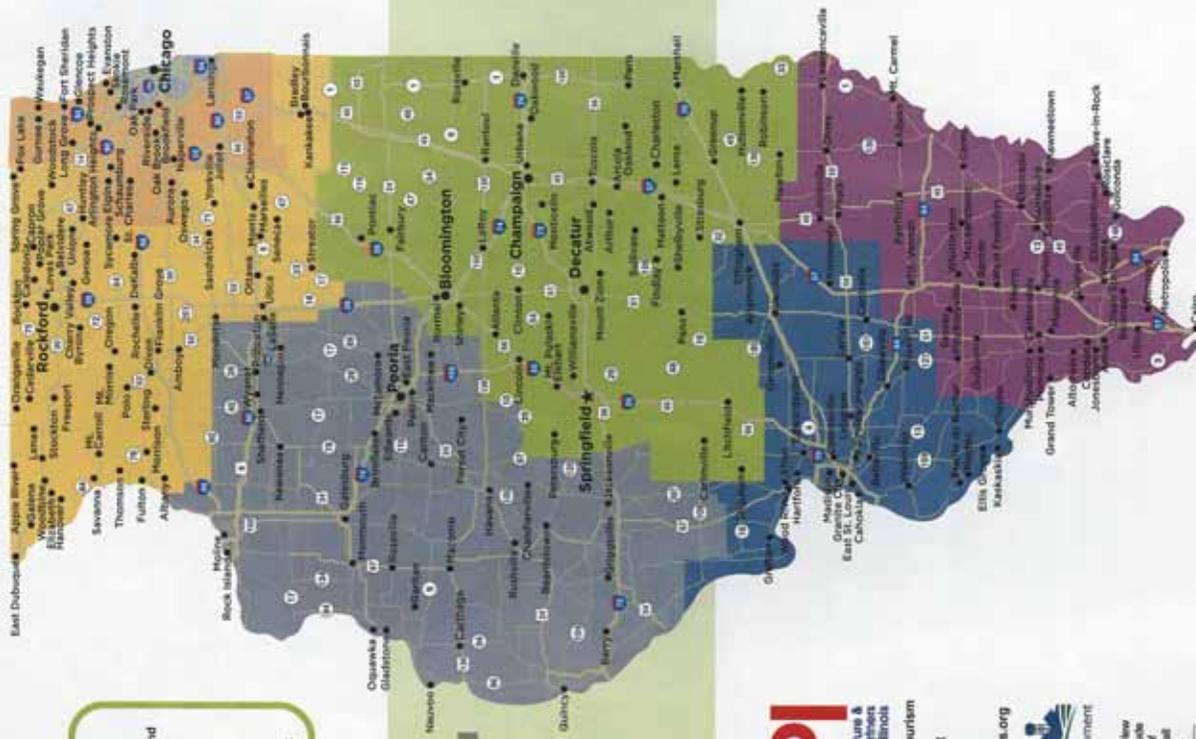
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- Chicagoland
- Northern
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- Western
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Regional State Map

ATIPI
Agriculture & Tourism Partners of Illinois

610 Central Illinois Tourism Development Office
700 East Adams Street
Springfield, IL 62701
217.525.7100
FAX 217.525.0004
www.agritourismillinois.org



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Chicago
Dunning-Elliott Wright College Farmers Market

1400 N. 6701 W. (E)'s Cheesebake Company
Parking Lot
Produce, plants and etc. 312/744-0565
www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us

Chicago
Green City Market

South end of Lincoln Park, between 1750 N. Clark & Stockton Drive
Sustainable/Organic Market. 847/424-2486
www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us

Chicago
Morgan Park Farmers' Market

3100 N. Morgan Ave. Church Parking Lot 92nd & Ashland (2000 S. - 1600 W.)
Produce, plants and etc. 312/744-0565
www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us

Chicago
Museum of Contemporary Art/Streetsville Farmers'

800 N. - 220 E.
Produce, plants and etc. 312/744-0565
www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us

Chicago
Southport Green Market

1000 Wellington Ave. (Blosserfield Rd. & Wellington Ave.)
In its 9th year providing farm-fresh products to the community, t-birds working in Elk Grove Village and surrounding area. 847/228-3311
www.elkgrovepark.us

Chicago
South Shore Farmers Market

Shore Bank Parking Lot 70th & Jeffrey (7000 S. - 2000 E.)
Produce, plants and etc. 312/744-0565

Chicago
Wicker Park/Bucktown Farmers' Market

1425 N. Damen Ave. In Wicker Park, Wicker Park & Damen (1500 N. - 1800 W.)
Produce, plants, etc. 312/744-0565
www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us

Chicago
Country Club Hills Farmers' Market

4100 W. 183rd St.
Local produce. 708/798-2616 ext.290

Chicago
Crest Hill Steger's Cottonwood Farm, Inc.

17250 S. Weber Rd.
Best selection of the hard to find sun and shade annual and perennial flowers. Open April-Sept. Mon-Sat. 9am-6pm; Sundays. 10am-4pm.
www.cottonwoodfarms.net 815/741-2693 or 1-800-304-FARM

Chicago
Crete Crete European Market

Main & Exchange Streets
Produce, jewelry, Tupperware, Dog Treats, Bread, Sewing items, Dried Food Mixes, Soap, Lotions, Bath Salts, Clothing, Photographs, Baked Goods, Floral Arrangements.
708/972-9276

Chicago
Overfield Farmers Market

Front and Rd. & River St. York Ave.
Fresh local produce from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
Produce, honey, cheese, breads & so on. 847/945-5000

Chicago
Dummers Grove Dummers Grove Farmers' Market

Main Street Metro Station, Lot B
Over 25 vendors selling fruits, vegetables, cut flowers, perennials, cheese, vinegars & oils, bread/baked goods, mushrooms, spices and frozen organic meat. 630/929-2408

Chicago
Glencoe Glencoe French Market

Produce, plants and etc. 312/744-0565

Chicago
Glennview Glennview Farmers Market

1936 Dewey St. Jackson Park
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Elkhart York & Valleyville Farmers Market

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East Dundee Old Dundee Farmers' Market

319 N. River Street
Produce, plants, antiques, collectables, books, tools, jewelry and crafts. 847/742-3432

Chicago
Edgewater Farmers' Market

Normalwood & Broadway (6034 N. - 1200 W.)
Produce, plants and etc. 312/744-0565
www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us

Chicago
Farmstead at CHSAS

Chicago High School for Agricultural Science
3851 W. 111 St.
This market is run by the students that attend the school and produce that is sold is raised by them. 773-535-2500

Chicago
Federal Plaza Farmers' Market

Federal Plaza at Adams & Dearborn, (230 S. - 50 W.)
Produce, plants and etc. 312/744-0565
www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us

Chicago
Garfield Park Farmers Market

In Garfield Park, N. of Contemporary, Washington & Central Park
Produce, plants, cut flowers, cheese, honey, spices and much more. 773/617-2468

Chicago
Guido/Pullman Farmers' Market

1115 N. S. Cottage Grove (1110 S. - 800 E.), Arcade Park
Produce, plants and etc. 312/744-0565

Chicago
Hamstead Ravinia Farmers Market

Dean Avenue (Between St. John's & Roger Williams Ave.)
Produce, perennials, fruits from Michigan, baked goods, meats, cheeses, some crafts, in service 28 years. 847/433-5542

Chicago
Hinsdale Hinsdale Farmers' Market

38 S. Garfield Ave. Garfield Street Parking lot
31 year old market in heart of downtown business district includes fruits, vegetables, organic produce, greenhouse plants, fresh flowers, cheese, bakery, flavored oils & vinegars, and honey. 630/253-9592

Chicago
Homer Glen Garden Patch Farm

14154 W. 159th St.
U-pick strawberries, raspberries, peaches, cherries, apples, pumpkins, grapes, pears, tomatoes, Okra, cucumbers and other vegetables. Open May-Oct. 10am-5pm.
www.gardenpatchfarms.com 708/901-7720

Chicago
Homewood Homewood Farmers' Market

17951 Dosa Hwy. St. Joseph's parking lot
Farm fresh produce, homemade jams and jellies. 708/206-3375

Chicago
Huntley Pine Apple Acres

41 W. 651 Powers Rd.
Apples. Sept-Oct. Closed Mondays. 9am-5pm. 847/869-3251

Chicago
Immanuel Immanuel Indoor Farmers Market

847/864-4464

Chicago
Forest Park Forest Park French Market

Northwest corner of Madison & Circle. French Market. 630/784-0662
www.bennisdoun-usa.com

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Geneva Geneva French Market

Metra Parking Lot NW corner of South St. & 4th St. French Market
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Wilmington
Wilmington French Market
 On Park Boulevard, West side of Central French Market
 Produce, flowers, cheese, meats, baked goods, botanical soap. 630/784-0862
 www.bensidoun-usa.com

Wilmington
Dues's Farmstand
 21302 W. Apple Rd.
 U-pick asparagus, strawberries, green beans, tomatoes, okra, cucumbers, peppers. Also gourds, pumpkins, and fall decorations.
 Seasonal. Mon-Sun. Daily. 815/476-1967

Wilmington
Tammen Treberry Farm
 37131 Essex Rd.
 U-pick blueberries. Open mid July through early August. Mon-4:30pm. Mon. through Sat. 800/992-5989 or 815/439-6264

Wilmington
Wilmington Farmer's Market
 1000 North Water Street
 Open-Air/Seasonal. 815/476-7008

Winfield
Winfield Farmers Market
 Prairie Trail Center Shopping Plaza parking lot, Southwest corner of Geneva and County Farm Roads
 Produce, plants, frozen meats, honey, baked goods, other food & non-food items.
 630/682-3712

Villa Park
Villa Park French Market
 On Park Boulevard, West side of Anderson Avenue.
 French Market. 630/784-0862
 www.bensidoun-usa.com

Wauconda
Wauconda Farmers Market
 100 N. Main St. West side of Main Street
 Fresh vegetables, fruit, meat, cheese, bread and more plus food and live entertainment every Thursday afternoon at on beautiful downtown Main Street and Bangs Lake. 847/526-5580
 www.waucondachamber.org

Waukegan
Waukegan Farmers Market
 Bonifera Park, corner of Lewis and Behnders
 Fresh fruits and vegetables. WIC coupons accepted. 847/377-8481

Wheaton
Wheaton Farmers Market
 225 N. Cross St. Wheaton Public Library
 Fresh produce and fresh breads.
 630/784-0862. www.bensidoun-usa.com

Wheaton
Wheaton French Market
 200 S. Main St. Municipal Parking Lot #3 Main & Liberty French Market
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 Bonifera Park, corner of Lewis and Behnders
 Fresh fruits and vegetables. WIC coupons accepted. 847/377-8481

Wheaton
Wheaton Farmers Market
 225 N. Cross St. Wheaton Public Library
 Fresh produce and fresh breads.
 630/784-0862. www.bensidoun-usa.com

Wheaton
Wheaton French Market
 200 S. Main St. Municipal Parking Lot #3 Main & Liberty French Market
 Fresh produce, flowers, plants, cut flowers, local crafts, cheese, meat, jewelry.
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Waukegan Farmers Market
 100 N. Main St. West side of Main Street
 Fresh vegetables, fruit, meat, cheese, bread and more plus food and live entertainment every Thursday afternoon at on beautiful downtown Main Street and Bangs Lake. 847/526-5580
 www.waucondachamber.org

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Argent Hills Winery
 1500 S. Roselle Road
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 www.argenthills.com

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Beaumont Winery
 1000 S. Roselle Road
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 www.beaumontwinery.com

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Pumpkin Patches

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815/467-6786

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www.outpumpkinfarm.com
815/741-2653, 800/304-FARM

Hannegrove

Gonshere's Pumpkin Patch
42 W. 813 Reinking Rd.
Upick Pumpkins, petting zoo, corn maze, pig races, haunted maze, wagon ride, and more! Café and bakery, craft barn and fall market. U-pick vegetables Aug. 1st through the end of Sept. School tours by reservation. Last weekend in Sept.-Oct. 31st. 9am-6pm. Daily.
www.pumpkinfarm.com 847/964-5952

Maple Park

Kulenes Family Farm
1 N. 318 Wilson Rd.
Over 200 acres of farm settings. Apples & pumpkins, tractor rides, mums, Christmas tree cutting, crafts, gourmet foods and fun farm activities. Labor Day Weekend-December. Hours: Tues-Sun, 9am-6pm (Sept. & Oct.); 10am-5pm (Nov. & Dec.). www.kulenesfamilyfarm.com
815/827-5200

Prarie View

Didier Pumpkin Farm
16878 W. Acaholic Rd.
Pick your own pumpkins and explore the corn maze. Then take the kids for a pony ride while visiting the farm animal zoo and scarecrow alley. Last weekend in Sept.-Oct. 31st. 9am-7pm. Pony rides till 5pm. www.didierfarms.com
847/634-3291

South Barrington

Gonshere's Pumpkin Farm
Pumpkins, animals, corn & straw mazes. Wagon, camel, & pony rides. Haunted house for school age children, weekend pig racing, shop, café and bakery. Tours and parties by reservation. Fall harvest and market. Last weekend in Sept.-Oct. 31st. www.pumpkinfarm.com
847/428-6727

Waukegan

Kelly's Fall Harvest Farm
13236 W. Duane Rd.
Experience farm life, corn maze, farm tour, hay rides, petting zoo and pumpkin farm. Sep-Oct. Make reservations. www.kellysfarm.com
847/682-6733



Christmas Trees

Donevers Grove

Mc Christmas Tree Farm
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Lake Villa

Georgi Tree Farm
38614 N. Fairfield Rd.
Wrathts, greens, and gift items. Open Friday after Thanksgiving. 8am-4pm, weekends only. 847/350-5661

Lily Lake

Anderson Tree Farm
43W002 Lees Rd.
Wrathts, roping and greens. Open Day after Thanksgiving thru Dec. 16. Fri. 1pm-5pm & Sat-Sun. 8am-5pm. 630/365-2116

Manhattan

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Attractions

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630/556-9665 or 630/556-3476

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630/584-8485

Liaerlyville

Lamb's Farm
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6240 Dempster St.
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Schaumburg

