

FYI For Your InFARMation

*Summary
of pages
1-3*

In today's lesson, students will:

- Learn that our economy is based on the relationship between producers and consumers.
- Learn about the different types of farms
- Answer questions about a map of our state.

DAY 1

Standards and Indicators

Social Studies

• Geography

Read and interpret maps by using the map title, map key, direction indicator and symbols to answer questions about the local community.

• Economics

Identify people who purchase goods and services as consumers and people who make goods or provide services as producers.

Language Arts

• Reading Applications

Use information gained from illustrations (e.g. maps and photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text.

Before Reading

Assess Prior Knowledge

- Ask students if they know where their food comes from.
- Ask students if they have visited a farm. What did they see there?

Vocabulary

Write the vocabulary words on chart paper or a chalkboard. Start a discussion about each of the words by asking the following questions:

- 1 Agriculture** is the production of food and other goods through farming. What kinds of things do farmers do?
- Animals that are raised on farms for food and fiber are called **livestock**. Think of some examples of livestock.
- 3 Consumers** are people who buy goods (like toys and food) and services (like a haircut). Have you ever been a consumer? What did you buy?
- A **producer** is a person who offers a good or a service to consumers. A farmer is an example of a producer. Name some producers in our area.
- Buyers and sellers make up a **market**. We have a market **economy** in the United States. This means that we have producers who set their own prices for goods and services. This also means that businesses compete against each other by offering lower prices. Can you think of some businesses in our economy that compete against each other? (example: McDonald's[®] and Wendy's[®])
- Write the word **affordable** on the board. Underline the suffix -able and point out the root word "afford". If you can afford something, you are able to buy it. Explain to students that the prefix -able added to the root word "afford" makes the word mean "able to be afforded". What are some things that are affordable to you?
- A **breed** is a group of animals that look alike. There are different breeds of dogs. Can you name some?
- 8 Cattle** are cows. Why do farmers raise cattle? Did you know there are different breeds of cattle? What does that mean?



Start a Discussion

- List some goods that are produced on farms. Start a web on chart paper or on the board.
- Why do you think it would cost a consumer less money to buy food produced in Ohio?

Build Comprehension

- As you read through pages 1–3, point out the highlighted vocabulary words and review their meanings.
- **Pages 2–3**—Complete the web to display the different things that are raised on farms.
- **Page 3**—To help students understand the numbers on this page, explain to students that if you lined up 7.1 billion eggs end-to-end they would reach to the moon and back to earth about five times! And 600 million gallons of milk would fill 1,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools!
- **Page 3**—Have students look at the map and explain what information they can get from it. What are the different types of livestock that are produced in Ohio? Name one county that produces pork. Why do you think that there are more farms in rural areas?

Extend Learning

Online Resources/Videos

- Learn about some Ohio farmers and watch videos about their farms by visiting this site <http://www.farmersfeedus.org/oh/our-farm-families/>
- Visit the “Kids & Teachers” section at www.ohiodairyfarmers.com to take a video fieldtrip to a dairy farm and play the interactive game. You can also request a free DVD of the video by calling 1-800-292-MILK or emailing info@drink-milk.com
- Learn about Ohio hog farmers and watch videos about how hogs are raised at www.OhioPork.org. You can also request a DVD of the videos at www.OhioPork.org or 800-320-7991
- Excellent website for learning about breeds at <http://139.78.104.1/breeds/>

Books

Farms Feed the World by Lee Sullivan Hill
Life on a Dairy Farm by Judy Wolfman
Life on a Sheep Farm by Judy Wolfman
Life on a Chicken Farm by Judy Wolfman
Portrait of a Farm Family by Raymond Bial

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Assess Comprehension

Have students complete Worksheet 1.

Across the Curriculum

Math Have students plan their own farm on graph paper. Have them measure the area or perimeter of each area.

Science Research the life cycles of the different farm animals.

English Language Learners

Bring in samples of items that are produced on farms.

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**Summary
of pages
4-5**

In today's lesson, students will:

- Learn that farmers work hard to make sure their animals are well cared for
- Learn that this keeps the food they produce safe and nutritious

DAY 2

Standards and Indicators

Social Studies

- **Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities**

Describe how people help to make the community a better place in which to live including: a. Working to preserve the environment.

Language Arts

- **Reading Process**

Recount the key details of a main idea and explain how they support the main idea.

Before Reading

Assess Prior Knowledge

- Ask students if they have any pets at home. How do they care for their pets?
- What do animals need to live?

Vocabulary

Write the vocabulary words on chart paper or a chalkboard. Start a discussion about each of the words by asking the following questions:

- 1 Predators** are animals that hunt other animals for food.
What kinds of predators do you think farmers have to worry about?
- 2 A veterinarian** is a doctor who takes care of animals.
What do veterinarians do for animals?
- 3 Vaccinations** are shots. Why do people and animals need vaccines?
- 4 Our environment** is the area in which we live.
How can we help care for our environment?
- 5 Recycling** is when trash is saved and reused to make something else.
What are some things that can be recycled? Why is recycling important?
- 6 Fertilizer** can be added to soil to make plants grow faster and healthier.
Why is fertilizer important to farmers?
- 7 A bushel** is a type of measurement for dry ingredients. A bushel is about the same size as eight plastic gallons of milk. Apples can be measured in bushels. If you buy two bushels of apples, about how many plastic gallons of milk would that be equal to?



Start a Discussion

- Predict what would happen if farmers didn't care for their animals properly.
- What do you think farmers do to keep their animals healthy?

