

# **FAS**

**Foreign Agricultural Service**



**Sharing With The World**

**The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)** is an agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). FAS works to make trading with other countries easier, promote American agricultural products to buyers in other nations, and give food aid that helps other countries in need.

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## **Information About FAS for Your Parents and Teachers**

### **Linking U.S. Agriculture to the World**

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) works to improve foreign market access for U.S. products, build new markets, improve the competitive position of U.S. agriculture in the global marketplace, and provide food aid and technical assistance to foreign countries.

FAS has the primary responsibility for USDA's international activities—market development, trade agreements and negotiations, and the collection and analysis of statistics and market information. It also administers USDA's ex-

port credit guarantee and food aid programs, and helps increase income and food availability in developing nations by mobilizing expertise for agriculturally led economic growth. FAS enhances U.S. agriculture's competitiveness by providing linkages to global resources and international organizations.

By reading and completing the activities in this booklet, your child or students will know more about how the United States shares food and other agricultural products with the world.

For more information about FAS, please visit:

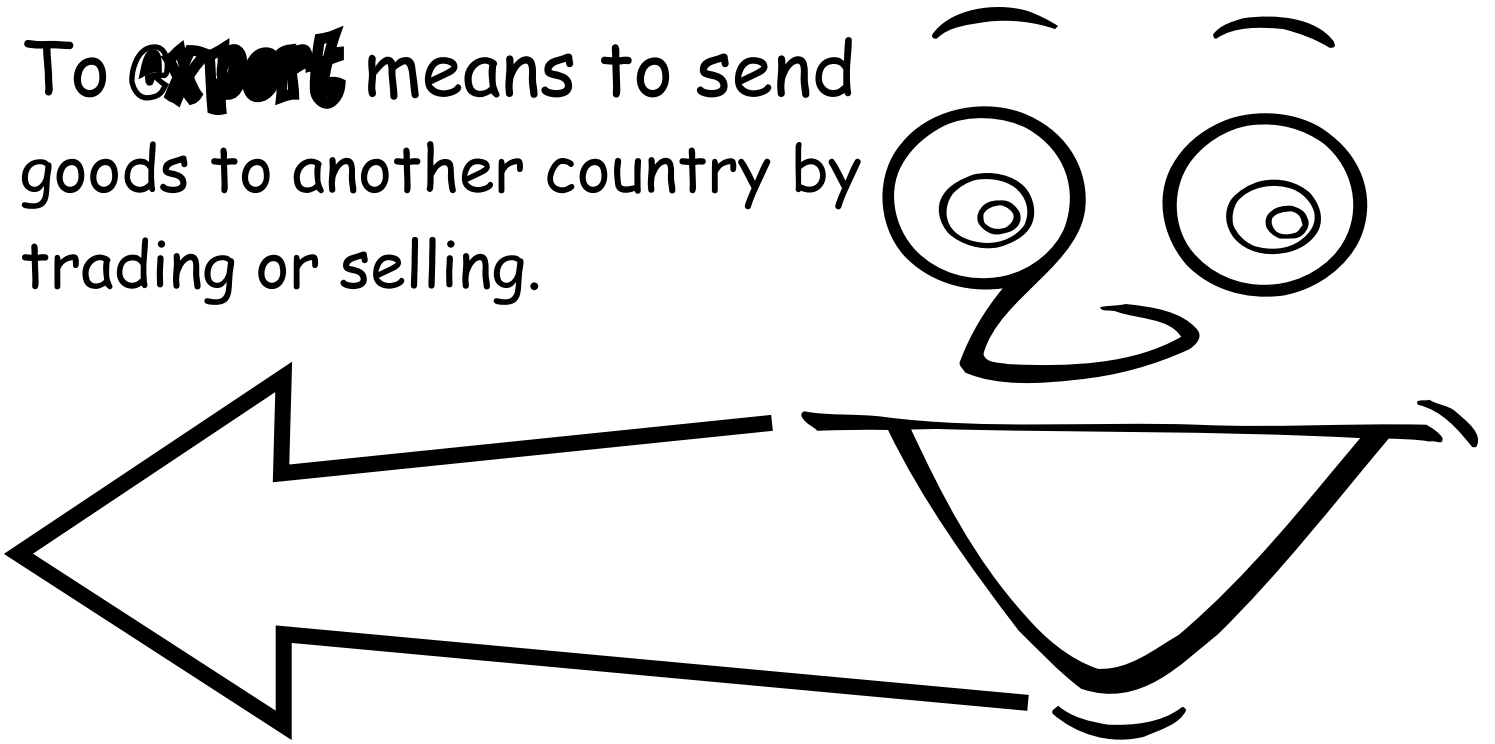
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# Glossary of Terms