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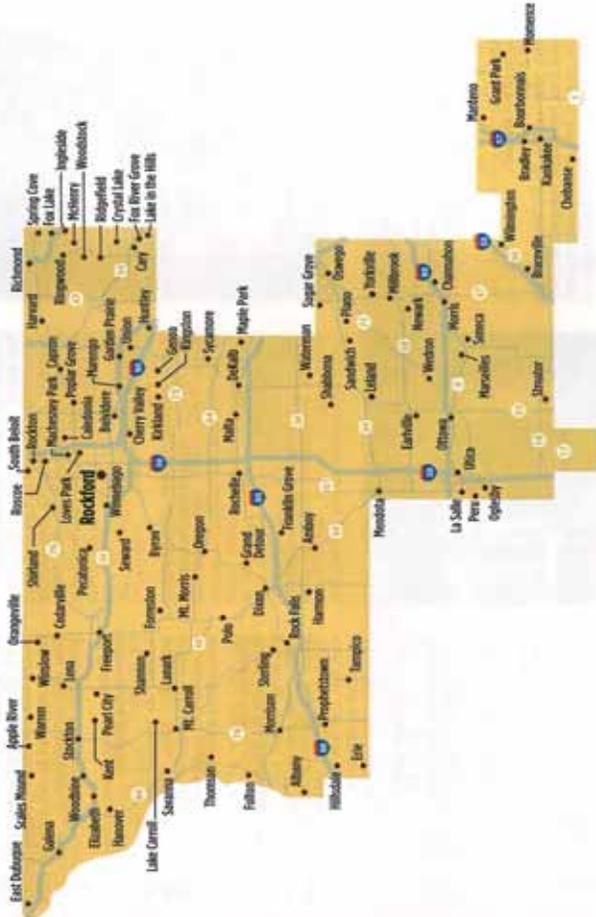
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www.bhwcvb.com

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www.stephenson-county-il.org

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877/464-2536, 815/777-3657 www.galena.org

**Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitors
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www.heritagecorridorvb.com

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Bureau**
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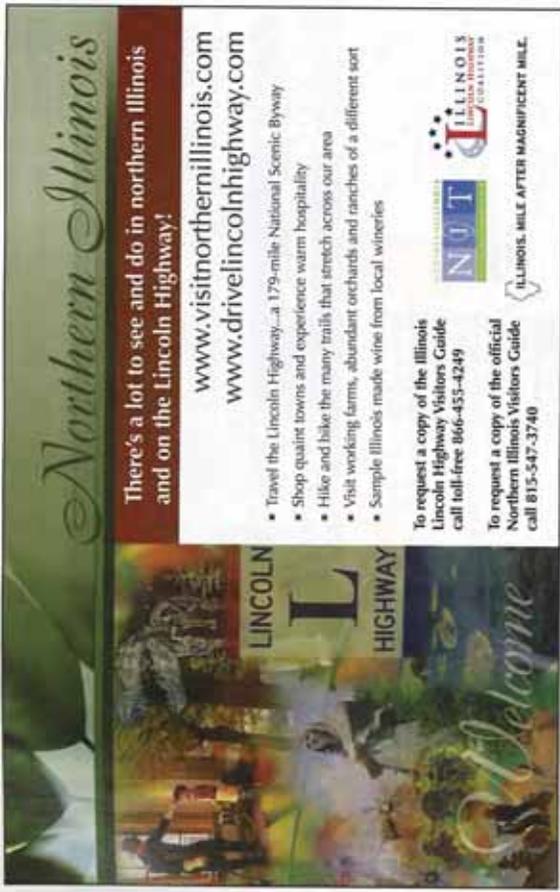
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www.allseasonfarm.com 815/638-5637

Pumpkin Patches

change your wits and provide family fun in the light of day or at night. Starting Sept. 18 through Oct. 31E. Fri. 4-10pm, Sat. 10am-10pm, Sun. noon-6pm. www.commodore.com 815/632-0899

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Blue Cheese Run

14609 Blue Cheese Road
Located west of Sterling. You can enjoy a corn maze in the fall or formal gardens in spring and summer. Come out and lose someone! Open weekends, mid-Aug-Oct. 815/675-9729

Sycamore

Johnson's Farmstead & Corn Maze

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Union

Prairie Sky Orchard

4974 N Union Rd
Pumpkins, gourds, squash, Indian corn, straw, www.prairieskyorchard.com

Waterman

Honey Hill Orchard

11747 Waterman Road
Apples, pumpkins, raspberries and Michigan peaches. Country store and bakery. Cider, pies, cider donut, caramel apples, honey and preserves. Weekend wagon rides. Late August through October. 9am to 5pm daily. www.honeyhillorchards.com 815/264-0337

cider, pies, caramel apples. Kids activity area, wagon rides, corn mazes on weekends in September and Friday nights to pumpkin patch. Thanksgiving, 9am-5:30pm. www.prairieskyorchard.com 815/632-2158

McHenry

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Our Holiday Farm

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Richardson Corn Maze

9407 Richardson Road
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Sterling

Comy Events

19126 P06 Rd.
This cornfield maze, shaped like a rabbit, will

color, pies, caramel apples. Kids activity area, wagon rides, corn mazes on weekends in September and Friday nights to pumpkin patch. Thanksgiving, 9am-5:30pm. www.prairieskyorchard.com 815/632-2158

De Kalb

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Van Buren

Yoopers Farm Market

14643 State Route 38
Fall festival begins last weekend of September and runs through October. Hayrides, pumpkins, mums, corn maze, play land, and fall decorations. 815/756-6005

Hobart

Van Bergen's Country Market

9605 E. 173
Sweet corn, muskmelon, tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, pumpkins, peppers, green beans, squash, and much more! July-Oct. 9am-6pm Daily. www.vanbergen.com 815/648-2332

Lyndon

The Great Pumpkin Patch

16470 Black Road
train rides, hayrides, corn & straw mazes, haunted house, food, gift shop, animals, Tipi-tour, pumpkin pies, and more. 10am-6pm Daily. <http://thegreatpumpkinpatchfestival.com> 815/770-2496

Mt. Pleasant

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Melchior

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Rock Falls

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Rockton

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Scars Mound

Sir's Christmas Trees

3102 N. Elizabeth-Scars Mound Rd.
Choose & cut Christmas trees. Holiday shop. Open Thanksgiving-Dec 15. Weekends 9am-4pm. 815/845-2699

Shabona

Cinnamon Trees & Shrubs

Open day after Thanksgiving & weekends before Christmas, 9am-4pm. 815/824-2247

Shannon

Our Christmas Tree Farm

23822 Payne Rd.
Wreaths, pine kits, roping, greens and decorations. Warm up with hot cider by our fireplace. Open first Tues. of Nov to Sunday before Christmas, 9am-5pm daily. 815/864-2437

Spring Grove

Richardson Christmas Trees, L.L.C.

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Tonica

Whitehall Christmas Tree Farm

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Woodstock

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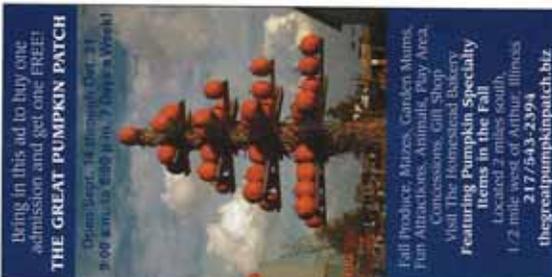
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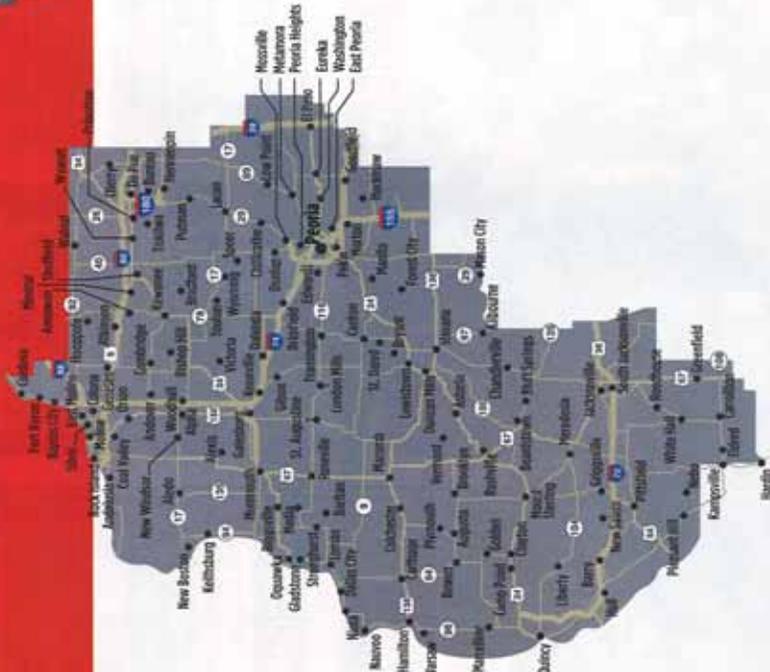
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 www.galesburgbusinessassociation.com

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 18755 US 136
 Melons, sweet corn, pumpkins, bedding plants, tomatoes, blackberries, raspberries, peppers, green beans, squash, pears, peaches, craft shop, jams and jellies, U-pick strawberries. Apr 15-Oct 31. 10am-8pm. 309/543-2417

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Heidgens
Heidgens Farm
 Rt 150
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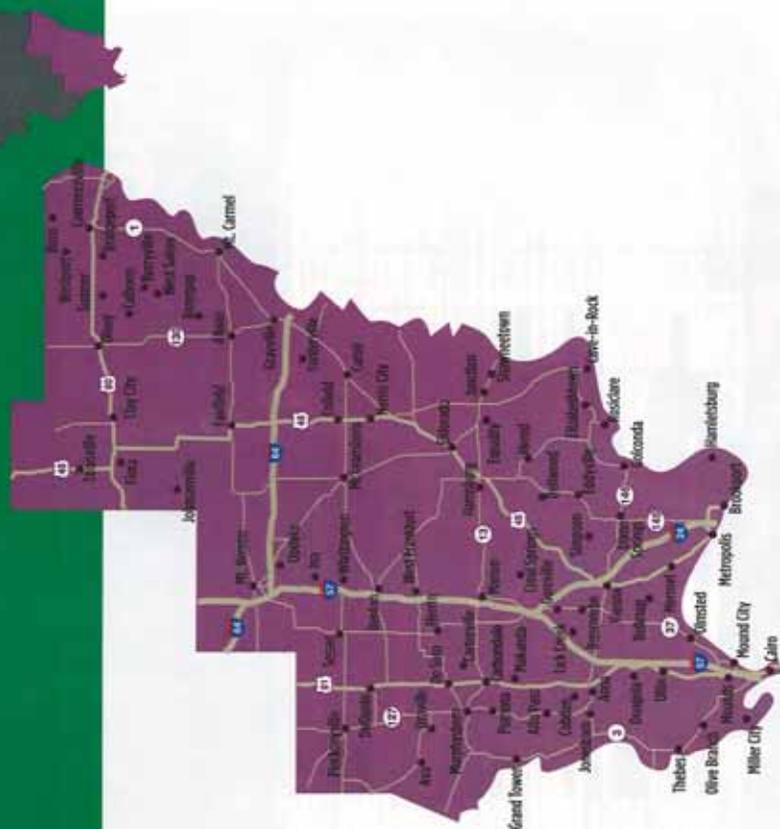


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Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Apples												
Asparagus												
Artichokes												
Avocados												
Bananas												
Beans												
Berries												
Broccoli												
Brussels Sprouts												
Cabbage												
Cauliflower												
Cherries												
Corn												
Cucumbers												
Eggplant												
Garlic												
Green Beans												
Kale												
Kidney Beans												
Lentils												
Onions												
Parsnips												
Potatoes												
Pumpkins												
Radishes												
Spinach												
Squash												
Tomatoes												
Winter Squash												
Zucchini												



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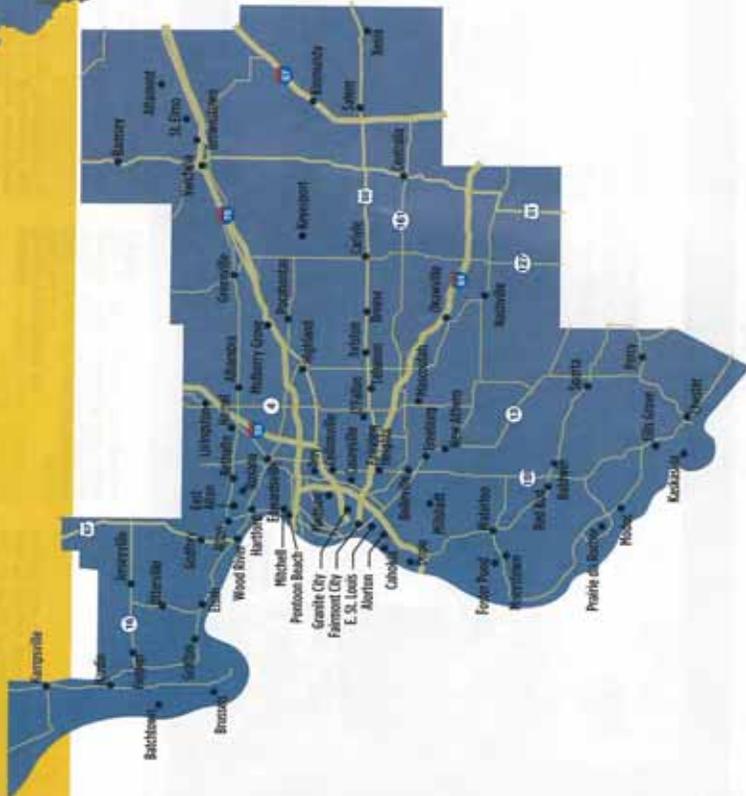
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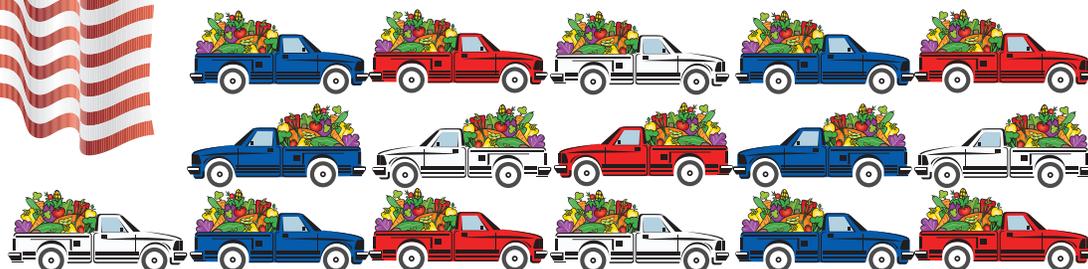


Illinois... Where Fresh Is!

