# Independent Learning Lesson:
# My Farm Web

*GRADES 3–5*



Agriculture begins on a farm and there are all kinds of farms.

Cattle ranches for beef and leather; dairy farms for milk and all products made from milk; orchards that grow apples to make juice and apple pies; pig farms for pepperoni, bacon, and ham; grain farms that grow corn for fuel or corn syrup for soda and wheat for bread; cotton farms for blue jeans, sheets, and towels; and tree farms for paper and landscaping.

In fact, there is a different kind of farm for nearly every type of product. Farms specialize in what they grow based on their location (climate and soil), and farmers choose only a few crops because the type of equipment used to plant and harvest each crop is very specific and expensive.

## Materials

- Farm Web Graphics
- 30 pieces of yarn or string

- My Farm Web Answer Key

## Vocabulary

**agriculture:** the science, art, or practice of cultivating the soil, producing crops, and raising livestock and in varying degrees the preparation and marketing of the resulting products

## Activity

1. Create a “farm web” to understand agriculture and where the items you use every day come from. Cut out all of the Farm Web Graphics.
2. Place the farm picture in the center of the floor.
3. Place the pictures of the plants or animals that are grown or raised on a farm around the farm picture.
4. Place the products made from ingredients produced on a farm by the corresponding farm-raised pictures.
5. Place the pieces of yarn or string between the pictures to link them together. Think of a linking phrase such as dairy cows make milk (the word make is the linking word) to describe how the items connect to the web. Consider each new connection as the pictures are placed.
6. When all of the pictures have been placed, compare your web with the My Farm Web Answer Key.