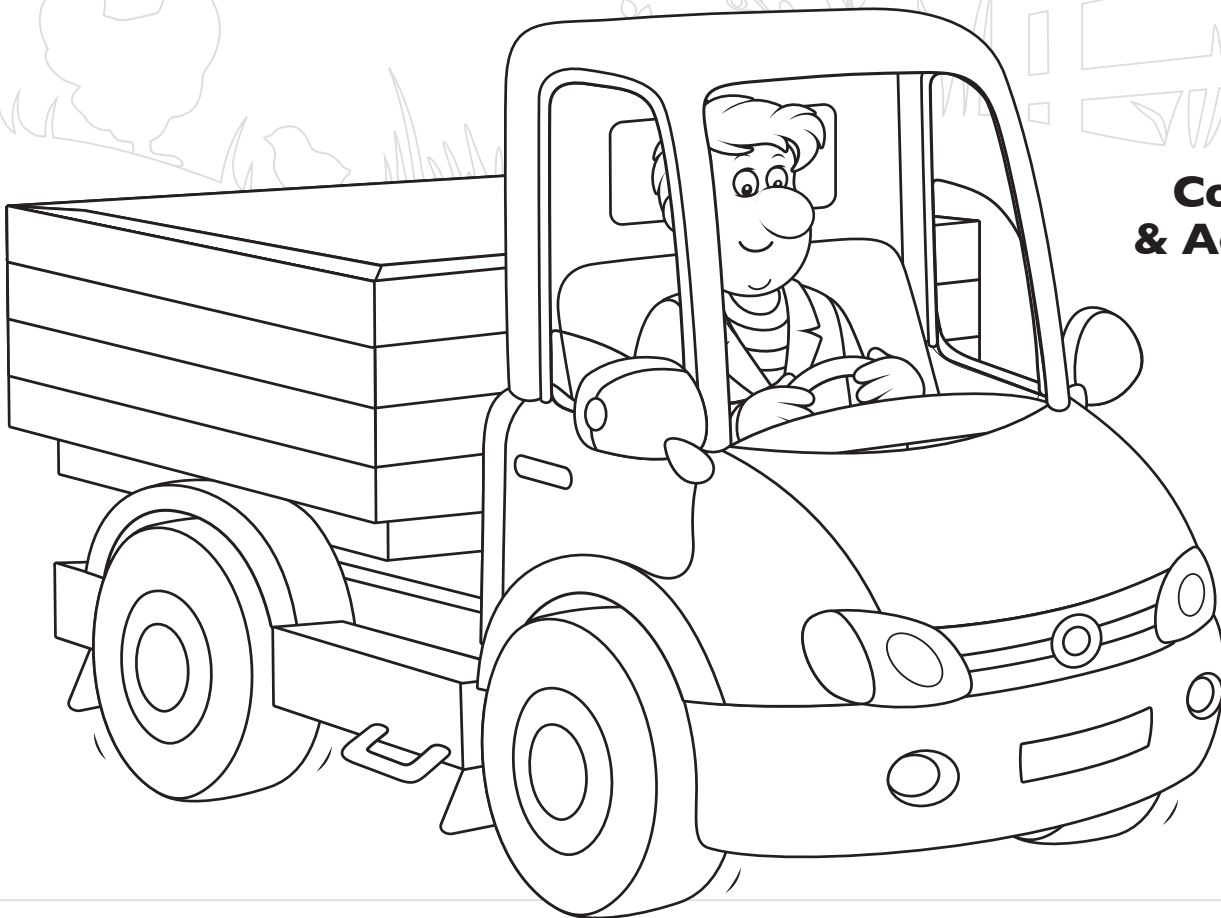


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Welcome to farming!

What does "Agriculture" mean? Agriculture, or Ag, is made up of the plants and animals that grow and make things like food, fiber, forests, flowers and fuel.

Ag is a very important part of life in California, and this activity book will help you understand where these items come from, who makes it happen, and how Ag is all around us every day!

There are many new bills that are moving forward in America's Farm-to-Fork Capital, Sacramento. On the back page of this book, you'll find ways to bring more Ag to your neighborhood by creating an edible garden or introducing organic foods to your school lunches. Lawmakers also want people to be able to use different kinds of alternative fuels for trucks and cars, and build structures with more natural resources. Ag makes all of those things possible!