The “Illinois...Where Fresh Is!” logo program was created by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Specialty Growers Association and is made available to producers to use as a tool to help sell Illinois grown produce, fruits and other horticultural commodities. This marketing campaign brands Illinois food products and encourages consumers to buy local and buy fresh. The logo also helps consumers quickly and easily identify their specialty crops at farmers markets and grocery stores.

So why eat more local fresh fruits and vegetables? The number one reason is because it’s healthier. Your body gets more vitamins and nutrients from fresh fruits and vegetables. Flavorings, sugar, sodium and preservatives are added to canned and bagged items, taking out the nutritional value. Also, buying local puts more money back into your community and helps local farmers so they can continue to raise fresh fruits and vegetables for you and your family. So the next time you are at the grocery store with your parents, look for the “Illinois...Where Fresh Is!” logo on your fruits and vegetables. And remember, buy local and buy fresh.

In a lifetime, the average American will consume enough veggies to fill 16 pick-up trucks.



In a lifetime the average
American will consume 2
football fields of wheat.



Prairie Home Herbs

Mt. Pulaski, Illinois

Greetings from Mt. Pulaski in Central Illinois! I'm Mary and I grow herbs for retail and home use. Herbs are used to season many foods. That's how I got started in the herb business. I felt a need to more effectively season foods that I prepared daily for my family. Herbs made our food taste better, but they weren't readily available in the local markets, so I started to grow my own.

Many herbs are grown in greenhouses. However, I do not have a greenhouse, so all of my herbs are grown outdoors in a garden setting, on a seasonal basis, using organic techniques. I harvest them all by hand, then either dry the herbs for storage, or use them fresh as the need arises. When I'm not working with my herbs, I enjoy sharing the knowledge I have gained by speaking and writing about herbs for both children and adults.

Growing herbs requires a strong knowledge base. My classes in biology, science, and health, as well as my participation in 4-H, definitely gave me the necessary background I needed to further my interest in becoming an herb grower. Networking with other specialty crop growers has also helped me gain the knowledge I needed.

Take care!

Mary
Mary L. Buckles

Greetings from Bourbonnais, Illinois! I'm William Olthoff of Olthoff Farms and Dutch Valley Growers, Inc. I currently farm 1,600 acres of corn, soybeans and onion sets. I used to work in banking during and after college but decided to partner with my father because of my love for farming. We had many different crops that we grew in the earlier years including tomatoes, onions, red beets, pumpkins, cucumbers, sweet corn, and more. I am the fourth generation in my family to grow onion sets. I learned a lot about growing onions through my family, but I also use what I learned in my economics, business and marketing classes.

Growing onion sets requires some special care. We use irrigation to water our onions. We also have to make sure that we have crop protection for disease and controlled conditions for storage through the winter. This all helps in producing a quality product and being able to market it to local feed and seed stores, Farm & Fleet and Wal-Mart, all places where we sell our onion sets.

Sincerely,

William

William Olthoff



Hey gang! I'm Dave from Siemer Milling Company in Teutopolis, Illinois. That's in Effingham County. Siemer Milling Company's primary product is wheat flour milled to different specifications for the making of such foods as cookies, crackers, cakes, pretzels, batters and breadings, bread and biscuits. We mill soft red winter, hard red winter, and hard red spring wheat. The type of wheat produced in Illinois is soft red winter. Most of the wheat grown in Illinois is shipped out of the country to help feed people all over the world and is also processed into flour to make cookies, crackers and cakes.

I am a grain merchandiser, which means I buy the wheat and sell all by-products of wheat. By-products are things made in the process of making something else. I talk to feed companies about buying our flour by-products like wheat midds, reddog, bran and wheat germ. I also talk to farmers and elevators about selling their wheat to Siemer Milling.

But, how did I get here? I grew up on a farm near Hammond, Illinois. My dad grew corn and soybeans. I was also involved in 4-H and showed my projects at the county fairs during the summer. I took several agriculture classes in high school and I have a college degree in Agricultural Marketing. I use a lot of what I learned in my Math and English classes every day on the job.

Until Next Time,

Dave
Dave DeVore



Hello from Rendleman Orchards in Southern Illinois! I'm Wayne Sirles. I grew up on the family farm and have always loved everything about it. Our farm is over 135 years old! I oversee the day to day operations of the farm and love to be outdoors raising fruit that people are crazy about. I manage the employees who help me raise peaches, apples and vegetables. Our peaches are sold to grocery stores, fruit stands and various markets. Our own professional pickers harvest them all by hand.

All of our trees need special care all year long. In the wintertime, we fertilize and prune the trees. Fertilize means we add nutrients to the soil that our trees need to grow. Removing dead and unwanted tree limbs is what we call pruning. During the spring, we keep the orchard mowed, plant more trees and spray for weeds and insects. In the summer, we continue to mow the orchard. We also thin out the crop. This means we pick some of the peaches before they are mature to prevent limbs and branches from breaking and so other peaches can grow to full size. In the fall, we clean up broken limbs, mow, remove dead trees and dormant spray to keep pests from damaging the trees. Many of my classes in school helped prepare me for my job. I use a lot of the things that I learned in my soil, horticulture and science classes every day so doing well in school was very important for me, just as it should be for you too!

See you later!

Wayne
Wayne Sirles



RICHARDSON FARM

Spring Grove, Illinois

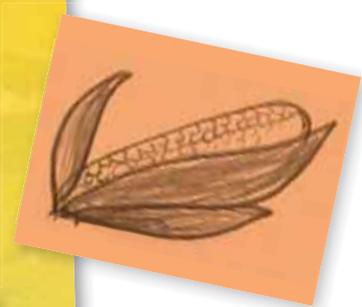


Hi there! I'm Robert Richardson from Richardson Corn Maze and Richardson Christmas Trees in Spring Grove, Illinois. My brother George and I are partners in the farm. We have about 200 acres of corn and 200 acres of soybeans. We also have a cut-your-own Christmas tree operation and the World's Largest Corn Maze!



I really love that my job has a lot of variety. It changes with the seasons and I do different things on different days, weeks and months. We plant corn, plow the fields, plant Christmas trees and care for them, spray for weeds, trim the trees and get the maze and picnic area ready in the spring and summer. In the fall, we harvest the crops and talk with thousands of customers who come to enjoy our maze. In November, we make wreaths and decorations and open the Christmas tree business and sell trees in December. Talk about busy!

I use a lot of math in my farming operation. Math, geometry and algebra are always used in adjusting the sprayer and planting equipment. I also need good communication skills, so speech and writing classes were very helpful. I talk with a lot of customers and write letters and articles for the newspapers and design advertisements.



Better Get Back to Work!

Robert

Robert Richardson

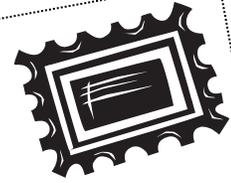
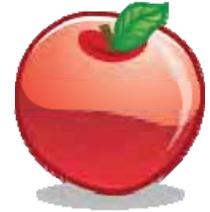
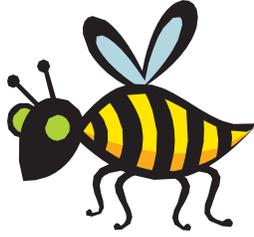


Illinois ranks among the top ten states in the production of other specialty crops such as asparagus, cauliflower, fresh cut herbs, green peas, lima beans, mustard greens and snap peas.

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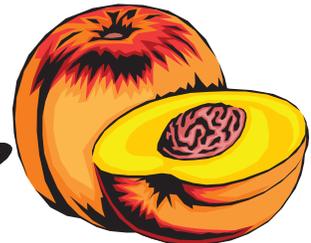
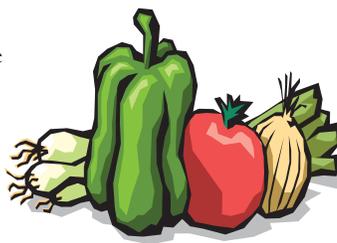
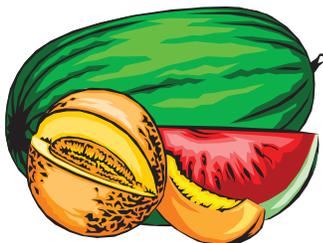


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Touring Illinois' Specialty Crops

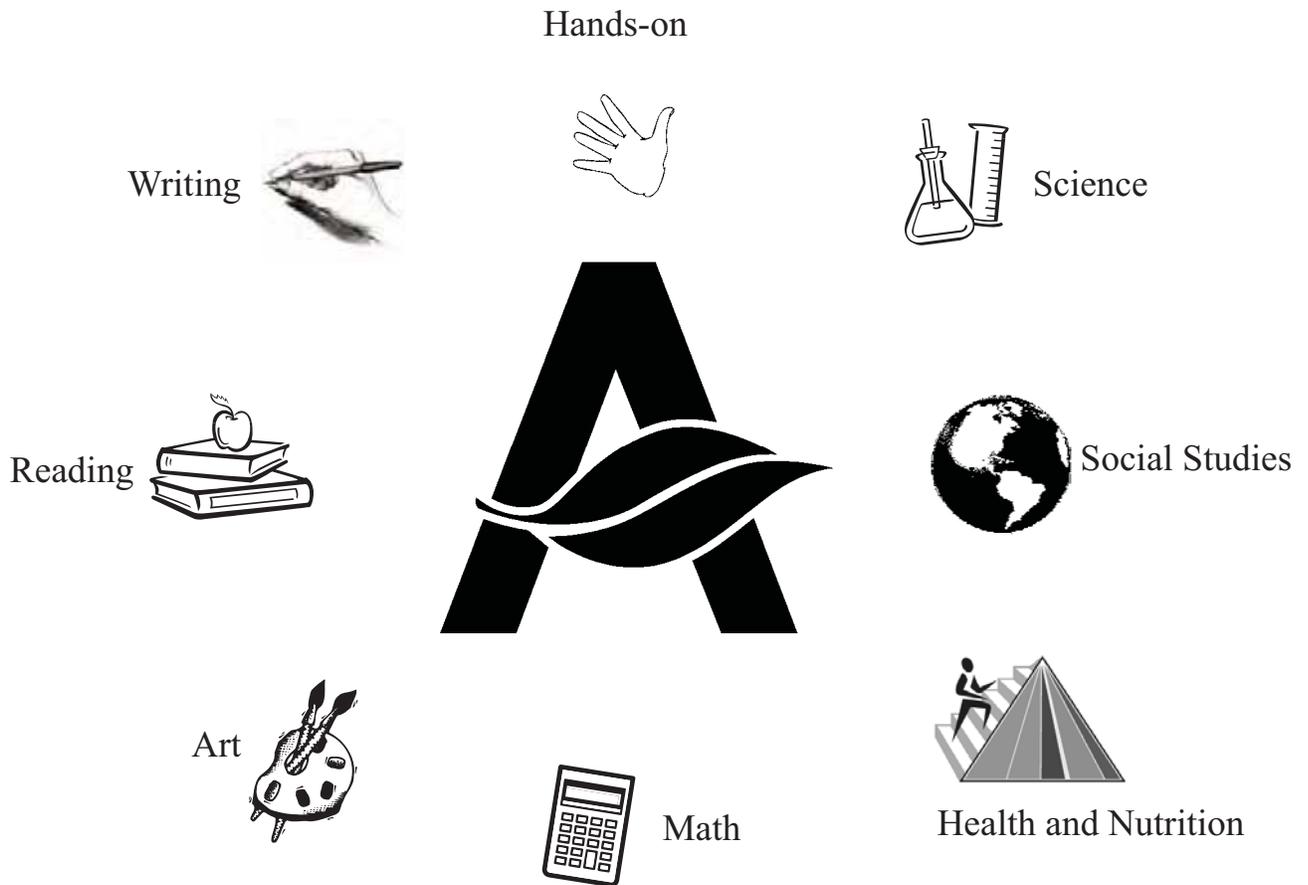
*Activities & Lessons to Complement the
Illinois Specialty Crops Ag Mag*



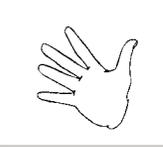
Agriculture is Illinois' top industry, employing nearly a quarter of the state's workforce. While Illinois is known best for its corn and soybean production, it is also a leader in the specialty crop industry. For instance, did you know that Illinois is the nation's leading pumpkin producer? Or that the Horseradish Capital of the World is Collinsville, Illinois? When was the last time you went to the pumpkin patch or visited an apple orchard or strolled through a farmer's market? These all help make up the specialty crop industry here in Illinois, which brings in hundreds of millions of dollars each year, and continues to grow and expand.

This booklet is designed to expand the minds of your students. The lessons and activities in this booklet can be used in your classroom as supplemental learning materials in the areas of science, social studies and language arts. All lessons and activities are correlated to the Illinois State Learning Standards and Assessment Framework and are designed to complement the Illinois Specialty Crops Ag Mag.

A visual key has also been created and used with each activity to indicate its subject area. The topics include: hands-on, science, social studies, health and nutrition, math, art, reading, and writing.