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Here are some important terms and definitions used when sharing agricultural products and food with other countries:

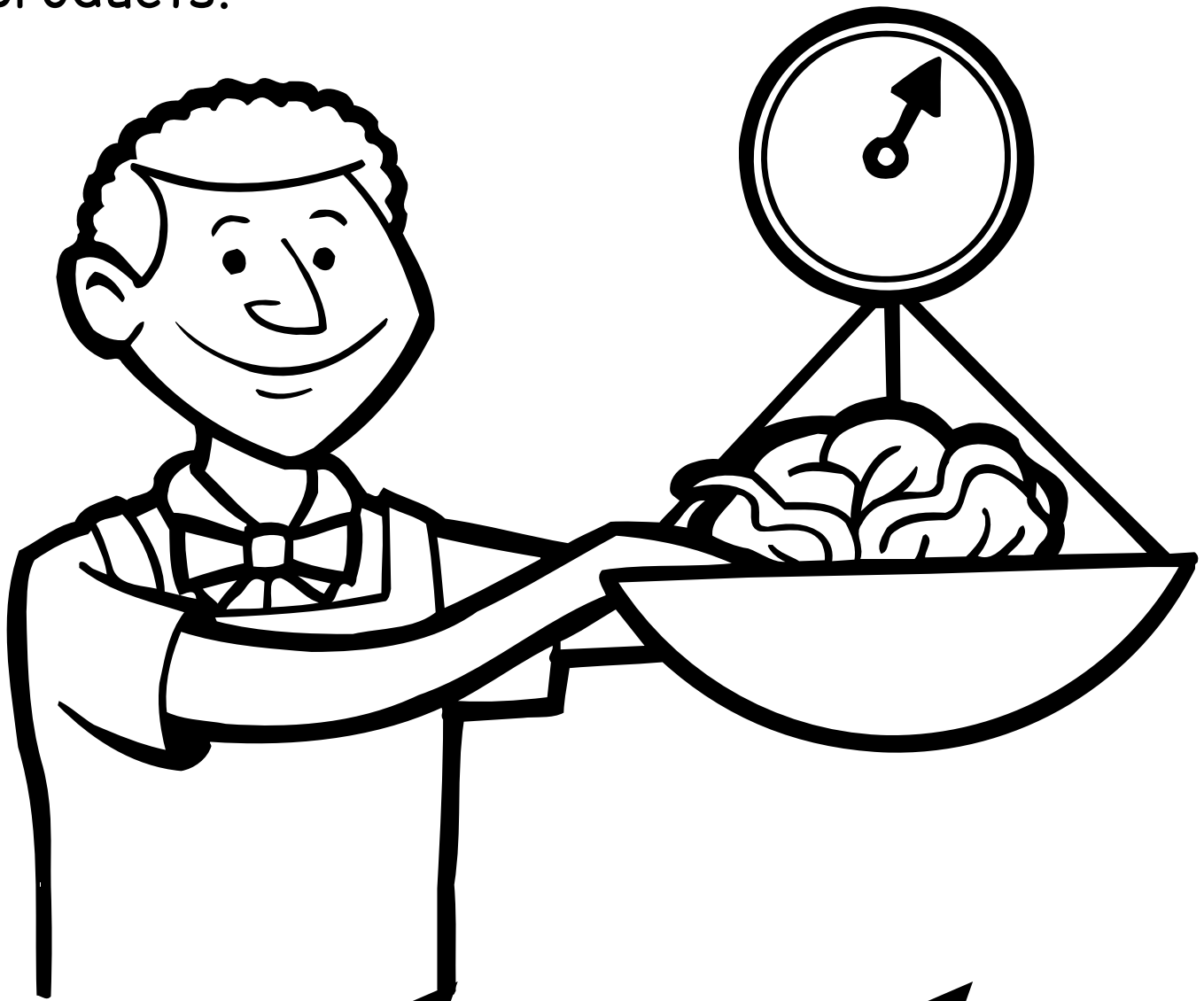
To **export** means to send goods to another country by trading or selling.