To learn more of the exciting things Ag can do, visit **cdfa.ca.gov/statistics** today! Be sure to contact my office if you want to know what kind of agriculture is in our district, and how it makes our region so special to California.

Sincerely,

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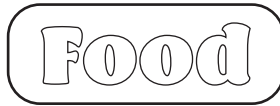
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The Five **F**s of Agriculture

There's more than just food when it comes to Ag.



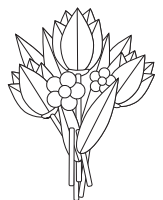
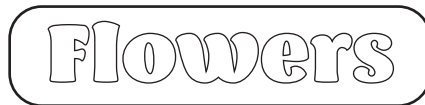
Food comes from many different places in California. From ranches to vineyards and orchards to fields, there are a lot of different things for you to eat that grow right here!



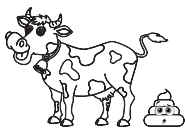
Fiber makes material for rugs, furniture, and even the clothes you wear every day. Cotton and hemp come from plants, and wool is sheared from sheep and alpacas!



Forests are another kind of agriculture. Healthy trees are grown in certain regions to make buildings, books, bats and more.



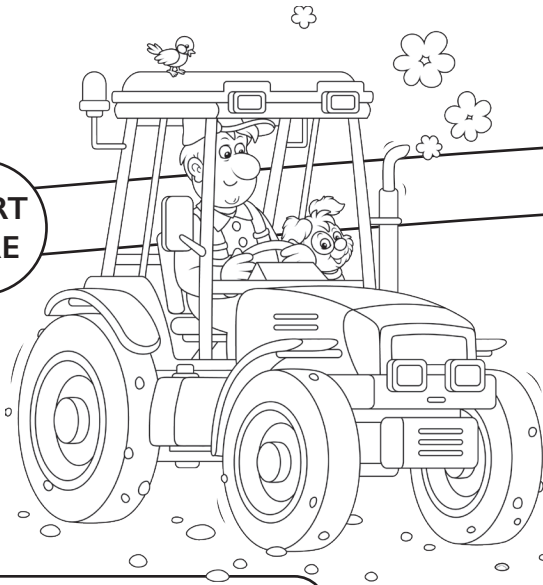
Flowering plants are an important crop in California. They include fruit trees, house plants and even the flowers you can find at the farmers market.



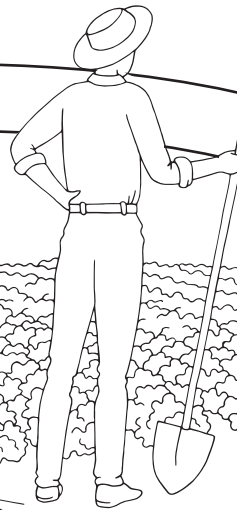
Fuel helps keep California running. Corn can make ethanol, which helps power motor engines. Cows can make energy with their waste, helping to power communities just like yours!

The path to a pizza.

START
HERE



A farmer grows plants, or crops. Or they might raise animals, also known as livestock.



You can also make your own pretend pizza on the next page.



Farm workers spend time growing and harvesting the food that the truck driver transports to the factory.



The chef buys produce from the market that they cook into the pizza we eat at restaurants.



