WANT TO KEEP COLORING AND TESTING YOUR AGRICULTURE KNOWLEDGE?

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Maryland Agriculture is all around you. Everything you eat comes from agriculture. Agriculture is the production of food and fiber and it is caring for the land, air and water that we all enjoy so much! The seafood, meat and vegetables that you eat are all part of the agricultural world. This activity booklet will help you better understand agriculture and just how important it is to us!
Back in the old days, farmers did not have tractors or any kind of machinery. Everything was done by hand. The first tractor was not built until 1868 and that was powered by steam. Animals were used to operate any type of manual equipment they had, before the invention of tractors. Even cows were milked by hand. Can you imagine milking hundreds of cows twice a day by hand? Think about planting and harvesting without tractors. Horses pulled small implements around to do the job. That is a lot of labor and time for the farmer, especially if there were many acres of land. Today in Maryland, the average farm is nearly 170 acres. Think how long it would have taken in the old days to plant crops, when a horse was pulling a plow.

In this day and age, tractors have air conditioning, radios and high performance electronics. Farming is still a lot of hard work and takes a lot of time and patience, but the way farmers work has completely changed. Some farmers are using computers to keep their records, while others are using special programs to determine what to plant and how much to plant. Most dairy farmers no longer need to milk by hand. They now have automatic milking machines that do all of the work. It is amazing how much has changed in the last 150 years of farming!
Got Smarts? Quiz

Answer the questions to test your dairy skills. Write TRUE or FALSE in the blank.

1.) ________ A cow has one stomach with four chambers.
2.) ________ A brown cow makes chocolate milk.
3.) ________ There are more than 200 breeds of cows in the world.
4.) ________ A female cow is a bull.
5.) ________ Cows spend up to 8 hours per day eating.
6.) ________ Cud chewing helps cows to digest their food.
7.) ________ Jersey cows are black and white.
8.) ________ Milk contains lots of calcium, which will make your bones and teeth healthy and strong.

Maryland has about 48,000 dairy cows throughout the state. These cows produce over 950,000,000 pounds of milk each year. Can you imagine that much milk?
The black and white Holstein cows make up more than 90 percent of the U.S. dairy herd. A cow must have a calf in order to produce milk. The best sources of calcium are milk, yogurt, cheese, and ice cream. The average body temperature of a healthy cow is 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit. Cows have 32 teeth. Cows drink about a bathtub full of water every day!
Can you Spot it?

Which milk cow is different? Circle the different cow.

Maryland dairy farms produce about 200 million dollars in milk sales annually.

**COW JOKES**

What is the easiest way to count a herd of cattle?
"Use a COWculator!"

What kind of things does a farmer talk about when he is milking cows?
"Udder nonsense!"

What do you get from a pampered cow?
"Spoiled milk!"
Unscramble the words below to reveal a farm word. Use the clues to help you!

1. **scpro** What is grown in the fields?  
2. **ranb** What do the animals sleep in?  
3. **ecfne** How do you keep the animals in the pasture?  
4. **asebnoy** Type of round bean.  
5. **kencihc** What animal lays eggs?  
6. **armfer** Who takes care of the animals?  
7. **rtctaro** What do farmers ride that pulls a plow in fields?  
8. **tweah** Grain-rhymes with sheet.  
9. **ppeal** A red colored fruit; great for eating fresh or cooking.  
10. **ayh** What do horses eat?
Draw a CIRCLE around the fruits and draw a SQUARE around the vegetables.
Write the correct animal name on the line provided under each clue.
Animal names may be used more than once.

1. ____________________
2. ____________________
3. ____________________
4. ____________________
5. ____________________
6. ____________________
7. ____________________
8. ____________________
*Hint* A building used to house livestock or used for storage.
Help Penny find out how many eggs she has in her basket.

