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KENTUCKY
FARMS
Feed Me
A Virtual Field Trip Series



PASSPORT

**TO LEARNING ABOUT KENTUCKY'S
FOOD & FARMING HERITAGE**



Let's Go on a Learning Adventure



Kentucky Farms Feed Me takes you to several farms across the commonwealth to learn how farmers care for their animals and crops to produce the food we eat every day.

To use this PASSPORT, we suggest you first complete the activity on the next page to learn about farming and agriculture in your community.

When you are ready to take a virtual field trip, find the page that goes with that field trip and answer the first question, "What do you already know about ____?" When watching the video, listen for new facts about the crop or animal and think about things you would still like to know. Will you need to ask a farmer or another farming expert? Or can you find the answer in a book or on the Internet?

If you would like to ask a farming expert, please visit www.kyfarmsfeedme.org to submit your questions. This is where you will also find links to all the field trips if your teacher has not provided them to you.

When you have completed all the questions for the field trip, be sure to color in the stamp badge at the top of the page.

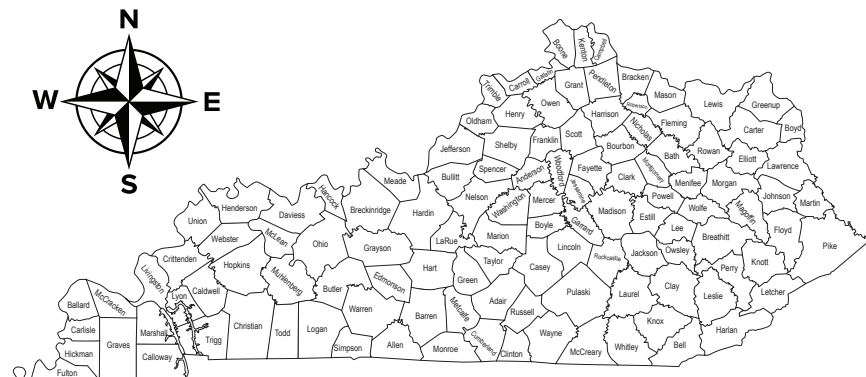
We hope you enjoy this learning adventure!

Agriculture Where I Live

Color the county in which you live on the map, then conduct research to find the answers to the questions below.

We have links to information about your county at

www.kyfarmsfeedme.org.



In which county do you live? _____

How many farms are in your county? _____

Of Kentucky's 120 counties, where does your county rank for agriculture sales? _____

Which of the following are produced in your county?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Corn | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruits/Berries | <input type="checkbox"/> Milk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wheat | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Nuts | <input type="checkbox"/> Hogs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soybeans | <input type="checkbox"/> Hay | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep/Goats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry (Chickens/Turkeys) | <input type="checkbox"/> Horses/Mules |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables/Melons | <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish (Aquaculture) |

What crop, animal or food product brings the most money from sales to your county? _____

DISCUSS: Why is your county a good place to produce that crop, animal, or food?



Visit a Kentucky Pig Show and Pig Farm

Learn what it is like to show a pig with Colton at the Kentucky State Fair. Then visit Shady Rest Farms to learn how farmers care for pigs.

Location: Jefferson & LaRue County

What do you already know about pigs?

What is something new you learned about pigs?

What would you would still like to know about pigs?

Where can you find this information?

What is the answer to your question?

Would you like to show a pig? Why or why not?

Visit a Kentucky Corn Farm and Research Center

Learn how corn is planted, grown, and harvested with Sisk Farms and the University of Kentucky.

Location: Christian & Caldwell County



What do you already know about corn?

What is something new you learned about corn?

What would you would still like to know about corn?

Where can you find this information?

What is the answer to your question?

What is your favorite way to eat corn? Why?



Visit a Kentucky Beef Cattle Farm

Learn what it is like to raise and care for beef cows and calves with Circle G Farms.

Location: Boyle County

What do you already know about beef cattle?

What is something new you learned about beef cattle?

What would you would still like to know about beef cattle?

Where can you find this information?

