## AGRICULTURE ADVENTURES FOR FAMILIES

Children throughout Cook County and Illinois begin the process of getting ready to head back to school this month. Hopefully the summer included some travels around our great state to experience all Illinois has to offer. **Agriculture** is the number **one industry** in **Illinois** in terms of economic impact! Every day includes agriculture as you can see by the home to school example shown this month.

It's the first day of and you're so excited to meet your new teacher and classmates. You run downstairs and have your favorite breakfast, of course! Your mom tells you to get ready for school, so you quickly get changed into a and . When you come back to the kitchen, your mom has your ready and she's encouraging you to get to the so you can make the on time.

When you get to school, your new teacher, Mrs. Jenson, asks you to pull out a piece of and and she asks you to think about how agriculture affects you in your daily life. Thinking to yourself, "Agriculture doesn't affect me, I don't live on a farm!" you struggle to write anything down. After a minute, Mrs. Jenson chimes in saying, "Think of what you may use every day, that may come from a farm."

This gets you thinking... Your food comes from a farm! You quickly write down since that's what you had for breakfast. You then peek into your and see that your mom made you a and sandwich, so you write down and as well. Oh yes, and the came from . You then make note of where you got those items. comes from comes from , and comes from ! You remember that your comes from , so you write that down too. But, that's all you can think of!

Mrs. Jenson finally asks the class to and to share how agriculture affects everyone. Your friend, Sam, raises his and shares that his clothes come from a farm. You never thought of that, are made of ! Hannah raises her and says that her grandparents are farmers and said that can make gasoline. You think to yourself, "How does make gas?" Mrs. Jenson is eager that Hannah mentioned that and adds, makes ethanol which is fermented." And then proceeds to explain the fermentation process. A few other students raise their and mention food comes from farms. After this, Mrs. Jenson talks about how most objects you use throughout your day relate to agriculture and that it is something that you see every day and never think about. This has made you want to learn more about agriculture and see what else you use that is con-

nected to ag. What are some other things you use that are influenced by agriculture?

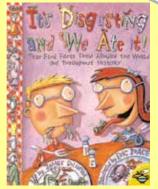


## **Reading Recommendation**

For a fun read that delves into interesting food facts from around the world, we recommend:

It's Disgusting and We Ate it!
By: James Solheim

How about a nice dish of Colonial Squirrel Pie with a side of milkweed shoots? If that doesn't grab you, you might think about trying some Garbage Stew, just like they made in medieval England. But if you're feel-



ing a little tired and need a boost, your best bet is roasted spiders. They've got three times the protein of cooked beef. (Is your mouth watering yet?)

Illustrated by the wildly-creative Eric Brace, *It's Disgusting* — and *We Ate It!* is a fascinating look at culinary creations from all over the world!

Choose your prize: 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 2018 and your name is automatically entered into an "End of Year" drawing for a gift basket full of ag themed goodies. Good luck!

Last month's word search winner is...



Joseph Baldyga

Congratulations!

## **August Word Search**

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