



Agriculture Adventures for Families




December makes us think of sweet treats that are available due to farmers across the USA and the world. It's truly an "Ag Adventure" to consider how our farmers grow the sugar, flour, chocolate, peppermint and all the things we've explored in 2021. We hope you've enjoyed this year's adventures and look forward to having along for the ride in 2022!




Hot Chocolate

Homemade hot chocolate is infinitely better than boxed mix. And our recipe is extra decadent, thanks to the cup of actual chocolate (not just cocoa powder). For a perfect cup of cocoa every time, here's what to remember.



Cookie Cutters

Cookie cutters are also known as "biscuit cutters"; while molds, rather than cutters, were used from 2000 BC for shaping dough, and these were used by Ancient Egyptians and later adopted by people in Greece, Rome, and Western Europe. In the 1500s, the Germans started baking molds with intricate designs, out of which emerged oodles of gingerbread people, houses, trees, mountains, and whatnot. By the 1800s, American tinsmiths had built cookie cutters and introduced them into the market for sale. There are cookie cutter museums, collectors and clubs throughout the world. Some of the most popular shapes include gingerbread men, hearts, letters, numbers, and dog bones.





Source: <https://www.gourmet-cookie-bouquets.com/design/most-popular-cookie-cutter-shapes/>

Peppermint


A holiday tradition, candy canes have been around for more than 350 years. The popular peppermint flavor of the candy is made possible by the farmers that work year-round to produce the mint oil. Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Indiana, California and Wisconsin are the top peppermint producing states while Washington, Oregon, Indiana, Idaho and Michigan are the top spearmint producing states.






THE UNITED STATES PRODUCES MORE THAN 70% OF THE WORLD'S SUPPLY OF PEPPERMINT AND SPEARMINT.


Source: <https://blog.aghires.com/u-s-produces-70-worlds-mint/>



Q. How do you make a gingerbread man's bed?

A. With a cookie sheet!





December Word Search

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Baking

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Gingerbread

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