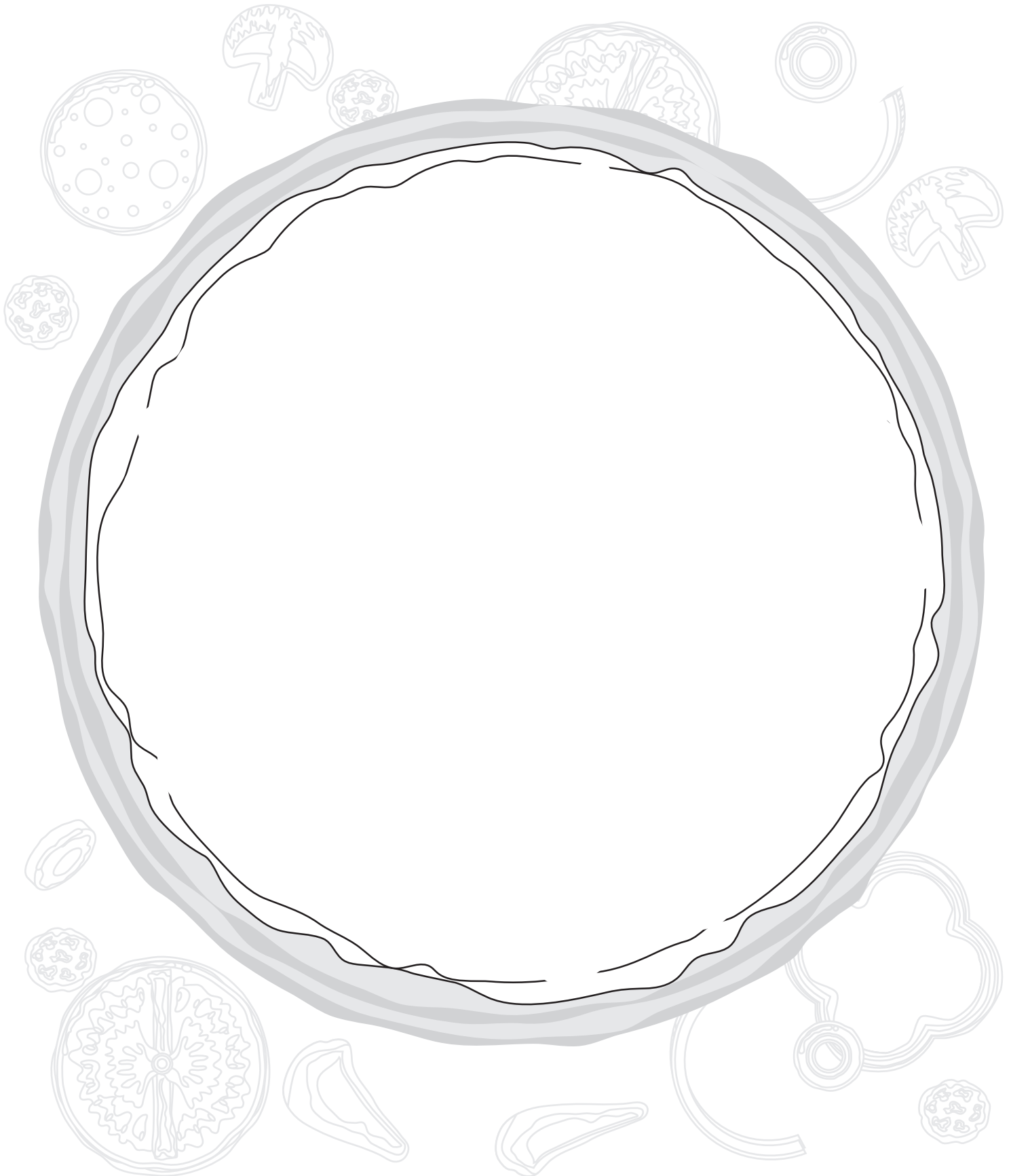
Wheat is made into flour for pizza crust and bread. Tomatoes are cooked into sauce. Milk is made into cheese. Olives and vegetables are sold to stores and farmers markets.

Factory workers turn some of those products into the food we eat.



