

# Agriculture Adventures for Families



The term "March Madness" was first used in 1939 when Illinois high school official Henry V. Porter referred to the original eight-team tournament by that name. However, the term didn't become associated with the NCAA Tournament until 1982, when CBS broadcaster Brent Musburger used it during his coverage of the tournament. Musburger claims that he got the term from car dealership commercials he saw while broadcasting the Illinois state high school basketball tournament. He started using it during those games and eventually brought it over to CBS. {<https://www.sportingnews.com>}

So what does agriculture have to do with basketball? Let’s take a look.



## Basketball and Agriculture



Uniforms—Many uniforms are made from **cotton**.

Basketball—Most basketballs used today are covered with a leather outer shell made from **cow hide**. One average cow hide can be used to make 12 regulation basketballs.

Shoes—Most basketball shoes are made from leather.




Basket—James Naismith invented the game of basketball in 1891 by nailing **peach** baskets to the wall.



Tickets, Programs, and Schedules—These are printed on paper from **trees** and possibly use soy ink made from **soybeans**.



Tape and Bandages—**Corn** dextrines and **cattle** gelatins are used as adhesives and binding agents.






### Basketball Math

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Answer: 5

## Game Day Snacks and Agriculture

Pop—Sweetened with **corn** syrup.

Hot Dogs—**Pork** and **beef** in a **wheat** bun with relish made from cucumbers.

Peanuts and Popcorn—Both grown by farmers. Popcorn is the Illinois State Snack Food!

Nachos and Cheese—**Corn** flour with cheese made from **dairy cows**.

Soft Pretzels—**Wheat** flour and **vegetable oil**. (Soybeans)



Source: <https://beyondthebarndoor.files.wordpress.com/2021/03/basketball-charm.pdf>

### The 2022 March Madness men’s and women’s tournaments start with Selection Sunday on March 13, 2022.

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.

Mail to: Cook Co. Farm Bureau  
Ag Adventures Word Search  
6438 Joliet Rd  
Countryside, IL 60525  
Fax to: 708-579-6056  
Email to: FBcooperator@gmail.com

Complete and submit an entry every month all in 2022 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..

Richard Blume

### March Word Search

Basketball

Corn

Cotton

Farmer

Flour

Game

Hot dog

Nachos

Popcorn

Shoes

Snacks

Soybean

Team

Tickets

Tournament

Uniform

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

(Membership # is located on front of paper)

If you were to win, check your preference:

\_\_\_Beggar’s Pizza GC \_\_\_HRI GC \_\_\_3 Movie Tix

(If a choice is not made, movie tickets will be sent)

Deadline is the 20th of each month.

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