1. Penny collected how many eggs at the coop? __________

2. Penny dropped how many eggs on her way home? __________

3. Penny’s friend gave her how many eggs? __________

4. How many TOTAL eggs does Penny have in her basket? __________
"Chick" this out!

Circle which chicken is different?

Maryland’s poultry industry ranks 8th among the United States in the number of broilers produced. The average number of layers is over two million which produce 650 million eggs per year. That’s nearly 280 eggs per chicken per year!!! Imagine that!!
According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, the total sheep inventory including lambs was 19,265 head and the number of farms raising sheep was 663.

How many **TOTAL** sheep do you see?

How many **TOTAL** piglets do you see inside of the mommy pig?  

How many piglets are looking **LEFT**?

**SHEEP & PIG JOKES**

What did one sheep say to the other sheep?  
- “After ewe!”

What do pigs use on their cuts?  
- OINKment!

Maryland’s hog industry accounts for about $9 million in cash receipts for farmers every year. The total pig crop is nearly 50,000 head with inventory of all hogs and pigs around 20,000.
# Fruit and vegetable Word Search

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Can you find the following words in the puzzle? Circle each word that you find.

- **APPLE**
- **CARROT**
- **CHERRY**
- **CORN**
- **CUCUMBER**
- **GRAPE**
- **LETTUCE**
- **ONION**
- **PEACH**
- **PEAR**
- **PEPPER**
- **POTATO**
- **PUMPKIN**
- **STRAWBERRY**
- **TOMATO**

According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, Maryland has over 29,000 acres of vegetables and about 3,500 acres of fruit harvested every year. Snap beans, cucumbers and pickles, green lima beans, green peas, potatoes, sweet corn and watermelon account for over 80 percent of vegetable acres. There are about 3,000 acres of apples and peaches harvested. Fruit, tree nut and berry production sales totaled over $20 million in 2012. Vegetable, melon, potato, and sweet potato production sales totaled more than $70.7 million.
Homophones/homonyms are words that are pronounced the same as another, but are different in meaning, whether spelled the same way or not. For example, *doe* (female deer) and *dough* (mixture for baking bread or cake).

Can you complete the sentences with the correct homonyms listed below? Write the word on the line provided. Each word may only be used once.

1. A fable by Aesop, The Tortoise and the _________________.
2. ________________ covers the human head or is the coat of most mammals.

   **HAIR**
   **HARE**

3. What a beautiful ________________ growing in your garden.
4. A finely ground powder of wheat or grain used in baking is ________________.

   **FLOUR**
   **FLOWER**

5. The horse ________________ in the pasture; the cry of a horse.
6. A voter who is against a view usually ________________ a vote.

   **NEIGHS**
   **NAYS**

7. The sister of one’s father or mother is an _________________.
8. An ________________ is a pesky insect typically seen at a picnic.

   **AUNT**
   **ANT**

9. Bugs Bunny is always chewing on a _________________.
10. A unit for measuring the purity of gold is a ________________.

   **CARROT**
   **KARAT**

11. The cow ________________ a deep, low sound.
12. What is the farmer’s ________________ today?

   **MOOD**
   **MOOED**
Place in order the steps for growing a flower, by writing the correct letter on the lines provided.

1. ________ Obtain flower seeds.
2. ________ Watch your plant grow.
3. ________ Enjoy the flowers.
4. ________ Water your plant.
5. ________ Buy a flower pot or find a garden bed.
6. ________ Dig a hole and plant your seed.
7. ________ Provide sunlight for your plant.

Step 1- A
Step 2- B
Step 3- C
Step 4- D
Step 5- E
Step 6- F
Step 7- G

Roses are red
Violets are blue
I love floriculture!

How about you?

Annual bedding/garden plants and herbaceous perennial plants account for nearly 95% of Maryland’s total wholesale value of floriculture.
Please write the correct farm animal name on each line provided.

1. The ______________________ says quack.
2. The ______________________ says oink.
3. The ______________________ says neigh.
4. The ______________________ says cluck.
5. The ______________________ says baa.
6. The ______________________ says gobble.
7. The ______________________ says moo.
8. The ______________________ says maa.
Please circle the correct answer.