Learning Standards & Assessments

 <p style="text-align: center;">The Berry Bucket</p>	<p>Illinois Learning Standards: 12.A.1a; 12.B.1a Assessment Framework: 12.4.04; 12.4.06; 12.4.09</p>
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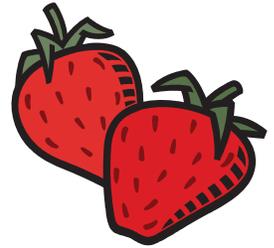
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 <p>Specialty Seed Sorting</p>	<p>Illinois Learning Standards: 10.A.2a; 10.A.1b; 11.A.2b</p> <p>Assessment Framework: 10.4.02</p>
 <p>3-D Pumpkins</p>	<p>Illinois Learning Standards: 1.A1a; 1.A1b; 2.B.1c; 4.A.1c; 11.B.1a; 11.B.1c; 12.A.1a; 12.A.1b; 12.B.1a</p> <p>Assessment Framework: 1.3.01; 1.3.06; 1.3.07; 1.3.13; 2.3.02; 2.3.10; 12.4.03; 12.4.04; 12.4.05</p>
 <p>Can You Find My Pumpkin?</p>	<p>Illinois Learning Standards: 1.B.1a; 4.A.1a; 4.A.1c; 11.A.1d</p> <p>Assessment Framework: 1.3.14; 11.4.03</p>
 <p>Tortilla in a Bag</p>	<p>Illinois Learning Standards: 11.A.1a; 11.A.1b; 11.A.1f; 13.A.1a; 13.A.1b; 13.A.1c; 13.B.1b</p> <p>Assessment Framework: 11.4.03; 13.4.02; 13.4.03; 13.4.14</p>
 <p>Apple Book</p>	<p>Illinois Learning Standards: 11.B.1a; 11.B.1d; 12.A.1b; 12.B.1b; 12.F.1b</p> <p>Assessment Framework: 11.4.05; 12.4.05; 12.4.08; 12.4.48; 13.4.11</p>
 <p>Popcorn—From Family Favorite to State Snack</p>	<p>Illinois Learning Standards: 1.B.2a; 1.B.2d; 2.B.2a; 3.A.2; 3.B.2b; 3.B.2c; 3.B.2d; 3.C.2a; 3.C.2b</p> <p>Assessment Framework: 1.4.09; 2.4.14</p>
 <p>Navigating Illinois</p>	<p>Illinois Learning Standards: 11.A.2b; 11.A.2c; 13.B.2f; 15.A.2a; 17.A.2b; 17.C.2b</p> <p>Assessment Framework: 11.4.04; 13.4.11</p>

The Berry Bucket

Grade Level: K-3

Objective: When this activity is complete, students will have a better understanding of what strawberries, and plants in general, need to grow as well as the parts of a strawberry plant.



Illinois Learning Standards: 12.A.1a; 12.B.1a

Assessment Framework: 12.4.04; 12.4.06; 12.4.09

Suggested Reading Materials:

Pick, Pull, Snap!: Where Once a Flower Bloomed by Lola Schaefer

ISBN-13: 0-688-1784-0

Strawberry by Jennifer Coldrey

ISBN-13: 978038209024

Plant Plumbing: A Book About Roots and Stems by Susan Blackaby

ISBN 1-4048-0109-X

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What You Will Need:

1 Red Paper Cup

1 Green Pipe Cleaner

Hole Punch

Green Craft Foam or Cardstock

Black Marker

Straw

2 or 3 Strands of Yarn

Leaf Fabric

1 Drinking Straw

Flowers or Flower Fabric

Activity Instructions:

1. Trace and cut out the top of the strawberry using green craft foam or card stock.

2. Punch a hole on each side of the cup, parallel to one another.

3. Punch 2 holes in the green strawberry top, so they will match up with the holes on the cup.

4. Next, attach top to cup using the green pipe cleaner. Pull the pipe cleaner through the strawberry top and hook ends through the holes in the cup.

5. Draw the seeds of the strawberry onto the cup with the black marker. On average, there are 200 seeds on a strawberry. Strawberries are the only fruit with seeds on the outside.

6. Cut the drinking straw into fourths.

7. Then, place the following items into the cup:

* Yarn: This represents the fibrous root system, which provides the plant with nutrients and water.

* Drinking Straw (One fourth): This represents the main stem or the crown. This is the sturdy part of the plant where strawberry growth starts.

* Leaf Fabric: Strawberry plants have leaves that grow in threes. Under the leaves is where you pick the strawberries. Strawberry plants also develop runners which help produce new plants.

* Flower: Strawberry blossoms are always white. These flowers develop into strawberries.

* Straw: It is used to cover the plants during the winter season to keep them safe from frost and warm, too.

Fun Strawberry Stats:

- Seventy percent of a strawberry's roots are located in the top three inches of soil.
- Strawberries are a member of the rose family.
- Strawberries are the first fruit to ripen in the spring.
- Strawberries are grown in every state in the United States and every province of Canada.
- The flavor of strawberries is influenced by weather, the variety, and stage of ripeness when harvested.

BERRY BINGO

Grade Level: 3-5

Objective: After completing this activity, students will have a better understanding of general plant and strawberry growth terms.

Illinois Learning Standards: 12.A.1a; 12.B.1a; 12.B.2b

Assessment Framework: 12.4.04; 12.4.06; 12.4.09

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What You Will Need:

Blank Berry Bingo Cards (included in this packet)

Writing Utensil

Card Markers

Activity Instructions:

1. Discuss strawberry and general plant growth.
2. Give each student a blank berry bingo card.
3. Give each student a list of the terms to be used either by writing them on the board or typing a list to give them.
4. Have each student make their own card using the Berry Bingo terms.
5. After the students are finished making their card, you're ready to play! The teacher will read the definition of a term. The student will then place a marker over the term that he /she thinks matches the definition. When a student yells "BINGO!" have him/her read the terms back to you.

Lesson Extender:

1. To give the students a bigger challenge, when a student yells "BINGO!" have him/her read the terms back to you and give the definition for each. This will help in their recall of terms and definitions.

Berry Bingo Terms

Roots—Part of the plant that grows downward into the soil, helping the plant to remain sturdy while soaking up nutrients and moisture.

Photosynthesis—Process where plants use energy from the sun to make carbohydrates from carbon dioxide and water, and release excess oxygen as a byproduct.

Seed—This is what is planted in the ground.

Sunlight—Provides warmth for plants.

Runners—Slender creeping stems that puts forth roots along its length.

Straw—This is used to protect the plants from frost and cold weather.

June-Bearing—Strawberries that produce a single, large crop per year during a 2 - 3 week period in the spring.

Pollination—The transfer of pollen from the anther to the stigma.

Perennial—A plant that comes back every year.

80%—Of all the strawberries eaten in the United States, this is the amount grown in California.

Hybrid—A cross between two different varieties of a plant.

Germination—The sprouting of a seedling from a seed.

Bulb—An underground vertical shoot that has modified leaves that are used as food storage organs by a dormant plant.

Vitamin C—Strawberries contain more of this nutrient per ounce than citrus fruit. It aids in the growth of body tissue, tendons, ligaments, and bone.

Day-Neutral—Strawberries that will produce fruit throughout the growing season.

Fibrous Roots—Thin, moderately branching roots growing from the stem.

Blossom—The part of the plant that is pollinated and is necessary for a plant to produce fruit.

Rose—The strawberry is a member of this family.

Rootstock—A plant that already has an established, healthy root system.

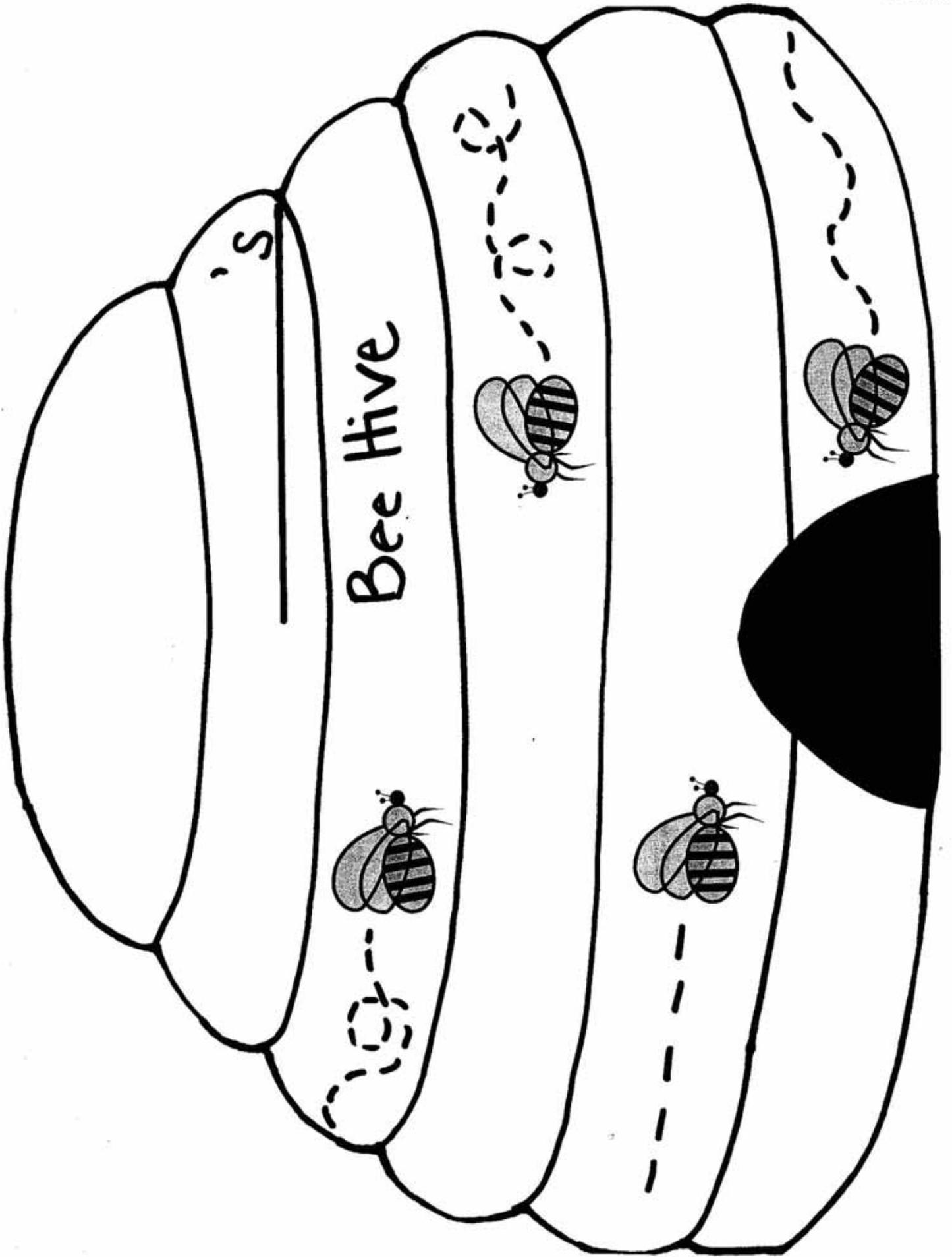
Leaves—Part of the plant, also known as foliage, that is made for photosynthesis.

Annual—A plant that has to be replanted every year.

200—This is how many seeds an average strawberry has. Strawberries are the only fruit with the seeds on the outside.

Ever-Bearing—Strawberries that produce two to three harvests of fruit during the spring, summer and fall.

Stem—The main body of a plant that supports the leaf, flower and fruit and carries nutrients from the roots to the rest of the plant.



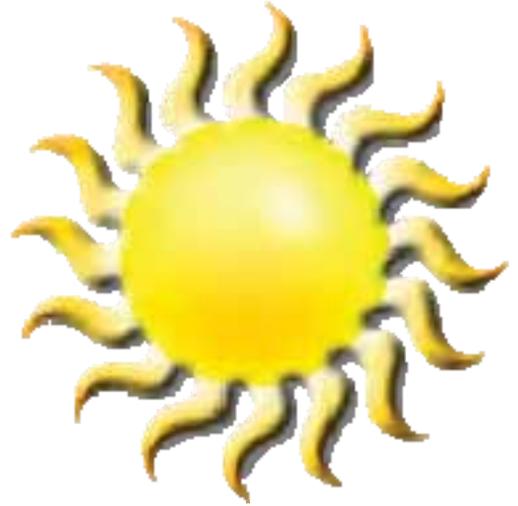
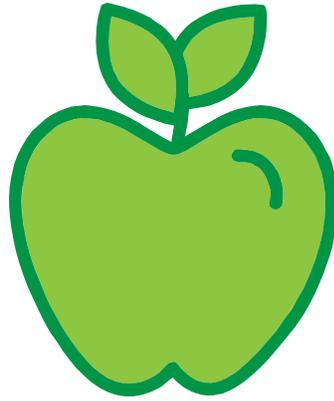
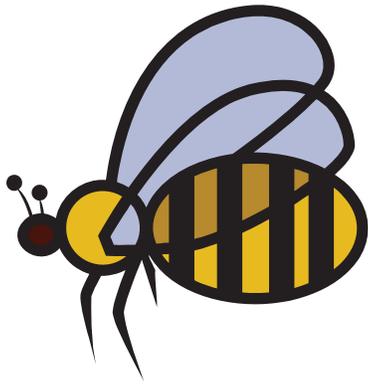
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Bee Hive



Bee Book

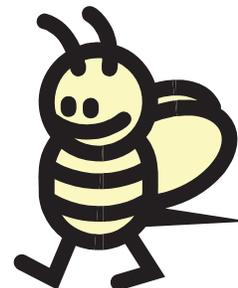
Glyph Cutouts



The Buzz on Bees

Grade Level: 3-6

Objective: After completing this activity, students should be more familiar with the format of a short reading passage followed by multiple choice questions, which is found on the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT).



Illinois Learning Standards: 1.A.2a; 1.A.2b; 1.A.3a; 1.A.3b; 1.C.3d;
Assessment Framework: 1.4.04; 1.6.03; 1.6.06; 1.6.14; 1.6.15

Suggested Reading Materials:

Hooray for Beekeeping! By Bobbie Kalman

ISBN 0-86505-668-4

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Activity Instructions:

1. This lesson was designed to resemble short reading passages that could be found on the ISAT test. The excerpts were taken from Hooray for Beekeeping! by Bobbie Kalman.
2. Have students read the passages and answer the questions that follow.

Lesson Extender:

1. To get your students engaged in reading, try this activity with Wikki Stix. Wikki Stix are a teaching tool made of yarn covered in wax. They are bendable and stick to almost all smooth surfaces. When doing reading activities, have your students underline the topic sentence or the closing sentence. This will help them learn different parts of a paragraph.
2. Have your students underline words they don't know with the Wikki Stix. Then have a discussion on what those words mean.
3. For more ideas on how to use Wikki Stix, visit www.wikkistix.com.

Excerpt Taken From
Hooray for Beekeeping!
By Bobbie Kalman



Bees do not make honey for money. They make honey to feed themselves. To make honey, forager bees collect nectar, a sweet liquid found in flowers. The forager bee sticks out her long tongue and sucks up the nectar. She stores the nectar in a special stomach called the honey stomach.