Create your own pizza

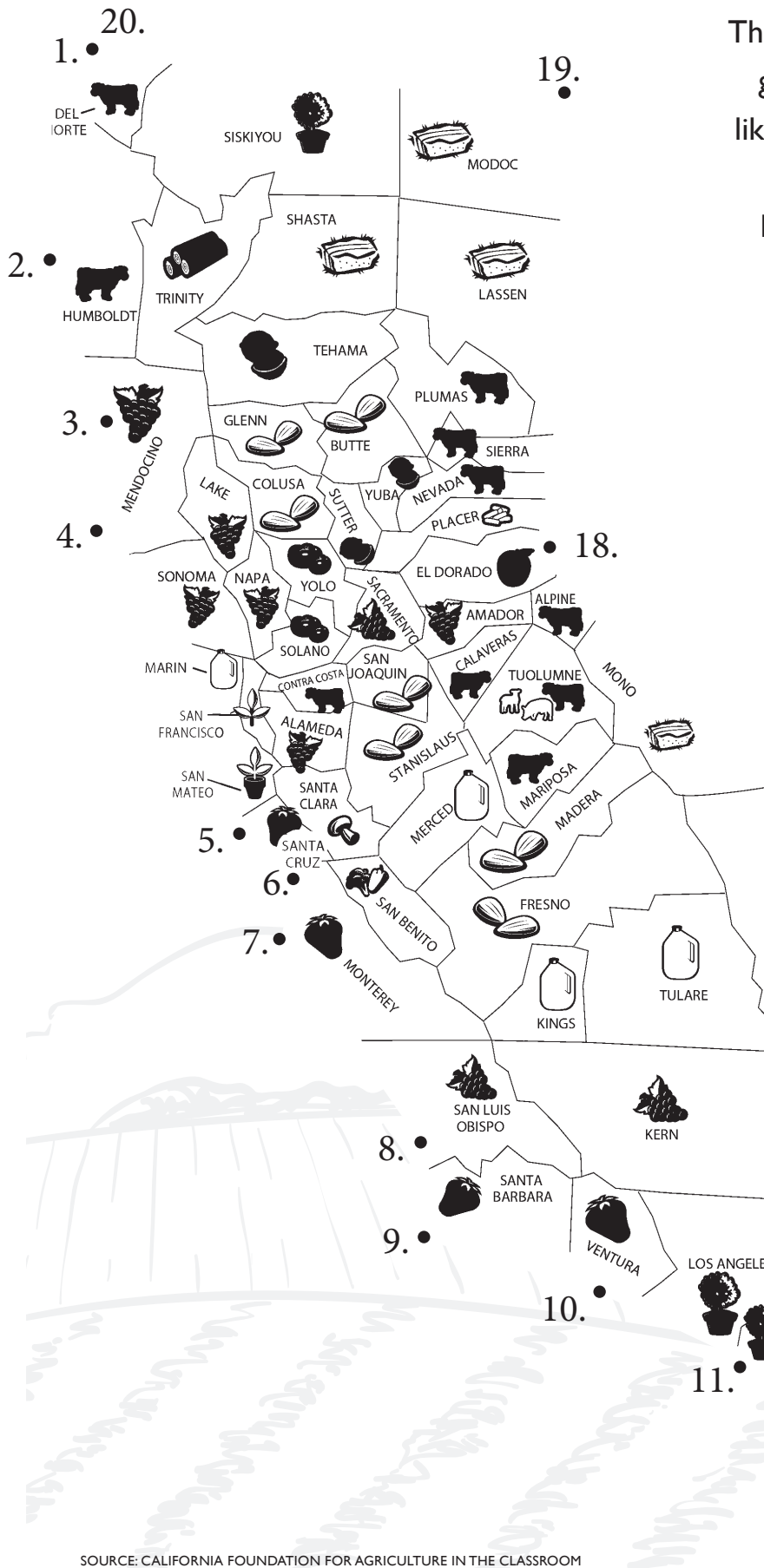
Draw or color the pizza below with your favorite toppings.



Connect the Dots

There are many different things that are grown and raised all over California – like strawberries, almonds, trees, grapes and even cows, sheep and pigs!

Find out what product is grown most in your county and circle it.

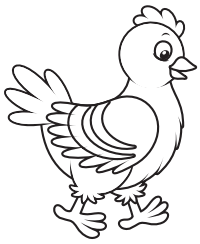


400...that's a lot of stuff!

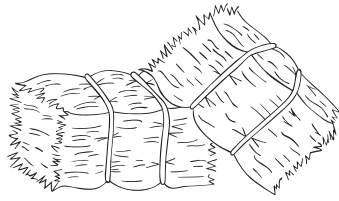
Did you know that there are 400 different types of agriculture products in California?

The top 25 are pictured below and another 25 are listed.

Circle all the ones you're most familiar with.