To **import** means to receive goods from another country by trading or buying.

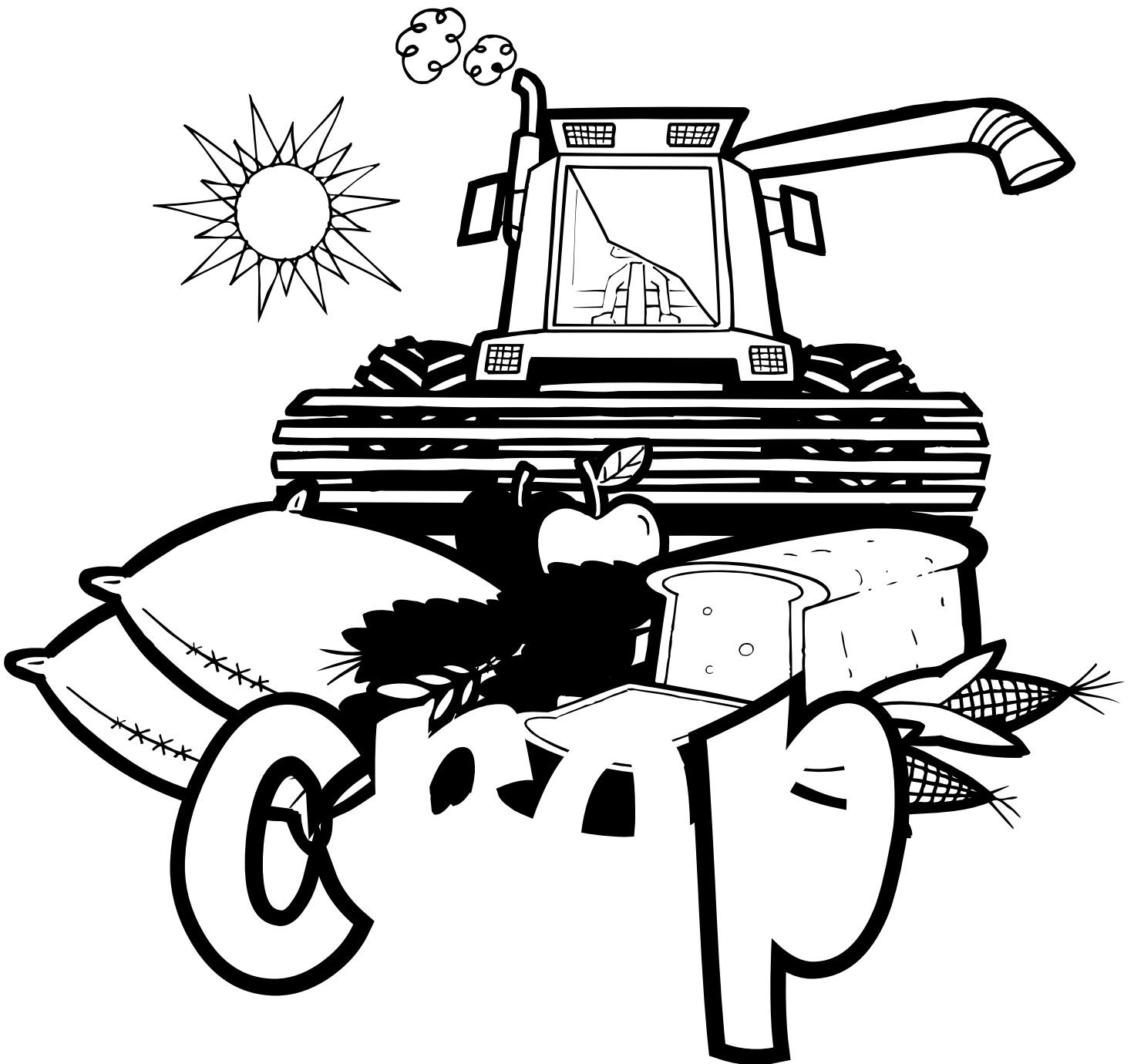


A **metric ton** is 2,204.6 pounds! **Metric ton** is the unit most commonly used to measure the mass of imported and exported agricultural products.



