

Agriculture Adventure for Families

Ag Adventures in Cook County have changed a great deal over the past 100 years, and we hope you enjoy some highlights of that journey this month. One thing that hasn't changed is you, our loyal families who enjoy this page and enter our word searches regularly. We hope to share many new ag facts during the next 100 years.



Calvin loves looking at photos of Cook County farm history throughout the years...



Farm Machines Long Ago & Today

Planter



Modern planters are pulled behind tractors, and have large tanks to store seed.

Seeds would be placed in the box and dropped into the soil as the handles are pushed together.



Combine

This broad corn knife helped farmers cut down corn stalks.



The modern combine cuts the crops, separates the grain from the stalks and transfers grain to a loader.

Cow Milking

Hand-milking has been replaced by automated and robotic milking methods.



Match...

- Cook County farmers grow this grain that is used in breads.
- What is the most common livestock animal in Cook County, along with bees, alpacas, and beef cattle?
- What is the number one crop grown in Cook County?
- What is the official Illinois state snack?
- These crops can be processed to make crayons? (prang)
- This type of corn is a vegetable we eat in the summer that is very sweet.
- These are one of the top specialty crops grown in or county and Illinois and are used on sandwiches and to make pasta sauce.

- A. Flowers/Garden Plants
- B. Wheat
- C. Sweet Corn
- D. Tomatoes
- E. Popcorn
- F. Horses
- G. Soybeans

Answers: 1-B, 2-F, 3-A, 4-E, 5-G, 6-C, 7-D

March Word Search

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| Combine | Horses |
| Cook | Livestock |
| County | Milking |
| Crops | Planter |
| Families | Straw |
| Farmers | Soybeans |
| Floriculture | Tomatoes |
| Hay | Wheat |

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