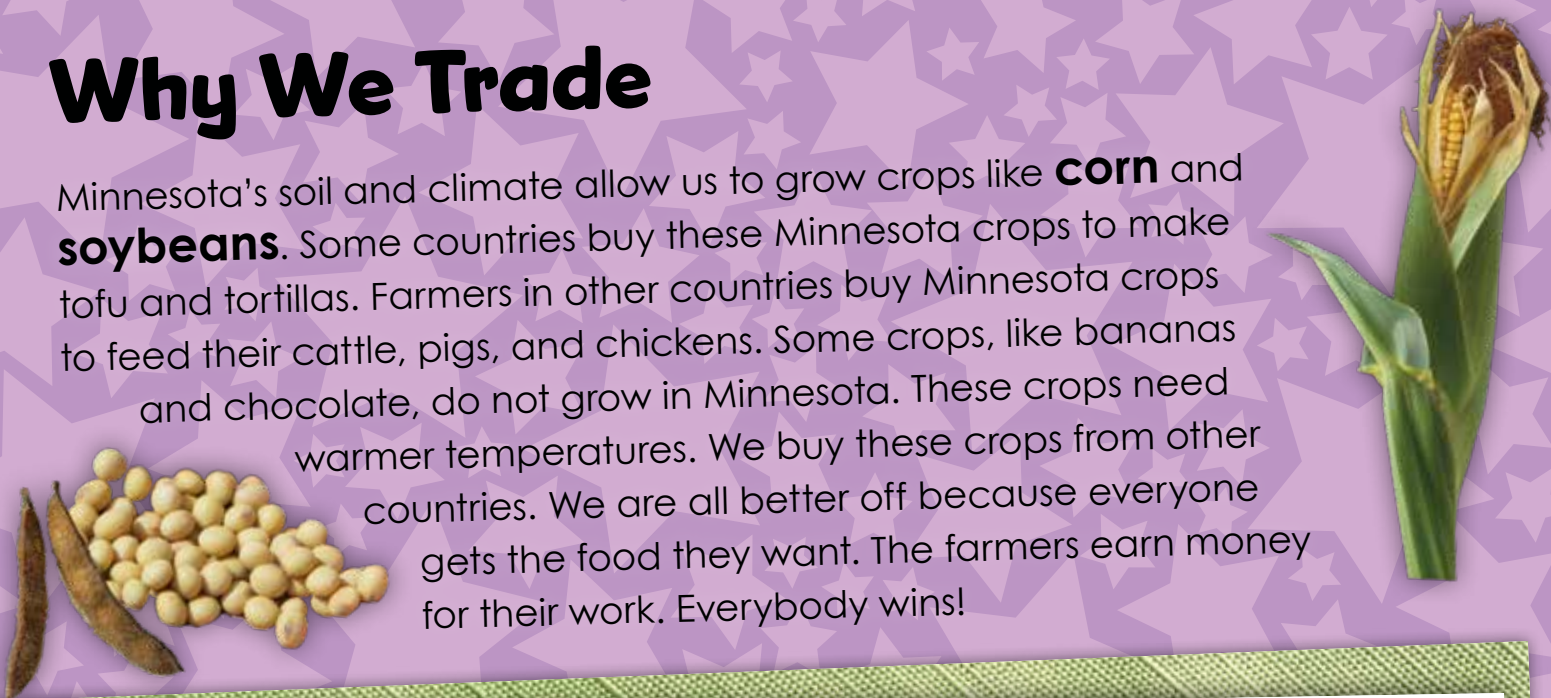


Why We Trade

Minnesota's soil and climate allow us to grow crops like **corn** and **soybeans**. Some countries buy these Minnesota crops to make tofu and tortillas. Farmers in other countries buy Minnesota crops to feed their cattle, pigs, and chickens. Some crops, like bananas and chocolate, do not grow in Minnesota. These crops need warmer temperatures. We buy these crops from other countries. We are all better off because everyone gets the food they want. The farmers earn money for their work. Everybody wins!



Activity: Minnesota trades soybeans and corn for foods that do not grow here. On the map below, circle your favorite foods that are NOT grown in Minnesota. These are things we trade to have.



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Agriculture: Helping you every day!

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Agriculture is Everywhere!

Look around: Agriculture is everywhere. Agriculture is making things grown on farms, like plants and animals, into things we use.