1. What is Maryland’s leading agricultural product?
   - Greenhouse and Nursery
   - Milk and Dairy Products
   - Broilers

2. Maryland has approximately how many farms?
   - 6,800
   - 12,000
   - 9,800

3. Approximately how many milk cows are there in Maryland?
   - 50,000
   - 34,000
   - 74,000

4. Which county in Maryland has the most corn acreage harvested for grains?
   - Worcester
   - Queen Anne’s
   - Kent

5. Of the following three crops, which has the most acreage harvested in Maryland?
   - Corn for grain
   - Wheat
   - Soybeans
**Analogies** are similarities or comparabilities between two items. For example, bird is to fly as fish is to swim. Complete each analogy by writing the correct word on the blank line.

1. Cow is to milk as egg is to  ______________________
2. Carrot is to vegetable as apple is to  ______________________
3. Ketchup is to tomato as peanut butter is to  ______________________
4. Raisins are to grapes as pickles are to  ______________________
5. Steak is to cow as bacon is to  ______________________
6. Cheese is to milk as bread is to  ______________________
7. Popcorn is to corn as chips is to  ______________________
8. Ham is to pig as roast beef is to  ______________________
9. Pear is to fruit as carrot is to  ______________________
10. Wine is to grape as juice is to  ______________________

**pig apple potato cucumbers wheat chicken fruit vegetable peanut cow**
Unscramble the letters to make a word.

L R A E B Y

E B A T E G E V S L

I U F E T L U R C R O L

R I D Y A

O T A P E T O S

T A L C E T

Y A B E S O S N

L O R B I E R S

Take all the letters in the black boxes and unscramble them to determine where everything you eat comes from.
**Across**

4. The cultivation of aquatic animals and plants; underwater agriculture

5. Laid by females; this can be scrambled, hard-boiled, or pickled

7. Fermented hay or feed

9. Fowl valued for their meat and eggs, such as chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese

10. A green or purple fruit that grows in clusters, eaten raw or used for making jam, juice, jelly, wine, etc.

12. __________ on the cob

**Down**

1. Mary had a little __________

2. Vegetable looks similar to broccoli, but has a whitish head; eaten raw or cooked

3. Temperature controlled structure where flowers and plants grow

6. Bred for their meat, wool, and milk; related to sheep, but has a beard and straight horns

8. A mature female __________ produces milk and has a hide pattern that is black and white

11. A common name for large plant seeds, edible, typically kidney-shaped
AGRICULTURE WORD SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column, and 3x3 box contains the letters: A E F G I M N R S in some order. Once the grid is complete, there will be a 7-letter word in a row or column. Can you find it?

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M  S  G  A
F  I  A  N
G  N  S  I  A  R
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M  F  I
M  E  I  F
Match the animal definition in column 1 with the animal in column 2. The items in column 2 may NOT be used more than once.

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Welcome to the fair!

There are 24 different words hidden in this word search puzzle that have something to do with fairs. They can be read up, down, forwards, backwards, or diagonally. Circle each word that you find.

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- **Barn**
- **Chicken**
- **Competition**
- **Cow**
- **Crafts**
- **Duck**
- **Entertainment**
- **Exhibits**
- **Fence**
- **FFA**
- **Flowers**
- **Goat**
- **Hay**
- **Honey**
- **Horse**
- **Jam**
- **Llama**
- **Pie**
- **Prizes**
- **Rabbit**
- **Rides**
- **Sheep**
- **Tractor**
- **Turkey**
The Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service counts livestock and crops. Can you count the animals and crops on the map? Write the correct number on the lines provided below.