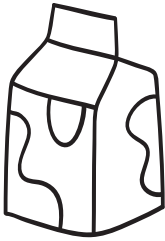
Chickens



Alfalfa Hay



Walnuts



Milk and Cream



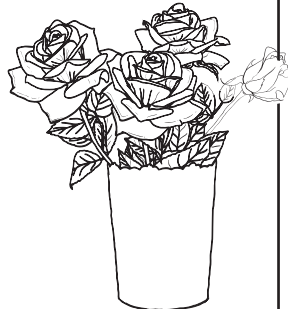
Cherries



Pistachios



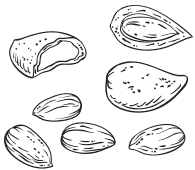
Broccoli



Flowers



Peaches



Almonds



Nursery Products



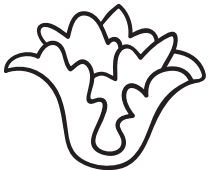
Grapes



Tomatoes (Processing)



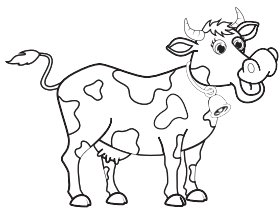
Oranges



Lettuce



Celery



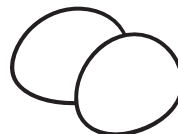
Cattle & Calves



Carrots



Tangerines



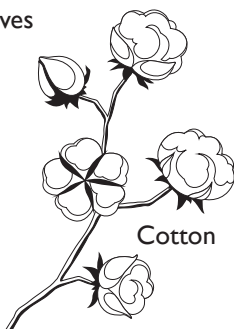
Eggs



Lemons



Strawberries



Cotton



Silage



Rice

26 through 50

Cauliflower

Raspberries

Avocados

Onions

Spinach

Nectarines

Other Pasture and Range

Plums

Bell Peppers

Turkeys

Sweet Potatoes

Dried Plums

Garlic

Tomatoes (Fresh)

