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Crops in Kansas

Farmers are people who work on a farm or own a farm. A farm is a piece of land that is used to grow crops or raise animals.

Today, you will imagine that you are a farmer. First, you will learn about crops that are grown in Kansas. Then, you will draw a picture and write about a crop that is on your farm! Follow the steps below.



Step 1: Learn about Crops in Kansas

Read the attached story called, "Crops in Kansas." Then, fill in the sentences below using words from the word bank.

Farm
Crop
Wheat
Harvest
Farmer

A _____ is someone who owns a farm.

A _____ is a piece of land that is used to grow crops or raise animals.

A _____ is a type of plant grown for food.

In Kansas some farmers grow wheat. When the wheat is done growing, farmers will pick, or _____ it.

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Step 2: Life on a Farm

Imagine that you are a farmer. One day, you walk over to where the corn is planted. You look closely at the ears of corn and notice that they look different. They have grown eyes, a nose, and a mouth! They also are growing arms and legs. You notice the corn also has accessories, like a hat, purse, or necklace! You listen closely and hear that the corn are talking!

Add accessories such as a hat, purse, watch or necklace to the corn below. Then, fill in the speech bubbles to show what the corn were talking about!





Alexis the Farmer: Crops in Kansas

Meet Alexis

Meet Alexis. Alexis is a farmer. A farmer is a person who works on or owns a farm.



Have you been to a farm? A farm is a piece of land that is used to grow crops or raise animals. A crop is a type of plant grown for food. Corn and wheat are examples of crops!



There are over 60,000 farmers in Kansas. However, there are less than 10,000 female farmers in Kansas. I hope more women will want to be farmers in Kansas in the future!

Growing Corn

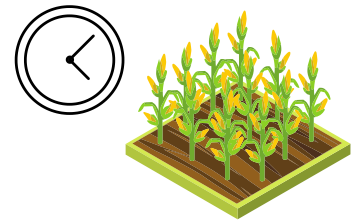
In Kansas, a lot of farmers grow corn.

How Corn is Grown:

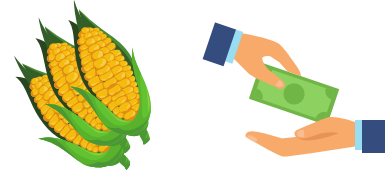
1. Corn seeds are planted in the ground. The corn grows from the seeds.



2. Farmers wait while the corn grows. When the corn is done growing, it is ready to be picked, or harvested.



3. Once farmers have collected all of the corn they can either put it in storage or they can sell it right away.



4. Farmers sell the corn to make money. Farmers can also keep some corn for themselves.



Why is Corn Grown?

Corn is grown for many reasons!

Corn is grown as food for humans. Have you ever eaten corn for lunch or dinner?



Corn is also grown as food for animals who live on farms. Horses, pigs, sheep, and other animals eat corn.



Corn is also grown to make items you might find at a store. Here are a few examples of items that have corn in them:

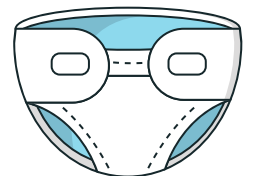
Toothpaste:

Most toothpaste has a special ingredient called Sorbitol. Sorbitol is made using corn! Sorbitol makes toothpaste sweet. It also helps hold the toothpaste together.



Diapers:

Diapers are made with a special ingredient called corn starch. Corn starch is made from corn. The corn starch helps the diaper feel dry when it is on a baby.



Crayons:

Crayons are also made with corn starch. The corn starch helps the paper stay on the crayons.



Growing Wheat

In Kansas, a lot of farmers also grow wheat. In the United States, Kansas is a leader in growing wheat. This means that Kansas grows more wheat than most states.

In Kansas, Sumner County grows the most wheat. Do you live in Sumner County?

How Wheat is Grown:

1. Wheat kernels are planted in the ground. Wheat kernels are the seeds. The wheat plants grow from the seeds.



2. Farmers wait while the wheat grows. When the wheat is done growing, it is ready to be picked, or harvested.



3. The wheat is taken to a special building where it is cleaned.



4. Once the wheat is cleaned, it can be sold. Farmers sell the wheat to make money. Farmers can also keep some corn for themselves.



Why is Wheat Grown?

Wheat is grown for many reasons!

Wheat is used to make flour. Flour is used to make foods that people eat. For example, flour is used to make bread, pies, cereal, and bagels.

Wheat is also used to make items you might find at a store. Here are a few examples of items that have wheat in them!

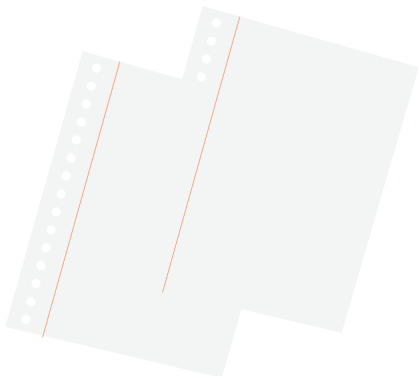
Play Doh



Pet Food



Paper



Shampoo