1. How many apples do you see? ____________________

2. How many chickens do you see? ____________________

3. How many ears of corn do you see? ____________________

4. How many cows do you see? ____________________

5. How many horses do you see? ____________________

6. How many peaches do you see? ____________________

7. How many soybeans do you see? ____________________

8. How many barns do you see? ____________________
Did you know that Maryland has agriculture in ALL 23 counties. The leading county in corn, soybean, and wheat production is **Queen Anne’s**. Barley production is ranked first in **Caroline County**. The leading county in milk production and Maryland’s all hay production is **Frederick County**.
**ANSWER KEY:**

**Got Smarts?: Quiz**
1.) True 5.) True
2.) False 6.) True
3.) True 7.) False
4.) False 8.) True

**Word Search**

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NCRETUTUB
IA
EL
TCAYRSHIR
SM
LUDUC
OM
HESREJ

EWCE
YRIADS

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**Can You Spot it?: Which cow is different?**
Row 3, 3rd cow

**Farm Scramble**
1.) crops 6.) farmer
2.) barn 7.) tractor
3.) fence 8.) wheat
4.) soybean 9.) apple
5.) chicken 10.) hay

**Fruit or Vegetable?**
Circle: strawberry, apple, pumpkin, grapes, tomato, eggplant, pears, peach, cherries, peppers
Square: carrots, potato, lettuce, broccoli, onions, radishes

**Who Am I?**
1.) pig 5.) sheep
2.) sheep 6.) horse
3.) pig 7.) chicken
4.) cow

**Connect the Dots**
A barn

**Egg-xiting Problem Solving**
1.) 7 2.) 3 3.) 6 4.) 10

**“Chick” this out!: Which chicken is different?**
Row 3, 9th chicken

**Counting**
Sheep 2. Sheep 4. Cow
4 - total 10 - total & 6 - looking left

**Fruit and Vegetable Word Search**

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+NOINOTATOP
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++AMAAR+R +
++RUE+R +
++GPPERM+E +
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++R+T+M +
+TRAEPAMU +
++M+LNROC +
++O+E+U +
++LETUCE +
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**Homophones**
1.) hare 2.) hair 3.) flower 4.) flour
5.) neighs 6.) nays 7.) aunt 8.) ant
9.) carrot 10.) karat 11.) mooed 12.) mood
ANSWER KEY
(continued)

Grow a Flower!
1.) B  2.) F  3.) G  4.) D  5.) A  6.) C  7.) E
Barn Animals Talk
1.) duck  2.) pig  3.) horse  4.) chicken  5.) sheep  6.) turkey
7.) cow  8.) goat  9.) goose
Maryland Trivia Farm Quiz
1.) broilers  2.) 12,000  3.) 50,000
4.) Queen Anne’s  5.) Corn for Grain
Let’s Picnic with Analogies!
1.) chicken  2.) fruit  3.) peanut  4.) cucumbers  5.) pig
6.) wheat  7.) potatoes  8.) cow  9.) vegetable  10.) apple
Secret Scramble
barley, vegetables, floriculture, dairy, potatoes, cattle, soybeans, broilers, agriculture
Welcome to the fair!
Matching Animals
1.) g  2.) i  3.) j  4.) k  5.) e  6.) d  7.) h  8.) f
9.) a  10.) i  11.) b  12.) c
Taking A Survey
1.) 3  5.) 3  2.) 7  6.) 1  3.) 6  7.) 6  4.) 8  8.) 4

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We hope you enjoyed the Farm Fun Activity workbook. We are proud of Maryland’s agriculture. We are grateful to our Maryland farmers and their families for the food they produce. They provide delicious meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, and wholesome milk for us to enjoy every day!

We are also grateful to them for completing our surveys throughout the year. This is how we gather our information and statistics about agriculture. Many people learn from the important statistics like......

**THE FARMERS, THEMSELVES**

**MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO**

**FARM BUSINESSES**

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**FARM COOPERATIVES**

**GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

**LEGISLATURES**

We hope you have learned a lot about agriculture and all it has to offer. Maryland agriculture is a very important part of our daily lives!