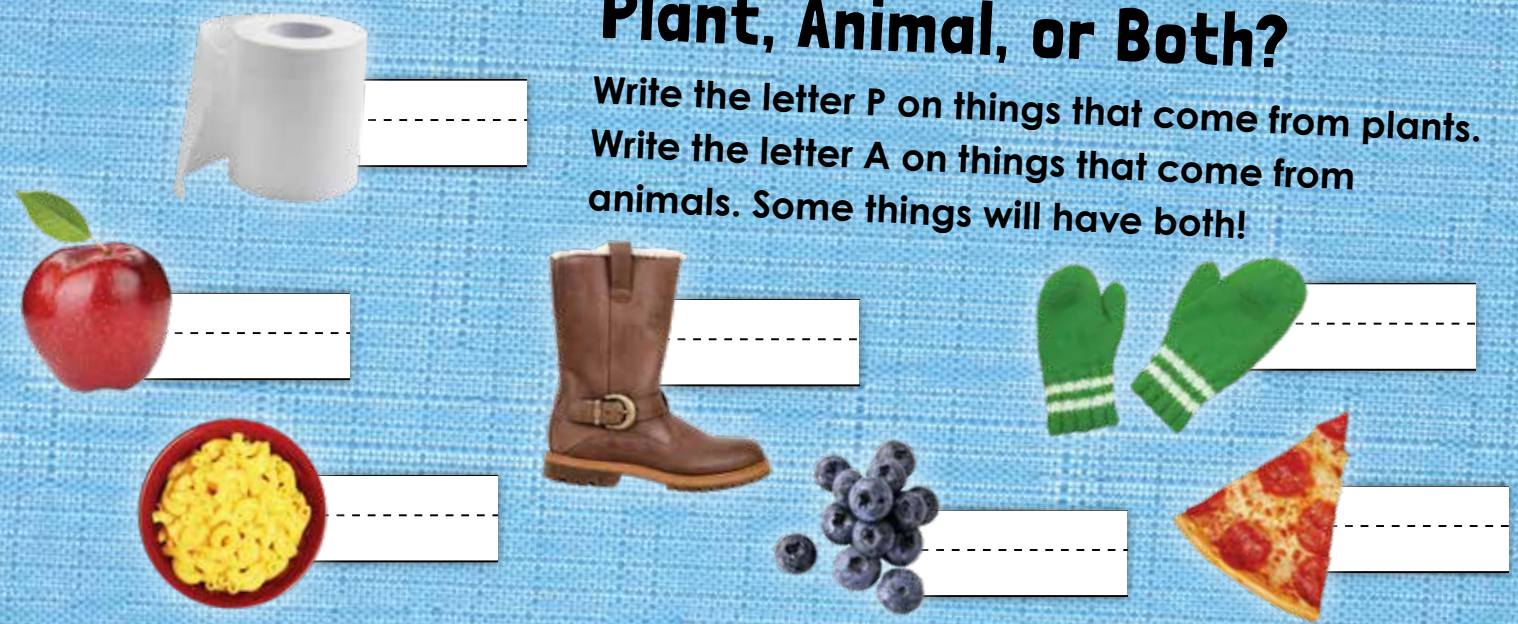


All these things came from agriculture! Even things like soap are made from fat from cattle and oil from plants such as corn and soybeans.



Plant, Animal, or Both?

Write the letter P on things that come from plants. Write the letter A on things that come from animals. Some things will have both!



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Farm Animals

Farm animals are mammals and birds.

Mammals have hair.

They have live babies.

They can make their own milk and feed it to their babies.

Birds have feathers.

Their babies hatch from eggs.

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beef cow and calf

Bird or Mammal?

Mark **M** on the mammals. Mark **B** on the birds.



milk cow

☐

chicken

☐


horse

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pig

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sheep

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turkey

☐

How many mammals?

☐

How many birds?

☐

Animal Parts

Animals have special parts that help them grow and live.

Read about them below. Which part matches which photo? Draw a line to match them.



Split hooves

A hoof is an animal toe with a thick, hard covering. Split hooves help animals balance better on soft ground. Pigs, cattle, sheep, and goats all have split hooves.

Wool

Sheep grow heavy coats called wool. In warm weather, too much wool makes them too hot. Farmers cut the wool off the sheep to keep that from happening.

Tails

Cows and horses have long tails. The tails help the animals swat away insects.

Udders

Female mammals have a special body part called an udder. This is where milk is made. Farmers use milking machines to remove the milk from some mammals. People can drink this milk.