When the forager bee's honey stomach is full, she flies back to the hive. She passes the nectar to a house bee, who swallows it. In the house bee's honey stomach, chemicals called enzymes are added to the nectar. The nectar slowly turns into a drop of honey, which the house bee puts into a comb cell. She fans the honey with her wings to dry up any extra water. When the cell is full of honey, the bee closes it with a cap of wax.

Bees make a lot more honey than they need. The beekeeper takes the extra honey to sell. He or she must be careful not to take too much, or the bees will starve.

4th Grade

1.

Why do bees make honey?

- A. For us to eat.
- B. To feed themselves.
- C. To get rid of the extra weight to make it easier to fly.
- D. For beekeepers to sell.

2.

What is nectar?

- A. The juice of a nectarine.
- B. A chemical added to honey.
- C. A type of wax.
- D. A sweet liquid found in flowers.

3.

What is the next step after the nectar is sucked up by the forager bee?

- A. She spits it back out.
- B. It is turned into honey.
- C. It is stored in the forager bee's honey stomach.
- D. It is transferred to another flower.

4.

What will happen if the beekeeper takes too much honey from the bees?

- A. The bees will starve.
- B. The bees will freeze.
- C. The bees will become angry and sting the beekeeper.
- D. Nothing.

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When it is sunny and warm, forager bees spend the day collecting nectar and pollen from flowers. They start when the sun comes up and spend the day going from flower to flower. When they find pollen, bees let other bees know where it is by doing special dances called the wagtail dance and the round dance.

Forager bees collect pollen to feed to the young bees in the hive. Each bee has a pollen basket on her hind legs in which she stores pollen. She collects pollen on her body, moistens it with nectar, and then scrapes it into her pollen baskets with her legs. The bee returns to the hive when her pollen baskets are full of pollen and her honey stomach is full of nectar.

Bees belong to one colony, and the queen bee is their leader. A beekeeper does not worry that the bees will leave for good. Bees always return to their hive.

While forager bees gather food, house bees are busy storing pollen in cells, making honey, and cleaning the hive.

6th Grade

1.

If you wanted to learn more about becoming a beekeeper, you would—

- A. Research beekeeping on the internet and through books.
- B. Knock down a bee hive to see what the bees will do.
- C. Interview a beekeeper.
- D. Both A and C would be ways to learn more about beekeeping.

2.

What is the **synonym** for the word *cell* in the sentence below?

While forager bees gather food, house bees are busy storing pollen in **cells**, making honey, and cleaning the hive.

- A. A microscopic structure with a nucleus.
- B. Various small compartments that together form a whole.
- C. A place where prisoners are kept.
- D. A mobile telephone.

3.

Paragraph 2 of this passage is mainly about—

- A. Why bees collect pollen.
- B. How bees collect pollen.
- C. Where bees collect pollen from.
- D. What pollen is.

4.

Which type of writing is this passage?

- A. Narrative
- B. Persuasive
- C. Expository
- D. Descriptive

Herb History

Grade Level: 3-8

Objective: After completing this activity, students will be more developed in their researching skills and will be more familiar with the historical and current use of herbs.

Illinois Learning Standards: 16.A.2c; 16.D.2a; 18.C.4b

Suggested Reading Materials:

Herbs and Herb Lore of Colonial America by Colonial Dames of America

ISBN 13: 9780486285290

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Activity Instructions:

Herbs have long been used for both cooking and medicinal purposes. The use of herbs can be traced back to ancient civilizations, long before the discovery of America. In fact, the discovery of “The New World” was fueled by Columbus’s search for silks, herbs and spices in the Far East and India. Instead, he landed in the new world. The colonists brought herbs with them to America. The Native Americans also introduced new and different herbs to the colonists.

Today, most herbs are used in recipes for cooking. However, some herbs are still sold in stores to be used for medicinal purposes.

1. Tie this into your history lesson! While studying the colonists and their settlement in America, cover the history and use of herbs.
2. Depending on the number of students, pair them up or have them work individually to research the herbs on the following page. Have them use books and websites for their research.

Lesson Extender:

1. Tie in some science with herbs. Have your students research the scientific name for the herbs. Identify them as culinary, medicinal or ornamental. Use this as an opportunity to talk about plant growth.
2. Have your students research medicinal herb use. Have an expert on medicinal herb use come in to talk with your students. Have your students identify safe and unsafe herbal remedies. Give your students websites and advertisements to look at as part of their research.
3. Herb identification: Bring in dried herbs placed in small jars, clear Tupperware containers or Ziploc baggies. Have your students try to identify the herbs.

Herb Use Then and Now

<i>Herb</i>	<i>Use Then</i>	<i>Use Now</i>	<i>How are they Similar or Different</i>
Basil			
Thyme			
Bee Balm			
Spearmint			
Sage			
Lavender			
Oregano			
Parsley			
Yarrow			
Caraway			
Chamomile			
Peppermint			
Lemon Balm			
Marjoram			
Tarragon			
Coriander			
Dill			
Rosemary			
Catnip			
Chives			

3-D Evergreen Tree

Grade Level: K-3

Objective: After completing this activity, students will be more familiar with the basic life stages of an evergreen tree.

Illinois Learning Standards: 12.A.1a; 12.A.2a; 12.B.1a; 12.B.2b

Assessment Framework: 12.4.04; 12.4.06; 12.4.09

Suggested Reading Materials:

Christmas Tree Farm by Ann Purmell
ISBN 0-8234-1886-3

The Beautiful Christmas Tree by Charlotte Zolotow
ISBN 0-618-15245-8

Christmas Tree Farm by Sandra Jordan
ISBN 0-531-07078-6

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What You Will Need:

Scissors

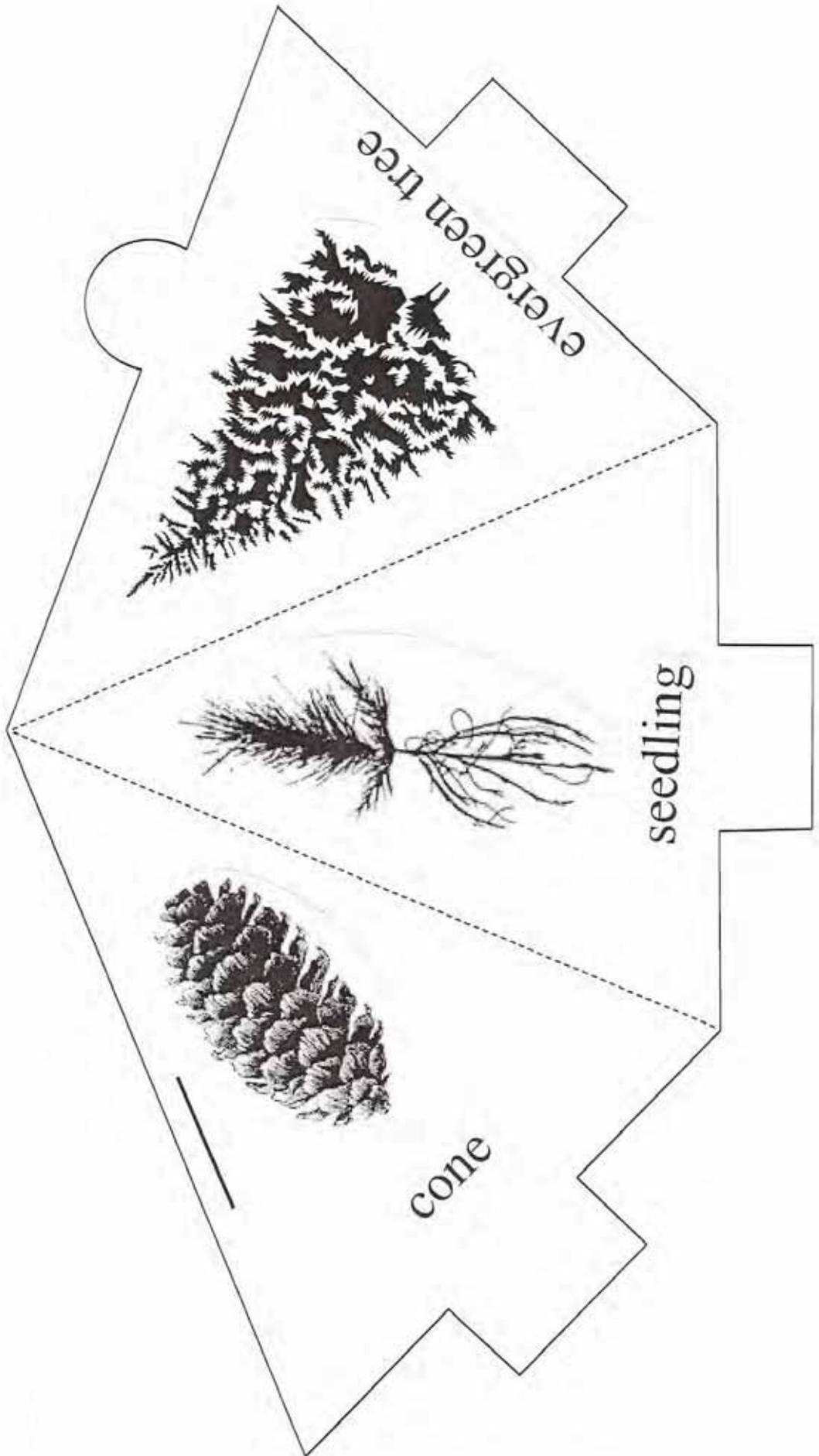
Tape

Activity Instructions:

1. Discuss this easy version of an evergreen tree life cycle with your students:
 - A. **Cone:** Evergreen tree growth starts with the cone. Through wind pollination, seeds develop on the seed cone. In nature, these seeds mature and produce new evergreen trees, which can take several years.
 - B. **Seedlings:** Young trees or seedlings are planted in seed beds. Many evergreen producers purchase seedlings from specialty growers. The seedlings are grown here until they are about 3 to 5 years old. After this time, the seedling is replanted in a field.
 - C. **Evergreen Tree:** While in the field, the job of the tree is to keep growing. The evergreen grower takes care of the tree by pruning and shearing it, which is like giving the tree a hair cut. The trees grow in the field for several years until they are ready to be cut or harvested. In the spring, new trees are planted and the cycle begins again!
2. Use the 3-D Evergreen Tree to review the life cycle.
3. Cut out the tree, including the tab at one edge.
4. Use a craft knife or scissors to cut a 1-inch slit along the outside edge of the tree.
5. Fold the tree in thirds along the dotted lines.
6. Then, insert the tab into the 1-inch slit.
7. Add tape along the side for extra reinforcement.
8. Share the poem on evergreen trees.

Evergreen Facts and Tidbits:

1. There are over 500 evergreen tree growers in Illinois.
2. In 2002, over 144,000 evergreen trees were harvested in Illinois.
3. In 2002, Illinois had 6,355 acres of evergreen production.
4. Two to three seedlings are planted for every harvested evergreen tree.
5. 34-36 million evergreen trees were harvested in the United States in 2001.





Evergreen Tree Poem

I am a type of tree you know
I start out small and then I grow
My roots spread deep under the
ground
To help me so I won't fall down

My trunk protects me up and down
And carries all my food around
The inside part of me is dead
The outer layers grow instead

From my trunk grow many branches
This is the part of me that dances
On my branches, green needles
you'll see
They use the sun, to make food for
me

Do I sound like a tree you've seen?
Have you guessed?
I'm an evergreen!

From Regina Stewart



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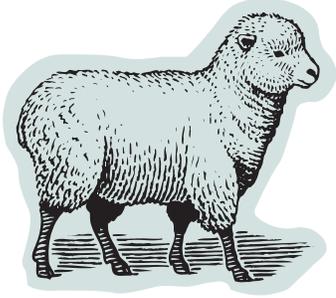
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Dyeing Wool

Grade Level: K-5

Objective: After completing this activity, students will have a better understanding of sheep production in Illinois as well as where wool comes from and what it is used for.



Illinois Learning Standards: 12.A.1a; 12.A.2a; 12.B.3b;
Assessment Framework: 12.4.04; 12.4.08

Suggested Reading Materials:

Hooray for Sheep Farming! By Bobbie Kalman
ISBN 0-86505-669-2

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What You Will Need:

Light-colored, Clean, Carded Wool (purchase from Utah Ag in the Classroom —
<https://extension.usu.edu/aitc/>)

Gallon Jar

Flavored Drink Powder Packages

Boiling Water

Activity Instructions:

1. Talk about sheep production in Illinois and the United States. Where does wool come from and how do we get it? What is wool used for?
2. Discuss dyeing wool. The fiber of wool has tiny pores. When wool is dyed, the pores open to accept the moisture and the dye is taken in to the fiber and held there.
3. Show the students clean, carded wool. Discuss the process of wool from sheep to fabric.
4. Let the students choose their favorite colors for wool dyeing.
5. Dissolve 1 or more packages of colored drink mix into a gallon jar with boiling water.
6. Stuff up to a pound of wool into the jar.
7. After an hour, all of the dye will be absorbed by the wool. The water will be clear!

Lesson Extender:

1. After the students dye their wool and allow it to dry, spend some time spinning the wool. Your students can spin their own wool bracelet. Order extra wool and wool spinning hooks from Utah Ag in the Classroom. There is also a short instructional video for you to see how it's done.

Specialty Seed Sorting

Grade Level: 3-5

Objective: After completing this activity, students will be more familiar with observation, data collection, and reasoning skills.

Illinois Learning Standards: 10.A.2a; 10.A.1b; 11.A.2b

Assessment Framework: 10.4.02



Suggested Reading Material:

The Vegetables We Eat by Gail Gibbons

ISBN-13: 978-0-8234-2153-4

Up, Down and Around by Katherine Ayres

ISBN 978-0-7636-4017-0

Our Generous Garden by Anne Nagro

ISBN-13: 978-0-9793739-4-7

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What You Will Need:

Seeds of Specialty Crops Grown in Illinois. We used:

- Eating Pumpkin Seeds
- Jack-O-Lantern Pumpkin Seeds
- Zucchini Seeds
- Eating Sunflower Seeds
- Mammoth Sunflower Seeds
- Evening Sun Sunflower Seeds

Activity Instructions:

1. Discuss why different seeds have certain characteristics. Why are some seeds round, some brown, some striped, etc.
2. Follow the dichotomous key to figure out what plant the seeds belong to.
3. Then have your students answer the questions on the following page.

