

FARMERS CARE SCAVENGER HUNT

- County Fair Activity Kit -

GUIDELINES

Purpose: The “Agriculture Scavenger Hunt” activity kits are provided to counties for use at county events (i.e., livestock shows, county fairs, agri-expos, etc.). Through this activity, children will have an opportunity to gain a better understanding of agriculture in an exciting way.

Participants: Children, ages 7-13 (estimate)

Supplies:

- Activity Sheet (Quiz and Answer Key)
- 10 Posters - 11x17 full color
- Sample News Release and Photo Description

All supplies are available at www.fbm.org.

Prizes: Counties may contact local businesses to donate prizes.

THE AGRICULTURE SCAVENGER HUNT POSTERS

Contents: 10 tabloid size (11x17) full-color posters illustrate 10 commodities and hold the answers to the agricultural questions stated on the worksheet.

Procedure: The posters, when placed in predetermined locations, serve to guide children into exhibit areas. The locations should match the concept of the questions, i.e., dairy posters in the dairy exhibit, chicken and turkey posters in the poultry exhibit, etc.

The posters may be enhanced and more stable when laminated.

The posters may be displayed only during the announced activity time or left in place for viewers of all ages.

THE AGRICULTURE SCAVENGER HUNT QUIZ

A PDF of the quiz and the answer key can be downloaded from www.fbm.org.

Include the following instructions separately or on the backside of the quiz:

- Pick up worksheet at (location)
- Visit exhibits to find the 10 answers (include any additional directions, if needed)
- Write the correct answers in the blanks
- Return the completed worksheet to (location)
- Collect a prize and any other information promoting agriculture or your county Farm Bureau

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CONDUCTING THE ACTIVITY

Establish a date/time to conduct the activity that will attract the largest number of parents (and children). A well chosen two-hour time slot may maximize participation.

Enlist volunteers or create a taskforce to assist in any of the following ways:

- Publicize the event (Announce the event to the community ahead of time. A sample news release is enclosed. NOTE: Local coverage could include radio, newspapers, newsletters, etc.)
- Prepare posters
- Staff event
- Secure prizes

On the day of the event:

- Set up exhibit at starting/finishing point
- Display posters
- Distribute worksheet
- Review returned worksheets
- Distribute prizes
- Take a photo and submit with a photo description (who, what, when, where and why) to the local newspapers

EVALUATION

At the conclusion of the event, review the activity with the volunteers. Note any changes necessary for enhancing the program's success. If there are ideas or changes you feel would make the program more successful, please contact the state office.

HAVE FUN PROMOTING AGRICULTURE!

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Date

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

-AGRICULTURE SCAVENGER HUNT-

Kids of all ages are invited to do the "Agriculture Scavenger Hunt" at this year's _____ County Fair/Agricultural Expo/Livestock Show. The program, sponsored by the _____ County Farm Bureau, provides children ages _____ an opportunity to learn about agriculture as they enjoy the sights and sounds of exhibits and livestock shows. Children participating in the activity will learn about products grown and raised on Minnesota farms and made from Minnesota commodities while viewing displays.

Children can pick up an activity sheet at _____. The activity sheet contains agricultural questions. As children tour the _____ exhibits, they will find specially placed posters containing the information necessary to complete the 10 question activity sheet. Once completed, the activity sheet should be returned to the starting location, where kids completing the activity will be rewarded for their efforts.

The goal of the project is to help children gain a better understanding of farming and agriculture and its importance to Minnesota. "Agriculture Scavenger Hunt" is sponsored by the following: _____

_____.

-PHOTO DESCRIPTION FOLLOWING THE EVENT-

AT THE (event), _____ children participated in the "Agriculture Scavenger Hunt," sponsored by the _____ County Farm Bureau. The scavenger hunt included 10 stations to learn about farming and agriculture in Minnesota. Pictured, _____ learn about _____.

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The hide from one beef animal can be made into ___ baseballs.



Chickens with red earlobes lay _____ eggs. Chickens with white earlobes lay _____ eggs.



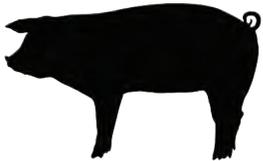
The average person consumes about ___ gallons of milk a year.



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Goats have no _____ front teeth. Instead, they have "gum pads."



Minnesota ranks _____ in the nation in number of pigs raised.



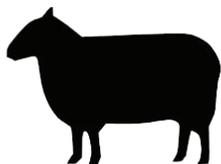
Horses have 16 muscles in their ears, allowing them to rotate their ears _____.



Rabbits are _____. This means they have a plant-based diet and do not eat meat.



Animal safety is a priority. Animals are _____ and can be _____.



There is enough wool on an adult sheep to make ___ men's suits, ___ dresses or ___ pairs of socks.



Turkeys can run up to ___ miles per hour and fly as fast as ___ miles per hour.

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The hide from one beef animal can be made into 144 baseballs.



Chickens with red earlobes lay BROWN eggs. Chickens with white earlobes lay WHITE eggs.



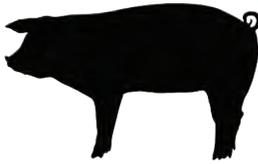
The average person consumes about 25 gallons of milk a year.



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Goats have no UPPER front teeth. Instead, they have "gum pads."



Minnesota ranks SECOND in the nation in number of pigs raised.



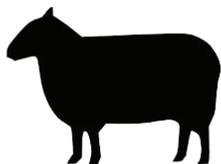
Horses have 16 muscles in their ears, allowing them to rotate their ears 180 DEGREES.



Rabbits are herbivores. This means they have a plant-based diet and do not eat meat.



Animal safety is a priority. Animals are UNPREDICTABLE and can be DANGEROUS.



There is enough wool on an adult sheep to make 3 men's suits, 6 dresses or 70 pairs of socks.



Turkeys can run up to 25 miles per hour and fly as fast as 55 miles per hour.