

# Farmers Care Scavenger Hunt



## - County Fair Activity Kit-

### GUIDELINES

**Purpose:** The “Agriculture Scavenger Hunt” activity kits are provided to counties for use at county events (i.e., livestock shows, county fairs, agri-expos, etc.). Through this activity, children will have an opportunity to gain a better understanding of agriculture in an exciting way.

**Participants:** Children, ages 7-13 (estimate)

**Supplies:** All supplies are available at [fbmn.org](http://fbmn.org).

- 10 Posters - 11x17 full color
- Activity Sheet (Quiz and Answer Key)
- Sample News Release and Photo Description

**Prizes:** Counties may contact local businesses to donate prizes.

### THE AGRICULTURE SCAVENGER HUNT POSTERS

**Contents:** 10 tabloid size (11x17) full-color posters illustrate 10 commodities and hold the answers to the agricultural questions stated on the worksheet.

#### Procedure:

- The posters, when placed in predetermined locations, serve to guide children into exhibit areas. The locations should match the concept of the questions, i.e., dairy posters in the dairy exhibit, chicken and turkey posters in the poultry exhibit, etc.
- The posters may be enhanced and more stable when laminated.
- The posters may be displayed only during the announced activity time or left in place for viewers of all ages.

### THE AGRICULTURE SCAVENGER HUNT QUIZ

A PDF of the quiz and the answer key can be downloaded from [fbmn.org](http://fbmn.org).

Include the following instructions separately or on the backside of the quiz:

- Pick up worksheet at (location)
- Visit exhibits to find the 10 answers (include any additional directions, if needed)
- Write the correct answers in the blanks
- Return the completed worksheet to (location)
- Collect a prize and any other information promoting agriculture or your county Farm Bureau

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### CONDUCTING THE ACTIVITY

Establish a date/time to conduct the activity that will attract the largest number of parents (and children). A well chosen two-hour time slot may maximize participation.

Enlist volunteers or create a taskforce to assist in any of the following ways:

- Publicize the event (Announce the event to the community ahead of time. A sample news release is enclosed. NOTE: Local coverage could include radio, newspapers, newsletters, etc.)
- Prepare posters
- Staff event
- Secure prizes

On the day of the event:

- Set up exhibit at starting/finishing point
- Display posters
- Distribute worksheet
- Review returned worksheets
- Distribute prizes
- Take a photo and submit with a photo description (who, what, when, where and why) to the local newspapers

### EVALUATION

After the event, review the activity with the volunteers. Note any changes necessary for enhancing the program's success. If there are ideas or changes you feel would make the program more successful, please contact the state office.

#### HAVE FUN PROMOTING AGRICULTURE!

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**County Farm Bureau:**  
**County Address:**  
**County City, State, Zip:**  
**County Phone:**

**Contact:**  
**Name:**  
**Phone:**  
**Email:**

**Date**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **AGRICULTURE SCAVENGER HUNT**

Kids of all ages are invited to do the "Agriculture Scavenger Hunt" at this year's \_\_\_\_\_ County Fair/Agricultural Expo/Livestock Show. The program, sponsored by the \_\_\_\_\_ County Farm Bureau, provides children ages \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity to learn about agriculture as they enjoy the sights and sounds of exhibits and livestock shows. Children participating in the activity will learn about products grown and raised on Minnesota farms and made from Minnesota commodities while viewing displays.

Children can pick up an activity sheet at \_\_\_\_\_. The activity sheet contains agricultural questions. As children tour the \_\_\_\_\_ exhibits, they will find specially placed posters containing the information necessary to complete the 10 question activity sheet. Once completed, the activity sheet should be returned to the starting location, where kids completing the activity will be rewarded for their efforts.

The goal of the project is to help children gain a better understanding of farming and agriculture and its importance to Minnesota. "Agriculture Scavenger Hunt" is sponsored by the following: \_\_\_\_\_

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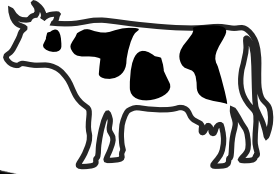
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### **PHOTO DESCRIPTION FOLLOWING THE EVENT**

AT THE (event), \_\_\_\_\_ children participated in the "Agriculture Scavenger Hunt," sponsored by the \_\_\_\_\_ County Farm Bureau. The scavenger hunt included 10 stations to learn about farming and agriculture in Minnesota. Pictured, \_\_\_\_\_ learn about \_\_\_\_\_.

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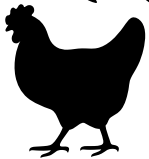
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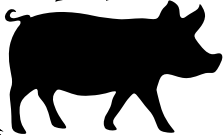
The hide from one beef animal can be made into \_\_\_\_\_ baseballs.



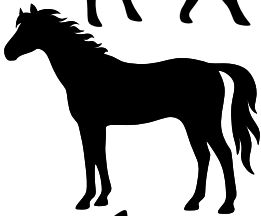
Goats were one of the \_\_\_\_\_ animals to be tamed by humans and were being herded 9,000 years ago.



Chickens are \_\_\_\_\_. They will eat seeds, insects and even animals as large as mice and small snakes.



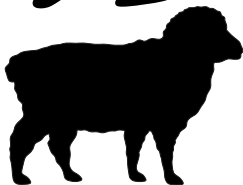
A pig's \_\_\_\_\_ is an important tool for finding food in the ground and sensing the world around them.



Horses have the largest \_\_\_\_\_ of any land mammal.



Domesticated rabbits that people raise do not open their eyes until they reach the age of about \_\_\_\_\_ days, and they are born without fur.



When a sheep gives birth to an offspring, the process is called \_\_\_\_\_.

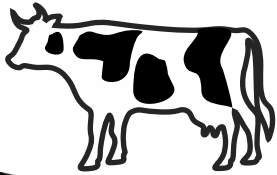


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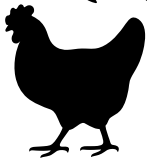
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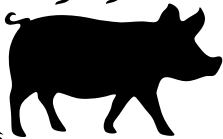
The hide from one beef animal can be made into 144 baseballs.



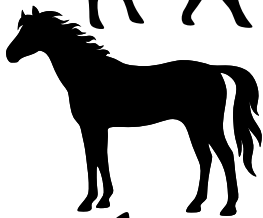
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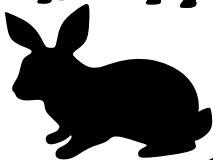
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A pig's snout is an important tool for finding food in the ground and sensing the world around them.



Horses have the largest eyes of any land mammal.



Domesticated rabbits that people raise do not open their eyes until they reach the age of about 10-12 days, and they are born without fur.



When a sheep gives birth to an offspring, the process is called lambing.



The average American eats about 16 pounds of turkey each year.



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