Lesson Extender:

1. Give your students several different seeds packets and have them create their own dichotomous key.

What is a dichotomous key?

A dichotomous key is a tool that allows you to determine the identity of items in the natural world, such as trees, wildflowers, mammals, reptiles, rocks, and fish. The key consist of a series of choices that lead the user to the correct name of a given item.

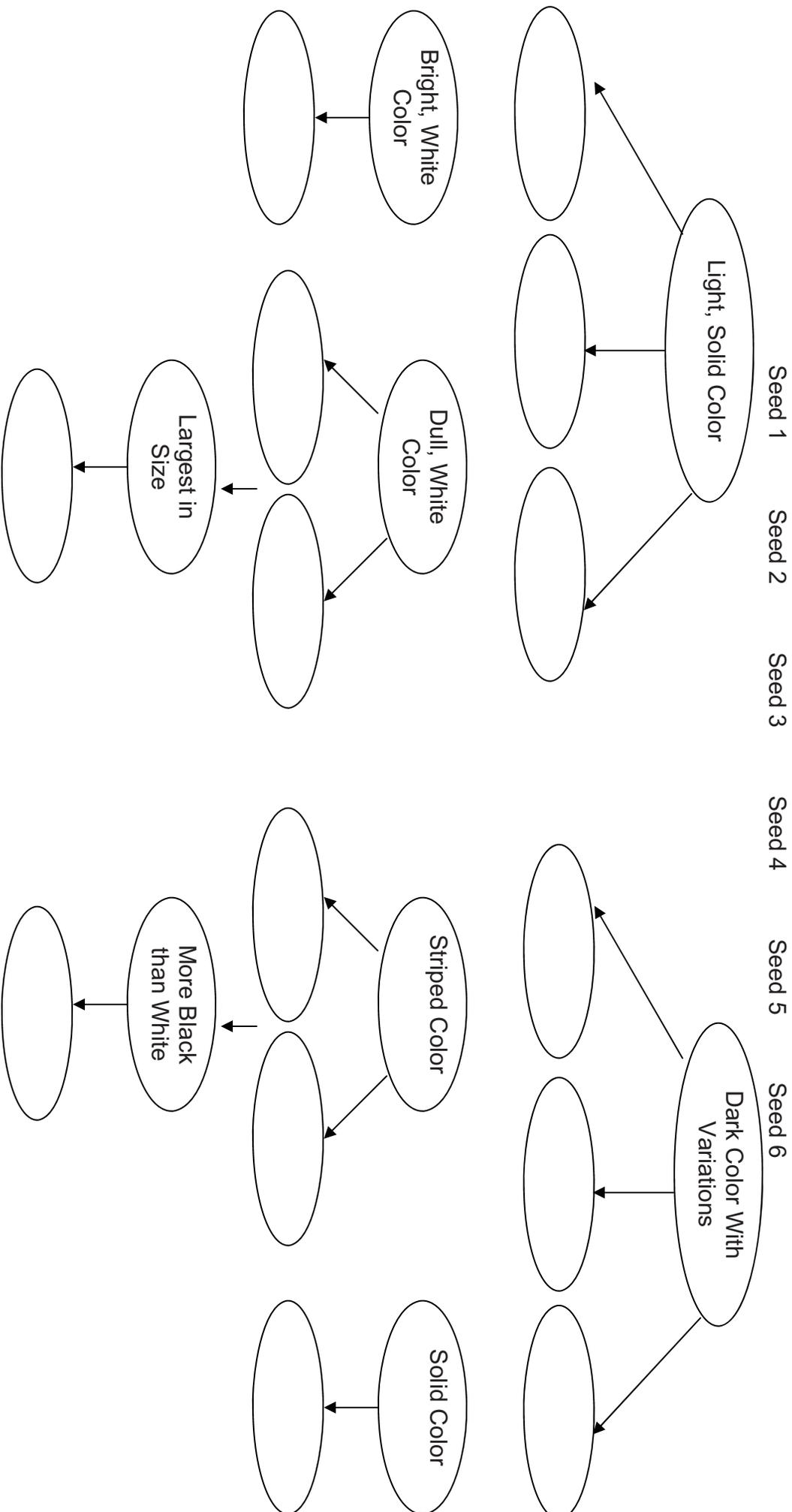
"Dichotomous" means "divided into two parts". Therefore, dichotomous keys always give two choices in each step.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Specialty Seed Sorting

Directions: The purpose of this activity is to sort the seeds using their physical characteristics. Write the number of the seed in the correct ovals, then answer the questions on the following page.



Name: _____ Date: _____

Specialty Seed Sorting

Directions: Use the information below and the information from the previous page to answer the following questions.

- Seed 1: Eating Pumpkin Seed
- Seed 2: Evening Sun Sunflower Seed
- Seed 3: Eating Sunflower Seed
- Seed 4: Zucchini Seed
- Seed 5: Mammoth Sunflower Seed
- Seed 6: Jack-O-Lantern Pumpkin Seed

1. What is the name of the seed that is striped and more black in color than white?

2. Seeds 1, 4, and 6 all belong to which of the following families:

- A. *Asteraceae* or *Compositae* (aster, daisy or sunflower)
- B. *Cucurbitaceae* (gourds or squash)
- C. *Brassicaceae* (broccoli)

3. How do zucchini seeds differ from jack-o-lantern pumpkin seeds?

4. If I planted my zucchini seeds on May 5th and harvested them on June 24th, how many days did they take to mature?

5. Jack-O-Lantern seeds germinate in 7 to 14 days and take 100 days to mature. If you wanted to pick a Jack-O-Lantern pumpkin on October 15th, what day would you need to plant your seed?

BERRY BINGO



B	I	N	G	O

My Bee Hive

Grade Level: K-2

Objective: After completing this exercise, students will have practiced reading and following directions.

Illinois Learning Standards: 1.B.1d; 2.B.1a; 4.B.1b

Assessment Framework: 1.3.12



Suggested Reading Materials:

The Beeman by Laurie Krebs and Valeria Cis

ISBN 978-1-84686-146-8

The Life and Times of the Honeybee by Charles Micucci

ISBN-13: 978-0-395-86139-4

Hooray for Beekeeping! By Bobbie Kalman

ISBN 0-86505-668-4

Honey by Louise Spilsbury (in the Heinemann First Library Food Series)

ISBN 158810146-0

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What You Will Need:

Scissors

Markers or Crayons

Glue

Activity Instructions:

1. Have the students cut out their beehive and fold it in half. Have them write their name on the front in the blank.
2. The students will read and follow the glyph instructions. For younger students, teachers will have to help them read and understand the directions.
3. When all books are complete, hang them up in the room and discuss with the class the differences in the hives. Who likes honey? How many students like summer best?

Lesson Extender:

1. Turn this into a math activity. After completing the bee books, talk about the differences in each student's book. When asking each question, have the students keep a tally of who likes honey and who doesn't, how many students like each season, etc. Then have them make a graph on paper (line graph, pie graph, bar graph, etc).
2. Have the students get up and stand in lines for each question. This would be a bar graph. If you hand a rope to the last student in the first line, have them feed the rope to the last student in each line. Now the bar graph, becomes a line graph.

Glyph Instructions

Read and follow directions for each question.

1. Honey bees prepare honey from nectar which they collect from flowers and blossoms of trees. Do you like honey?

Yes, I do like honey	No, I don't like honey
Color the outside of your bee book purple.	Color the outside of your bee book red.

2. Bees feed on nectar, which is very sweet and high in sugar. How often do you drink something sweet?

0 sweet drinks per day	1 sweet drink per day	2 or more sweet drinks per day
Don't color or glue any flowers in your book.	Color 1 flower pink and glue it inside your book.	Color 2 flowers pink and glue them inside your book.

3. Bees are used to pollinate many fruit and vegetable crops in Illinois. Do you like to eat vegetables or fruits?

I like to eat fruits	I like to eat vegetables	I like to eat fruits and vegetables	I do not like fruits or vegetables
Color the apple red and glue it inside your book.	Color the carrot orange and glue it inside your book.	Color the apple red and the carrot orange and glue both inside your book.	Do not color or glue any fruits or vegetables in your book.

4. Bees use their wings to fly. Have you ever flown in a plane?

Yes, I have flown in a plane	No, I have not flown in a plane
Color the bee blue, and glue it inside your book.	Color the bee green, and glue it inside your book.

5. Bees in Illinois are most active in the summer months. What season do you like best?

Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Color the sun blue and glue it inside your book.	Color the sun yellow and glue it inside your book.	Color the sun orange and glue it inside your book.	Color the sun red and glue it inside your book.

3-D Pumpkins

Grade Level: 2-4

Objective: After completing this activity, students will have a better understanding of how pumpkins grow and why they are unique to Illinois.

Illinois Learning Standards: 1.A1a; 1.A1b; 2.B.1c; 4.A.1c; 11.B.1a; 11.B.1c; 12.A.1a; 12.A.1b; 12.B.1a

Assessment Framework: 1.3.01; 1.3.06; 1.3.07; 1.3.13; 2.3.02; 2.3.10; 12.4.03; 12.4.04; 12.4.05



Suggested Reading Materials:

Pumpkin Jack by Will Hubbell

ISBN 13: 9780807566664

Pumpkin Circle: The Story of a Garden by George Levenson

ISBN-13: 9781582460789

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What You Will Need:

Orange Construction Paper

2 Paper Fasteners for Each Pumpkin (brads)

Green Construction Paper for Vines

Hole Punch

Scissors

Activity Instructions:

1. Cut 3 strips of orange construction paper about 1 inch wide down the short side of the paper.
2. Holding the strips together in a stack, use a hole punch to make 3 holes in the strips — 1 in the middle and 1 at 1/2 inch from each end.
3. Still holding the strips together, put a paper fastener in the middle hole.
4. Cut a 1 1/2 inch square out of the green construction paper and punch a hole in the center.
5. Put a paper fastener through the hole of the green square. Then bring up the ends of the orange strips and fasten them together with the green square.
6. Spread out the strips to form your pumpkin.

Lesson Extender:

1. Tie in science and language arts! Discuss pumpkin growth. Then, give your students a writing activity. Have them write sentences of pumpkin facts on their orange strips of paper, or have them use the pre-made strips on the following page.
2. Talk about the pumpkin growth process as well as processing. Libby's in Morton, Illinois is the nation's largest pumpkin processing plant.

Illinois is the #1 state for growing pumpkins.

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Morton, Illinois is The Pumpkin Capital of the World.

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Pumpkins are produced by pollination.

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Pumpkin growth starts inside a flower.

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Can you find my pumpkin?

Grade Level: K-2

Objective: After completing this activity, students will be more familiar with reading and following directions.

Illinois Learning Standards: 1.B.1a; 4.A.1a; 4.A.1c; 11.A.1d

Assessment Framework: 1.3.14; 11.4.03

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What You Will Need:

Scissors

Markers or Crayons

Activity Instructions:

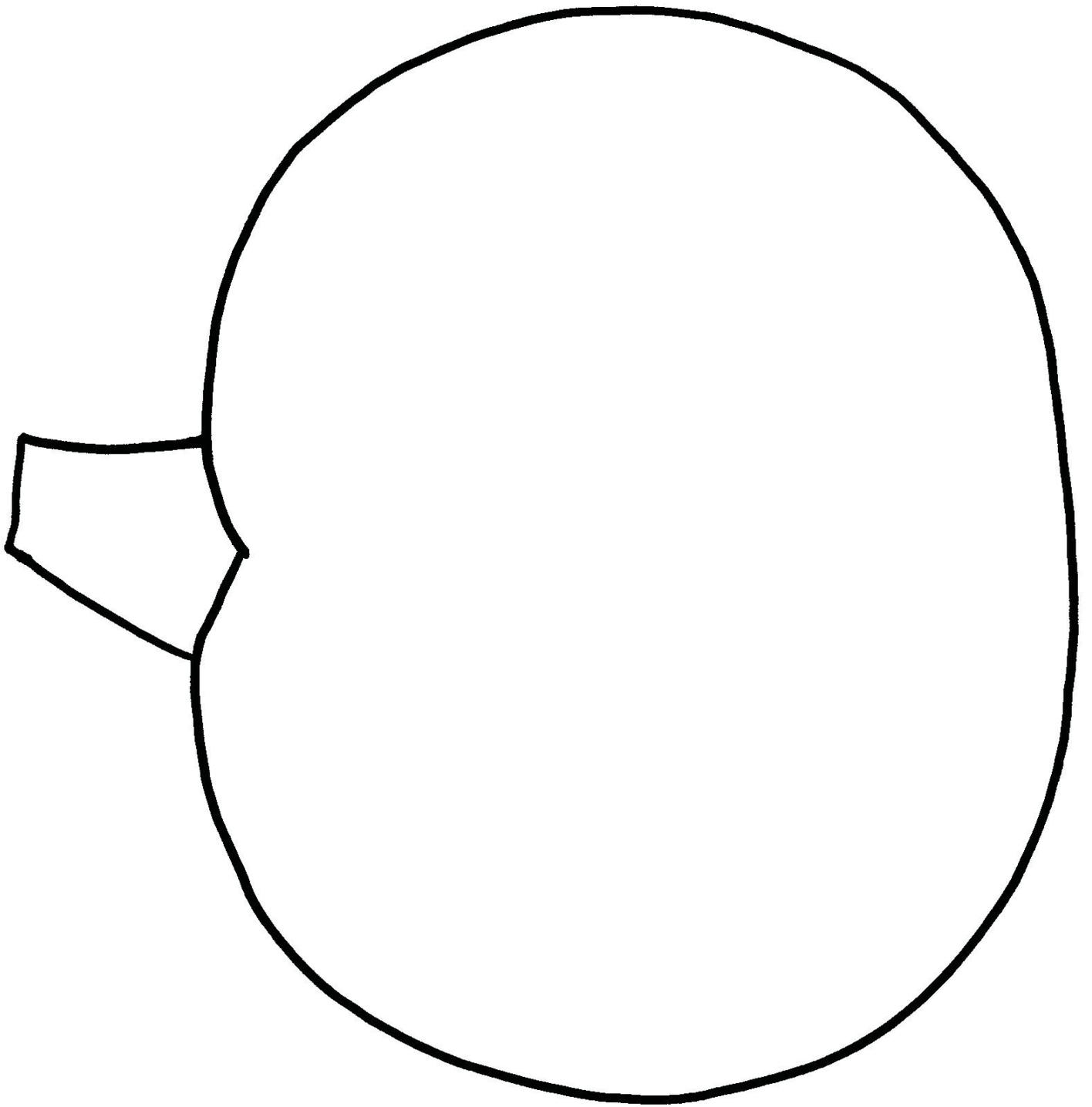
1. Copy the blank pumpkin on orange construction paper. Each student should receive one pumpkin.
2. Have the students cut out the pumpkin and then follow the glyph instructions below.
3. Once all students have finished their pumpkin, hang them around the room.

