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AGRICULTURE ADVENTURES

FOR FAMILIES



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- Chocolate comes from the cacao plant which grows near the equator. Africa, Asia, Central and South America and Australia have the climate needed to grow cocoa.
- Chocolate is a fruit
- It takes approximately 400 beans to make 1 pound of chocolate
- The average cacao tree produces 2,500 beans each season
- 👺 Farmers have to wait 4-5 years before a cacao tree is mature enough to yield fruit
- White chocolate isn't chocolate. White chocolate is made from cocoa butter, milk solids, milk fats, sugar, and vanilla.
- Soy is often found in chocolate as soy lecithin. The main purpose of adding soy lecithin to chocolate is to give it a more workable consistency, allowing it to be poured and molded easily.

Choose Your Prize: February Word Search

Choices include a \$25 Beggar's Pizza Gift Card, a \$25 Home Run Inn Gift Card, OR *3 AMC Movie Tickets *AMC Yellow tickets not valid in California, New York & New Jersey.

Complete the Word Search puzzle for your chance to win! Winners will be contacted by mail.

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Complete and submit an entry every month all in 2023 and your name is automatically entered into an "End of Year" drawing for a gift basket full of ag themed goodies.

Deadline is the 20th of each month. GOOD LUCK!

Valentine's Day is February 14

Why Chocolates on Valentine's Day?

Valentine's Day has been celebrated since ancient Roman times. By the 1840s, Valentine's Day was a holiday celebrating romantic love. People living in Victorian England adored the notion of courtly love and showered each other with elaborate cards and gifts. Richard Cadbury was responsible for sales at his family's chocolate manufacturing company, Cadbury. The company had recently improved its chocolate-making technique to extract pure cocoa butter from whole beans, producing a tasty drinking chocolate. That process resulted in an excess amount of cocoa butter, which was used to produce many more varieties of what was then called "eating chocolate." Richard Cadbury recognized a great marketing opportunity for the new chocolates and started selling them in beautifully decorated boxes that he himself designed.

While Richard Cadbury didn't actually patent the heartshaped box, it's widely believed that he was the first to produce one. Cadbury marketed the boxes as having a dual purpose: when the chocolates had all been eaten, the box itself was so pretty that it could be used again and again to store mementos, from locks of hair to love letters. ... Victorian-era Cadbury boxes still exist, and many are treasured family heirlooms or valuable items prized by collectors. Source: History.com

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Last Month's Winner: Rashid Ahmed

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