Build Comprehension

- As you read through pages 4–5, point out the highlighted vocabulary words and review their meanings.
- **Page 4**—Point out the headings on this page. Ask students how headings help us understand what information we will read about in a section of text.
- **Page 5**—Ask students how farmers ensure that their animals have housing and food.
- **Page 5**—Ask students how farmers ensure that their animals are healthy.
- **Page 5**—How is recycling used in farming? Why is it important for farmers to preserve the environment?
- **Page 5**—Why is it important for farmers to raise healthy animals?

Extend Learning

Online sources

- Explore virtual field trips, agriculture information and science projects at www.agclassroom.org/kids/index.htm
- <http://bit.ly/drEd6n> Virtual tours of Ohio farms by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- Learn about Ohio's beef industry and watch videos of Ohio beef farmers at www.ohiobeef.org or call 614-873-6736 to get some free education materials related to the beef industry.
- Learn about the more than 200 crops and animals grown in Ohio at: <http://ourohio.org/teachers/ohio-s-200-crops-and-animals-3/ohio-s-200-crops-and-animals-4/>

Books

Corn by Elaine Landau, Children's Press
Extra Cheese, Please by Cris Peterson
Fantastic Farm Machines by Cris Peterson
Hooray for Dairy Farming by Bobbie Kalman
John Deere All Around the Farm by Parachute Press
A Year at a Farm by Nicholas Harris

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Assess Comprehension

Have students complete Worksheet 2.

Across the Curriculum

Math Show students the size of a bushel by displaying 8 gallons of something.

Science Classify farm animals according to their body covering or body structure.

English Language Learners

Display photographs of the different farm animals and have them share the name of the animal in their native language.

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**Summary
of pages
6-8**

In today's lesson, students will:

- Learn how food gets from farms grocery stores and restaurants
- Learn that meat provides our bodies with protein
- Learn about the different careers in agriculture
- Practice reading and completing charts and graphs

DAY 3

Standards and Indicators

Math

- **Data Analysis and Probability**

Solve one- and two-step "how many more" and "how many less" problems using information presented in scaled bar graphs.

Science

- **Scientific Ways of Knowing**

Identify various careers in science.

Language Arts

- **Writing Applications**

Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.

Before Reading

Assess Prior Knowledge

- What job do you want to have when you are older?
- What kinds of foods do our bodies need?

Vocabulary

Write the vocabulary words on chart paper or chalkboard. Start a discussion about each of the words by asking the following questions:

- 1** An **input** is what you put into something. The **output** is what you produce. When you do your homework, the input is your effort and the output is your finished work. If you don't put in a lot of effort into your work, what will the output be?
- 2** **Labor** is work. Farmers put in a lot of labor on their farms. What types of labor do you put in at home?
- 3** **Protein** is very important for our bodies. Protein gives us energy and helps us grow. We can find protein in meat, eggs, and cheese. What types of food do you eat that give you protein?
- 4** **Veterinary medicine** is what you need to study to become a veterinarian. What would you like to study when you grow up?
- 5** **Exotic** animals are animals you find at the zoo. Some veterinarians care only for exotic animals. Can you think of some exotic animals?
- 6** An **arborist** is someone who studies and cares for trees. What other jobs are there that care about things in nature?
- 7** A **machinery mechanic** is someone who fixes broken machines. What might a mechanic fix on a farm?



Start a Discussion

- Describe some jobs people can have on a farm.
- How do you think food gets from farms to grocery stores and restaurants?

Build Comprehension

- As you read through pages 6–8, point out the highlighted vocabulary words and review their meanings
- **Page 6**—Ask students how the illustrations on the page help them understand the information in the text.
- **Page 6**—Ask students what the three main inputs are for food production.
- **Page 7**—Discuss the meaning of the word protein. Ask students why protein is so important for our bodies. What would we be like if we didn't get protein?
- **Page 7**—Have students use the photographs on the page to help them think of foods rich in protein. Ask students to plan a lunch menu that would give them protein.
- **Page 8**—Discuss the different occupations with students. Which of these careers appeal to the students?
- Ask students to look through the pages that you have discussed and explain some things they learned about from the captions.
- Have students write an essay about what they have learned. Enter the essays in a contest to win a free field trip to an Ohio farm. See guidelines and essay forms at www.ForYourInFARMediation.com.

Extend Learning

Online sources

- Request a free poster that explains how milk gets from the farm to the your table by calling 1-800-292-MILK or emailing info@drink-milk.com
- <http://library.thinkquest.org/TQ0312380/> Information about different types of farms. Includes a glossary.
- Learn about being a veterinarian at <http://ourohio.org/television/watch-videos/animals-2/veterinary-medecine/>

Books

Century Farm by Cris Peterson
Clarabelle, Making Milk and So Much More by Cris Peterson
A Day in the Life of a Farmer by Heather Adamson
Foods From the Farm by Rebecca Weber
From Farms to You by Paul McEvoy
Harvest Year by Cris Peterson
Pigs an A-to-Z book by Susan Anderson & JoAnne Buggy
Working on a Farm by Katie Marsico

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Assess Comprehension

Have students complete Worksheet 3.

Across the Curriculum

Math Talk about how math is involved in each of the careers on page 8. Talk about the fact on page 7 (Cows produce 100 glasses of milk a day). How many cows would it take to make 800 glasses of milk?

Health Plan healthy meals with students.

Science Discuss other careers in science. Research some inventions that are used on farms.

English Language Learners

Bring in foods that contain protein.