Glyph Instructions:

1. Number of lines = Number of letters in my first name
2. Eyes = Same color as my eyes
3. Nose = Triangle for boy, Circle for girl
4. Teeth = The number of teeth I have lost
5. Stem = My favorite color

Lesson Extender:

1. Do a scavenger hunt to see if everyone can follow directions.
2. Pick a student and then see if everyone can find that student's pumpkin by reading the glyph directions. (To make it easier, divide students up into pairs to see if they can find each others pumpkin by asking their partner questions pertaining to the glyph. For example: What color eyes do you have?)



Tortilla in a Bag

Grade Level: K-4

Objective: After completing this activity, students will be more familiar with wheat production in Illinois and what wheat is used for. They will also practice reading and following directions.

Illinois Learning Standards: 11.A.1a; 11.A.1b; 11.A.1f; 13.A.1a; 13.A.1b; 13.A.1c; 13.B.1b

Assessment Framework: 11.4.03; 13.4.02; 13.4.03; 13.4.14

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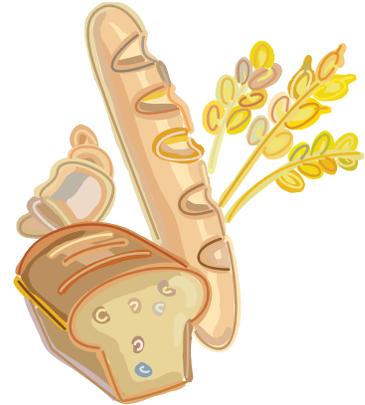
Bread Comes to Life: A Garden of Wheat and a Loaf to Eat by George Levenson

ISBN-13: 9781582462738

The Little Red Hen and the Ear of Wheat by Mary Finch

ISBN-13: 9781841482347

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What You Will Need:

Gallon-size Ziploc bags
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
3 tablespoons shortening
1/2 cup hot tap water
Electric Griddle

Activity Instructions:

1. Talk about wheat production in Illinois. What are some products that wheat is used in?
2. In a large plastic Ziploc bag, combine flour, salt and baking powder. Close bag and shake to mix.
3. To the ingredients in the bag, add the shortening. Close bag and work mixture with fingers until it is crumbly and there are no large pieces of shortening visible.
4. Add the hot water to the bag. Close the bag and mix with fingers until the ingredients form a soft dough that pulls away from the sides of the bag.
5. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Divide dough into four equal pieces and shape into balls. Each child receives two balls. Cover them with the plastic bag, and let rest for 15 minutes.
6. Roll or pat the dough into 8 or 10-inch circles.
7. Place each circle on a griddle or frying pan heated to medium high. Cook until dark brown spots appear. Turn tortilla and cook on the other side until brown.
8. Want a quick meal? Roll up a tortilla with cheese, salsa and or refried beans. You can even turn them into a dessert, sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar on top, roll up and eat or add pie-filling for a tasty treat.

Lesson Extender:

1. If working with older students, have them bring in food labels of items containing wheat and wheat products. Talk about the nutritional value of whole grains versus other grains.

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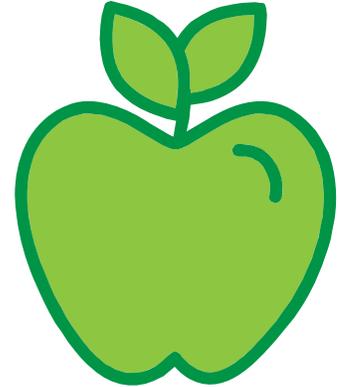
Apple Book

Grade Level: 2-4

Objective: After completing this activity, students will be more familiar with apple production in the United States as well as apple growth here in Illinois.

Illinois Learning Standards: 11.B.1a; 11.B.1d; 12.A.1b; 12.B.1b; 12.F.1b

Assessment Framework: 11.4.05; 12.4.05; 12.4.08; 12.4.48; 13.4.11



Suggested Reading Materials:

The Apple Pie Tree by Zoe Hall

ISBN 0-590-62383-4

Hooray for Orchards by Bobbie Kalman

ISBN 0-86505-667-6

How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World by Marjorie Priceman

ISBN 0-679-8880883-6

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What You Will Need:

Construction Paper

Scissors

Crayons or Markers

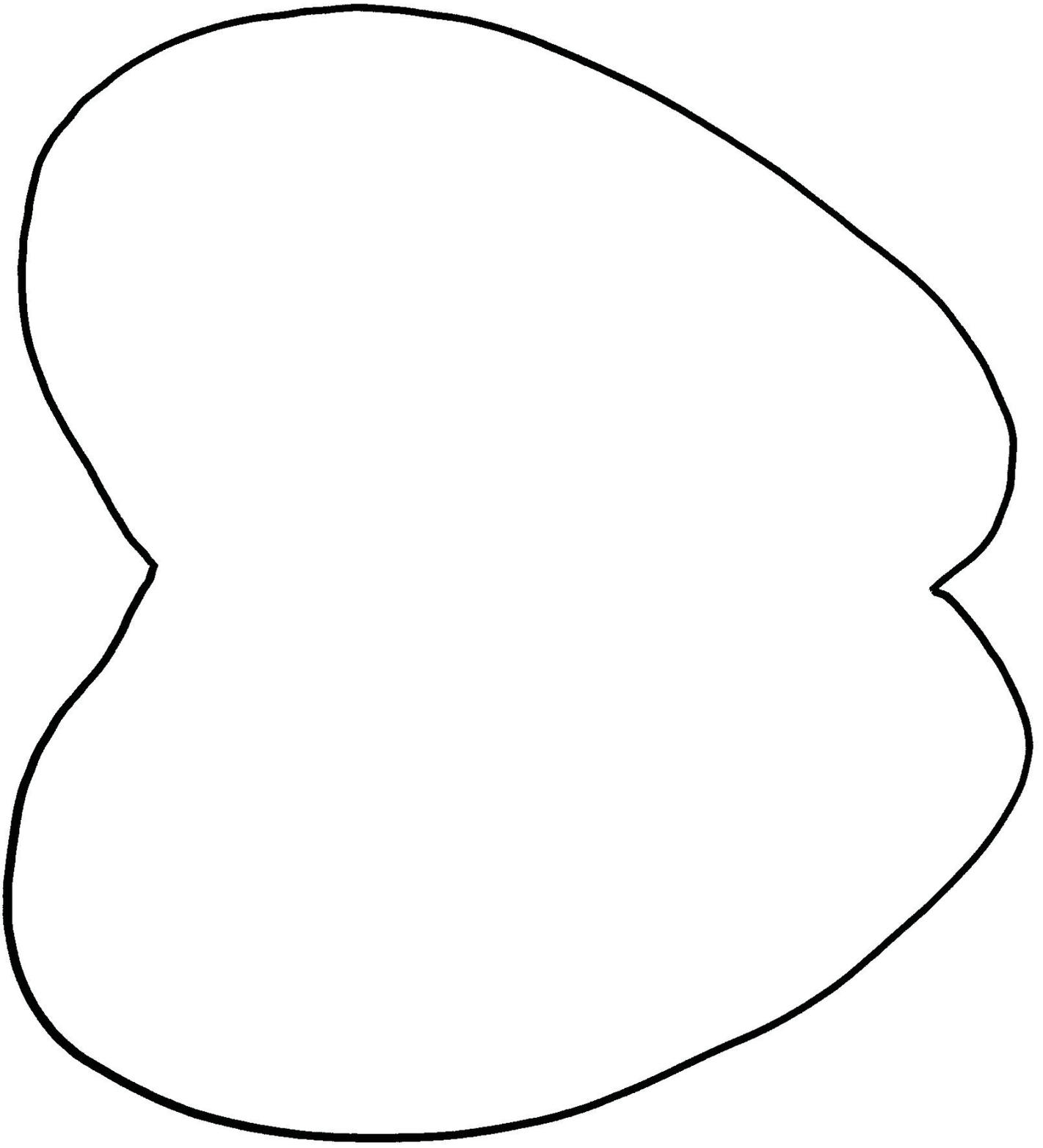
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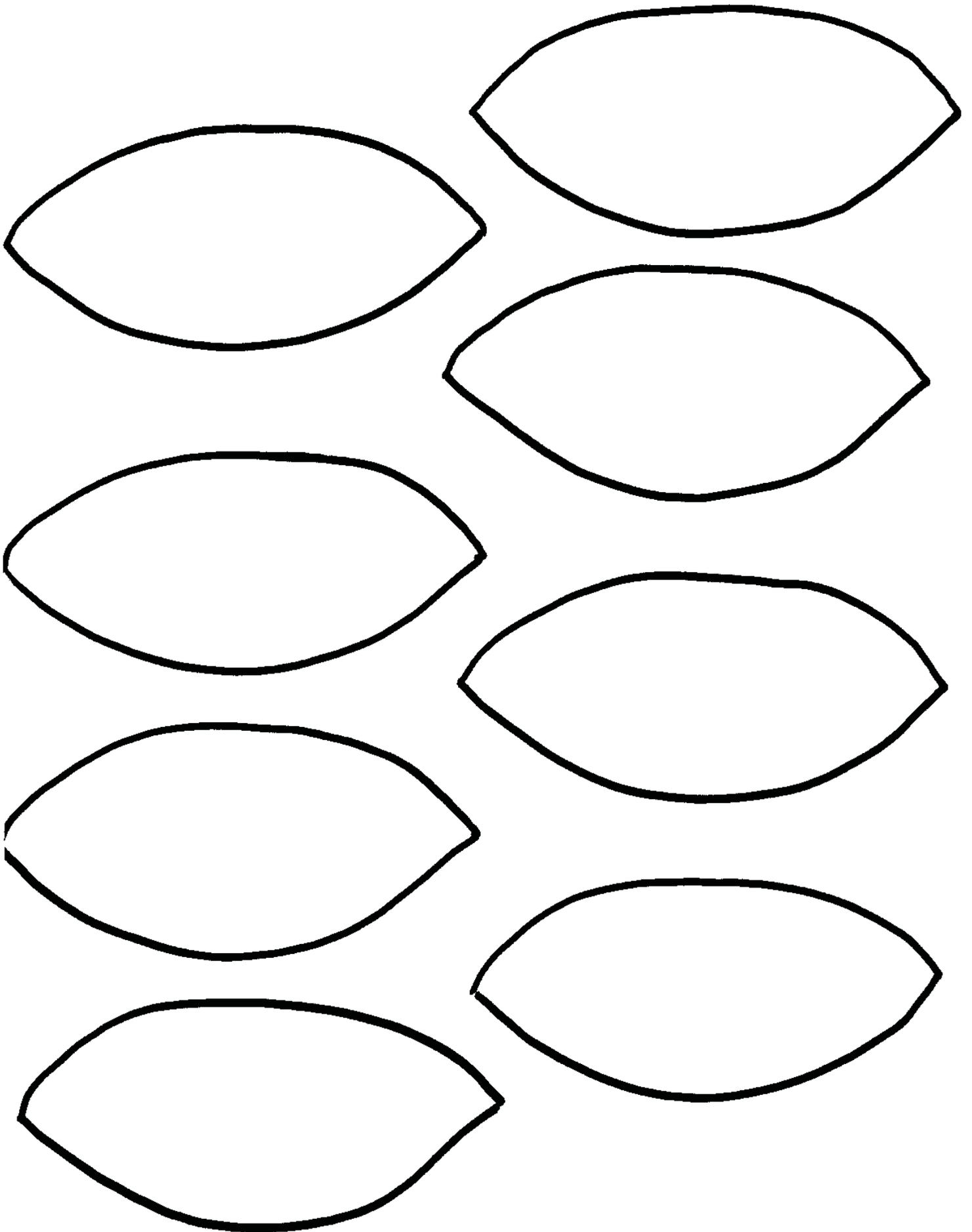
Activity Instructions:

1. Talk about apple production in Illinois. What are most of the apples used for?
2. Decide the color you want your apple to be. You can have red, yellow and green apples. Use the template on the following page. You will need 6 apple templates for each book.
3. Cut out a leaf from the green construction paper and glue it to the top of the apple.
4. Cut out the information boxes on the following pages. Glue them in order in your apple book. (Page 1: Box 1 & 2, Page 2: Box 3 & 4, Page 3: Box 5 & 6, Page 4: Box 7 & 8, Page 5: Box 9)
5. Have your students write their name on the cover. Staple the pages together at the top. You now have your apple book.

Lesson Extender:

1. Visit an apple orchard with your students. Have your students write about their visit in their book.
2. Collect different varieties of apples and have a taste test with your students. Have them write about the different varieties and which one is their favorite.





There are over 500 orchards in Illinois that grow apples. This totals nearly 4,000 acres of Illinois land used to grow this delicious fruit. These apples are sold fresh or made into applesauce, apple juice or dehydrated apple products.

1

In 2007, the GoldRush apple was named Illinois' state fruit. This variety of apple was named based on its golden yellow color and the "rush" of flavor you taste in your first bite.

2

Apple trees have pink or white blossoms. Before apples are produced, the blossoms must be pollinated by a bee or other insects. Many apple farmers place beehives in their orchard to ensure their trees will be pollinated.

3

Apple trees are difficult to grow from seeds. It takes about 15 years for a tree grown from a seed to produce an apple. Most apple trees are grown by grafting or budding onto already existing rootstocks. **Grafting** is when a grower takes the best parts from different trees and sticks them together with tape and glue. **Budding** is when the grower takes a bud from one tree and attaches it under the bark of rootstock with tape or glue.

4

Peduncle: The stalk of a flower.

Receptacle: The part of a flower stalk where the parts of the flower are attached.

Sepal: The outer parts of the flower (often green and leaf-like) that enclose a developing bud.