What is the answer to your question?

Why do you think there are more beef cattle farms in Kentucky than any other type of farm?

Visit a Kentucky Soybean Farm

Learn how soybeans are grown and used at Cundiff Farms.

Location: Trigg County



What do you already know about soybeans?

What is something new you learned about soybeans?

What would you would still like to know about soybeans?

Where can you find this information?

What is the answer to your question?

Write a fun phrase (slogan) about soybeans.



Visit a Kentucky Dairy Farm and Ice Cream Shop

Learn how Chaney's Dairy Barn milks their cows and turns the milk into ice cream.

Location: Warren County

What do you already know about dairy cows or milk?

What is something new you learned about dairy cows?

What would you would still like to know about dairy cows?

Where can you find this information?

What is the answer to your question?

Explain how machines make farmers' jobs easier.

Visit a Kentucky Apple Orchard

Learn how apples are grown, harvested, and sorted to sell at Mulberry Orchard.

Location: Shelby County



What do you already know about apples?

What is something new you learned about apples?

What would you would still like to know about apples?

Where can you find this information?

What is the answer to your question?

What is your favorite type of apple to eat? Why?



Visit a Kentucky Chicken Farm

Learn how chickens are raised and cared for at Hayden Farms.

Location: Daviess County

What do you already know about chickens?

What is something new you learned about chickens?

What would you would still like to know about chickens?

Where can you find this information?

What is the answer to your question?

Would you enjoy being a chicken farmer? Why or why not?

Visit a Kentucky Vegetable Farm

Learn how Courtney Farms grow, harvest and sell their vegetables.

Location: Shelby County



What do you already know about growing vegetables?

What is something new you learned about vegetables?

What would you would still like to know about growing vegetables?

Where can you find this information?

What is the answer to your question?

Explain how farmers keep plants healthy.



Visit the Kentucky Horse Park

Learn about horses and how they are cared for in the Horse Capital of the World.

Location: Fayette County

What do you already know about horses?

What is something new you learned about horses?

What would you would still like to know about horses?

Where can you find this information?

What is the answer to your question?

How are horses important to Kentucky?

Visit a Kentucky Wheat Farm

Learn how and why Long Vue Farms grow wheat.

Location: Todd County



What do you already know about wheat?

What is something new you learned about wheat?

What would you would still like to know about wheat?

Where can you find this information?

What is the answer to your question?

Why do you believe it is important to take care of our soil?

Final Writing Exercise

While watching the video field trips, you learned about the many different crops and animals farmers raise in Kentucky. Please write a short paragraph below explaining why you think farmers are important to you and your community.

Kentucky Food and Farm Facts

- Kentucky is home to about 75,000 farms.
- About half of Kentucky's 25.8 million acres is considered farmland.
- Broilers, or chickens raised for meat, are Kentucky's number one farm product. Poultry and egg sales are more than \$1 billion each year.
- Kentucky is the largest beef cattle state east of the Mississippi River. The Bluegrass State is home to 2.2 million cattle.
- Soybeans and corn are Kentucky's largest cash crops. They are sold for food, livestock feed, renewable fuels, and many other uses.
- Kentucky is number one in the nation for horse sales. Kentucky's horses and horse-related assets are valued at more than \$23 billion.
- Kentucky farmers harvest more than 2 million acres of hay each year to feed livestock.
- Kentucky dairy farms produce more than 100 million gallons of milk a year.
- Kentucky wheat is used in many popular biscuit, pancake, cookie, and brownie mixes.
- Tobacco and hemp were Kentucky's top crops when the commonwealth entered the Union in 1792. Kentucky is still the number one producer of burley tobacco and is regrowing the market for industrial hemp.
- Other popular livestock in Kentucky are hogs, sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, and rabbits. Fish and shrimp are also raised here.
- Kentucky's most popular fruit and vegetable crops are tomatoes, sweet corn, green beans, potatoes, cucumbers, watermelons, and grapes.

For more Kentucky farm facts, visit www.kyfarmsfeedme.org.



Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

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