Potatoes

Olives

Mushrooms

Blueberries

Salad Greens

Cantaloupes

Watermelon

Cabbage

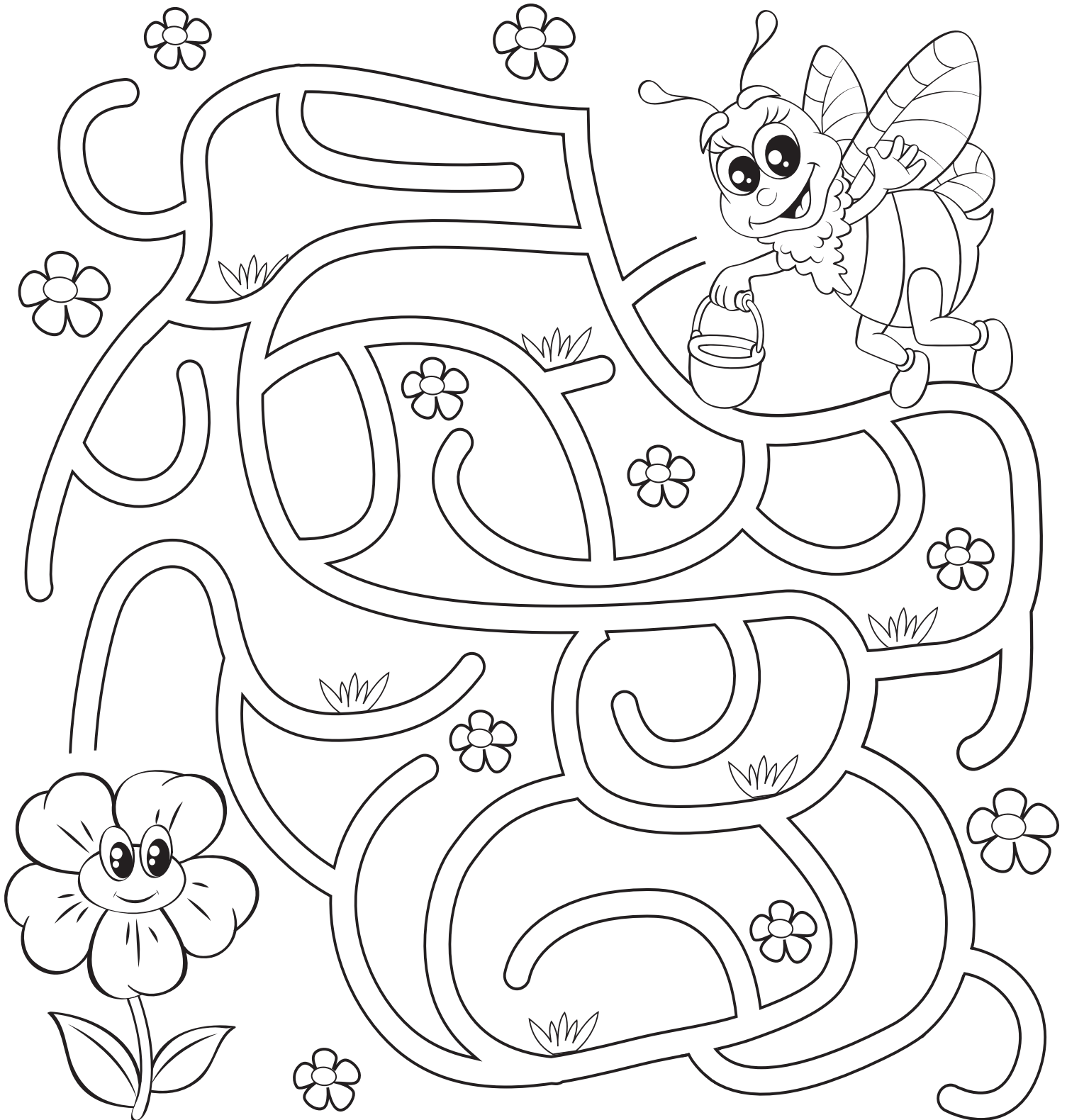
Veg and Vine Crop Seeds

Pears

Sweet Corn

What's the buzz about?

Bees are a very important part of agriculture. They carry pollen from flowers that help things grow into food, fuel, fibers and more. Help this bee find its way to a flower!

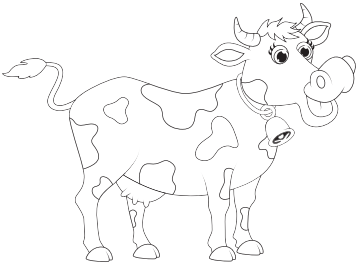


Match each agriculture item to where it's raised or grown.



Rice

Orchard



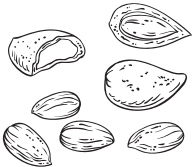
Cow

Forest



Grapes

Field



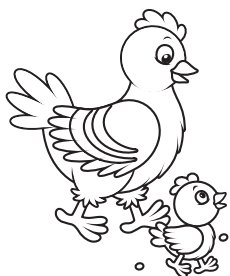
Almond

Dairy Ranch



Trees

Vineyard



Chicken

Farm

CA Agriculture Word Search

Below is a list of some of the people, places and things that make up California agriculture.
Find as many words as you can.

M	Y	Y	A	Z	R	U	D	F	I	E	L	D	Y	K
D	S	H	A	C	A	L	I	F	O	R	N	I	A	L
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N	I	Y	R	S	M	D	I	I	A	E	D	X	R	C
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E	K	O	N	Q	G	A	V	R	I	S	C	G	E	E
O	E	Y	W	S	B	E	R	G	R	V	U	R	O	Z
L	N	Y	U	T	X	C	T	M	V	Y	L	E	W	W
M	V	T	R	I	C	E	R	A	E	V	T	A	H	K
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CALIFORNIA
FARMER
AGRICULTURE
CROPS
COW
CHICKEN
GRAPES

RICE
ALMOND
MILK
PIG
STRAWBERRY
TREE
CHEESE

OLIVE
VEGETABLE
WHEAT
FOREST
FIELD
RANCH
SOY

Agriculture and Me:

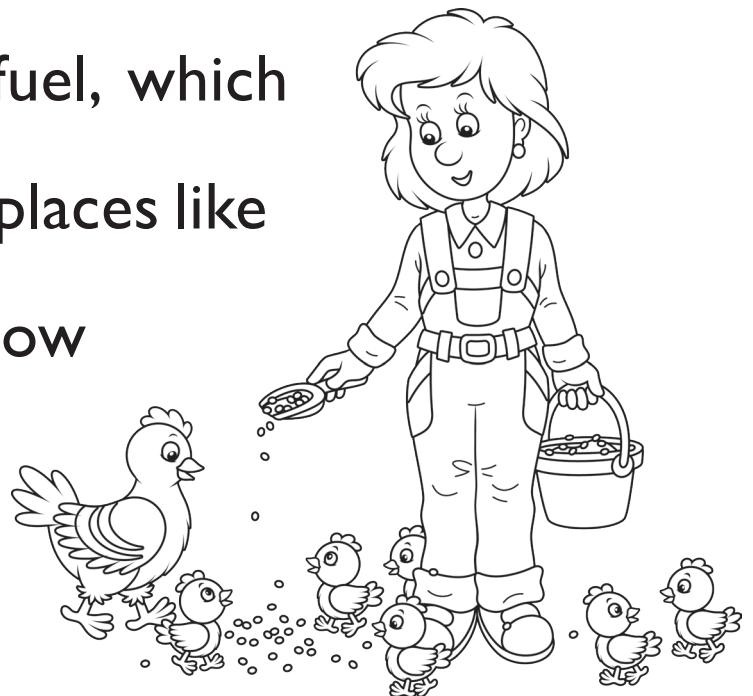
Show what you've learned by filling in the blanks below.

Agriculture is an important part of California.

My favorite food is _____ and I can eat it because of agriculture. Cotton makes fiber so I can wear clothes like _____.

Forests where the trees grow are another type of agriculture. Trees give us wood for paper and buildings like _____. I see flowers at _____. Flowers come from agriculture too.

Ag also helps create fuel, which helps our cars drive to places like _____. I love how agriculture gives me so many things I need!





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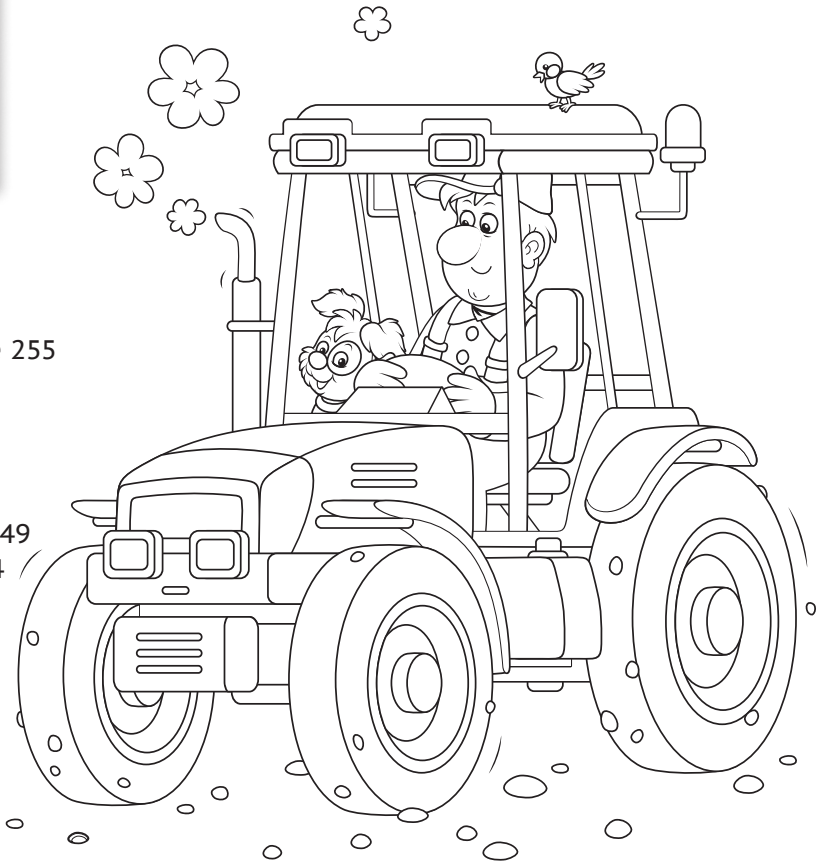
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The Farm to School Program

[cafarmtofork.cdffa.ca.gov/
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