Petal: The parts of a flower that are often conspicuously colored.

Stamen: The pollen producing part of a flower, usually with a slender filament supporting the anther.

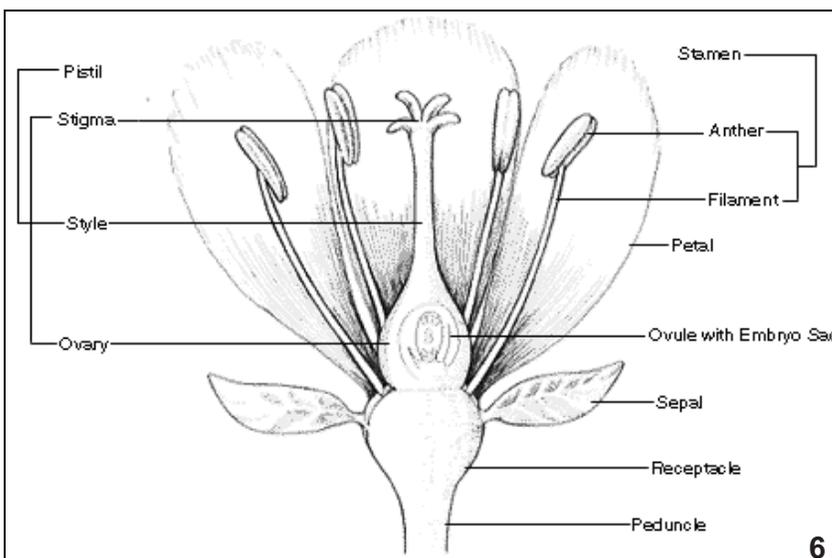
Anther: The part of the stamen where pollen is produced.

Pistil: The ovule producing part of a flower. The ovary often supports a long style, topped by a stigma. The mature ovary is a fruit, and the mature ovule is a seed.

Stigma: The part of the pistil where pollen germinates.

Ovary: The enlarged basal portion of the pistil where ovules are produced.

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Fruit: the edible part of a plant developed from a flower.

Nectar: the juice of a fruit that attracts the insects or birds that pollinate the flower.

Flower: the blossom of a plant.

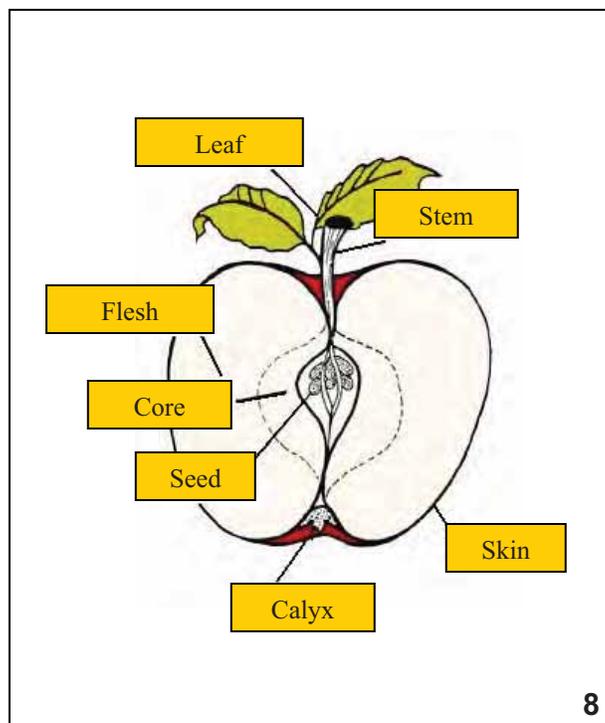
Leaf: green part of plant that helps collect sunlight and nutrients for the plant.

Stem: the stalk that supports a leaf, flower, or fruit.

Pollen: the yellow powder inside a flower which fertilizes other flowers.

Calyx: the stubby brown nub at opposite end from the apple stem that is the remaining parts of the apple blossom.

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Apple Facts

- The crabapple is the only apple native to North America.
- The pilgrims planted the first United State apple trees in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
- Apples come in all shades of reds, greens, and yellows.
- Apples are grown in all 50 states.
- Apples are a great source of fiber pectin. One apple has five grams of fiber.
- The science of apple growing is called **pomology**.
- Apple trees take 4 or 5 years to produce their first fruit.
- Apples are a member of the rose family.
- 25% of an apple's volume is air. That is why they float.
- Most apple blossoms are pink when they open but gradually fade to white.
- It takes the energy from 50 leaves to produce 1 apple.
- It takes about 36 apples to create one gallon of apple cider.
- Don't peel your apple. 2/3 of the fiber and lots of antioxidants are found in the peel. Antioxidants help to reduce damage to cells, which can trigger some diseases.
- October is National Apple Month.

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Popcorn—From Family Favorite to State Snack

Grade Level: 4-6

Objective: After completing this activity, students will be more familiar with the legislative process in Illinois and how a bill becomes a law.

Illinois Learning Standards: 1.B.2a; 1.B.2d; 2.B.2a; 3.A.2; 3.B.2b; 3.B.2c; 3.B.2d; 3.C.2a; 3.C.2b

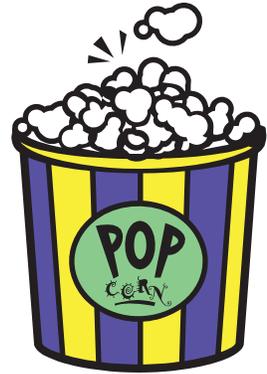
Assessment Framework: 1.4.09; 2.4.14

Suggested Reading Materials:

The Popcorn Book by Tomie dePaola
ISBN-13: 9780823405336

How a Bill Becomes a Law by John Hamilton
ISBN-13: 9781591976462

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Other Resources:

Schoolhouse Rock!—Election Collection (features *I'm Just a Bill*)
UPC: 786936771350

Background Information:

Popcorn is a whole grain maize product. Popcorn kernels are the only corn kernels that can pop, because its kernels contain a small amount of water in the center. When heated, this water boils and turns to steam, which creates pressure within the kernel. This pressure causes the kernel to POP! Compared to field corn, the kernel size is smaller and may come in a variety of colors ranging from yellow to purple.

Did you know that popcorn is Illinois' State Snack Food? That's right! Second and third grade students from Joliet, Illinois proposed popcorn as a state symbol. Popcorn is a popular snack. Americans eat 16 billion quarts of popcorn each year, which equals 59 quarts per person. It is a good thing that Illinois farmers produce a lot of popcorn. Farmers use over 28,000 acres of Illinois land to grow our state snack.

Activity Instructions:

1. Discuss popcorn and popcorn production in Illinois.
2. Talk about how Illinois' State Snack Food is popcorn.
3. How did popcorn become our State Snack Food? Introduce Illinois legislature information. Talk about how a bill becomes a law. In order to help a bill become law, citizens and supporters of bills write letters to their local legislators, newspapers and other media giving facts about their idea and why it should be supported.
4. Have your students think of what they would want the State Snack Food to be. Have them write a fake letter to their local legislator about why their pick should be the State Snack Food. They should include why it is unique to Illinois and how it is related to Illinois agriculture (*hint: look at the ingredients and what may be grown in Illinois*).

Navigating Illinois

Grade Level: 3-5

Objective: After completing this exercise, students will have a better understanding of reading maps as well as the diversity of specialty crops in Illinois.

Illinois Learning Standards: 11.A.2b; 11.A.2c; 13.B.2f; 15.A.2a; 17.A.2b; 17.C.2b

Assessment Framework: 11.4.04; 13.4.11

Suggested Reading Materials:

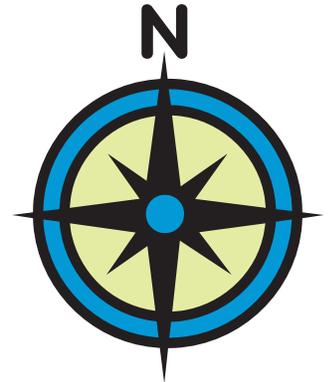
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What You Will Need:

Access to the Internet

Illinois Maps

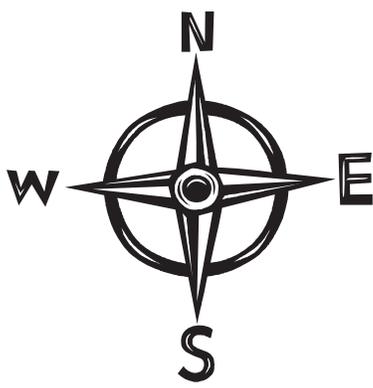
Markers or crayons



Activity Instructions:

1. Using the Illinois county map on the next page, follow the directions below:

- Using dark blue markers or crayons draw the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers on the map. These rivers are used to ship many agricultural products.
- The Pumpkin Capital of the World is located in Morton, IL. Find the county that Morton is located in and draw a pumpkin inside of it.
- Agri-tourism is a growing industry in Illinois. The Country Corner Farm Market is located in Alpha, IL in the west-central part of the state. Find the county the Alpha is located in and color it brown.
- Apple orchards are very popular destinations in the fall because they offer u-pick apples, cider and other homemade treats. Almost Eden Orchard is located in Hancock County. Find Hancock County on the map and color it red.
- The Horseradish Capital of the World is located in Collinsville, IL. Find the county that Collinsville is located in and color it gray.
- Many of the peaches grown in Illinois are grown in the southern half of the state. Rendleman Orchards is located in Alto Pass, IL. Find its county and color it orange.
- Bees are very helpful in the pollination of specialty crops. Sasse's Apiary is located in Chestnut, IL. Find Logan County and color it yellow.
- Many of Mason County's specialty growers, like Ron Armbrust from Manito, use irrigation to help keep their crops watered. Find Mason County and color it light blue.
- Many consumers flock to Christmas tree farms to cut their own tree for the holidays. Richardson's Christmas Trees is located in Spring Grove, IL. Find its county and color it green.
- Olthoff Farms and Dutch Valley Growers, Inc. grow onion sets for stores like Wal-Mart and Farm & Fleet. They are located in Kankakee County. Find it on the map and color it pink.
- Siemer Milling Company in Teutopolis, IL mills wheat into flour to be used in cookies, cakes, crackers and other goodies. Find the county it is located in and color it purple.



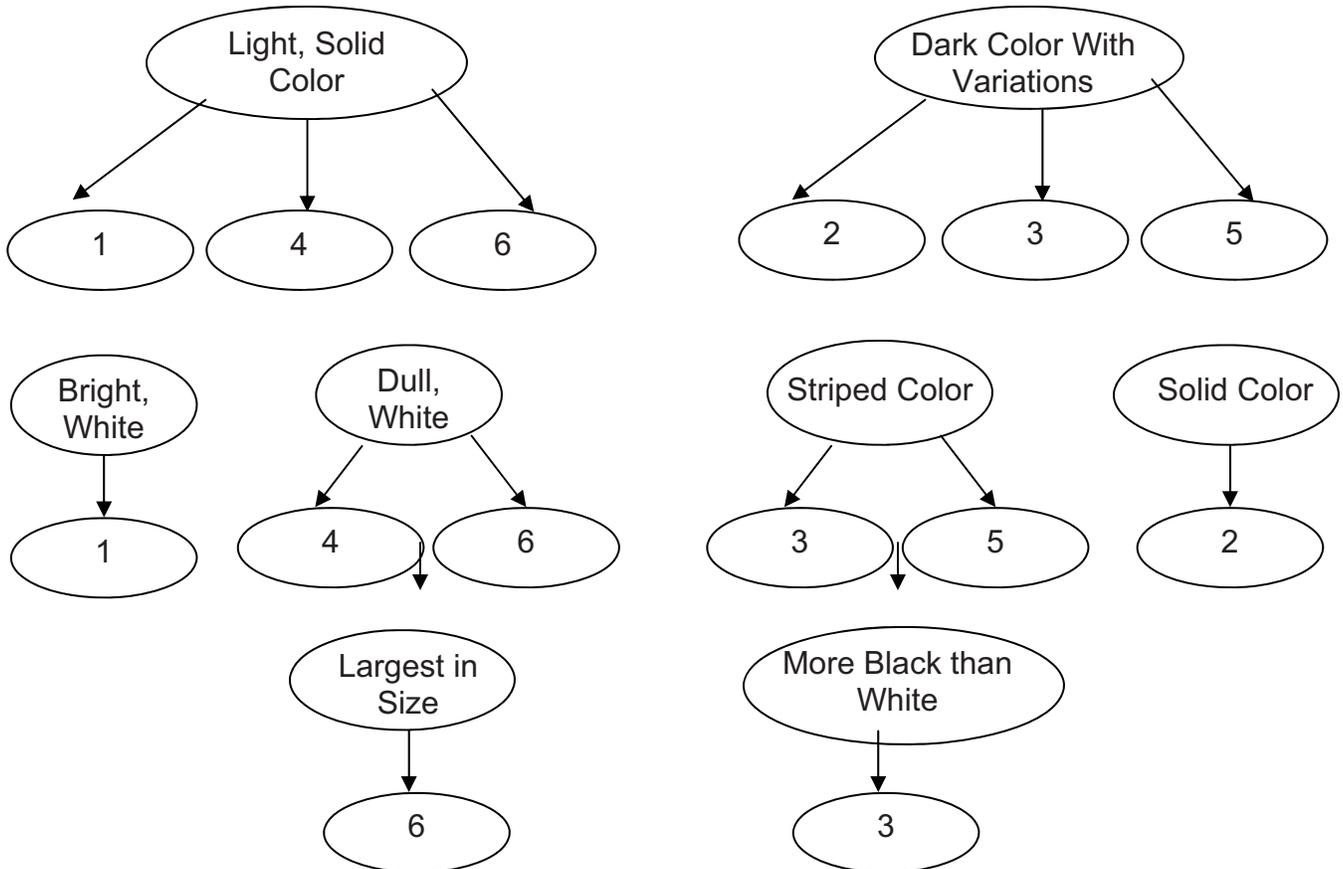


Check Your Answers!

The Buzz on Bees

- 4th grade reading
 1. B
 2. D
 3. C
 4. A
- 6th grade reading
 1. D
 2. B
 3. B
 4. D

Specialty Seed Sorting



1. Eating Sunflower Seed
2. B
3. Zucchini seeds are smaller in size
4. 50 days
5. July 7

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