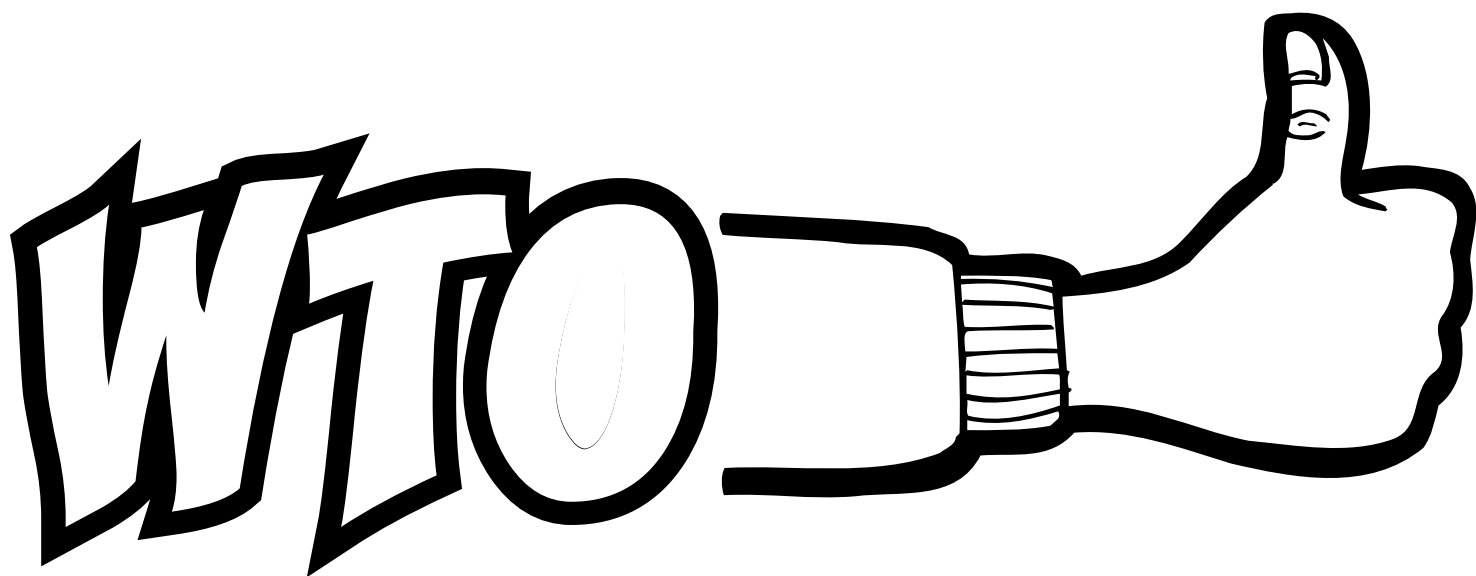
**metric ton**

A **crop** is any product such as a grain, fruit, or vegetable. After a **crop** is grown, it is either exported or distributed in the United States. Total cropland in the United States is 455 million acres.



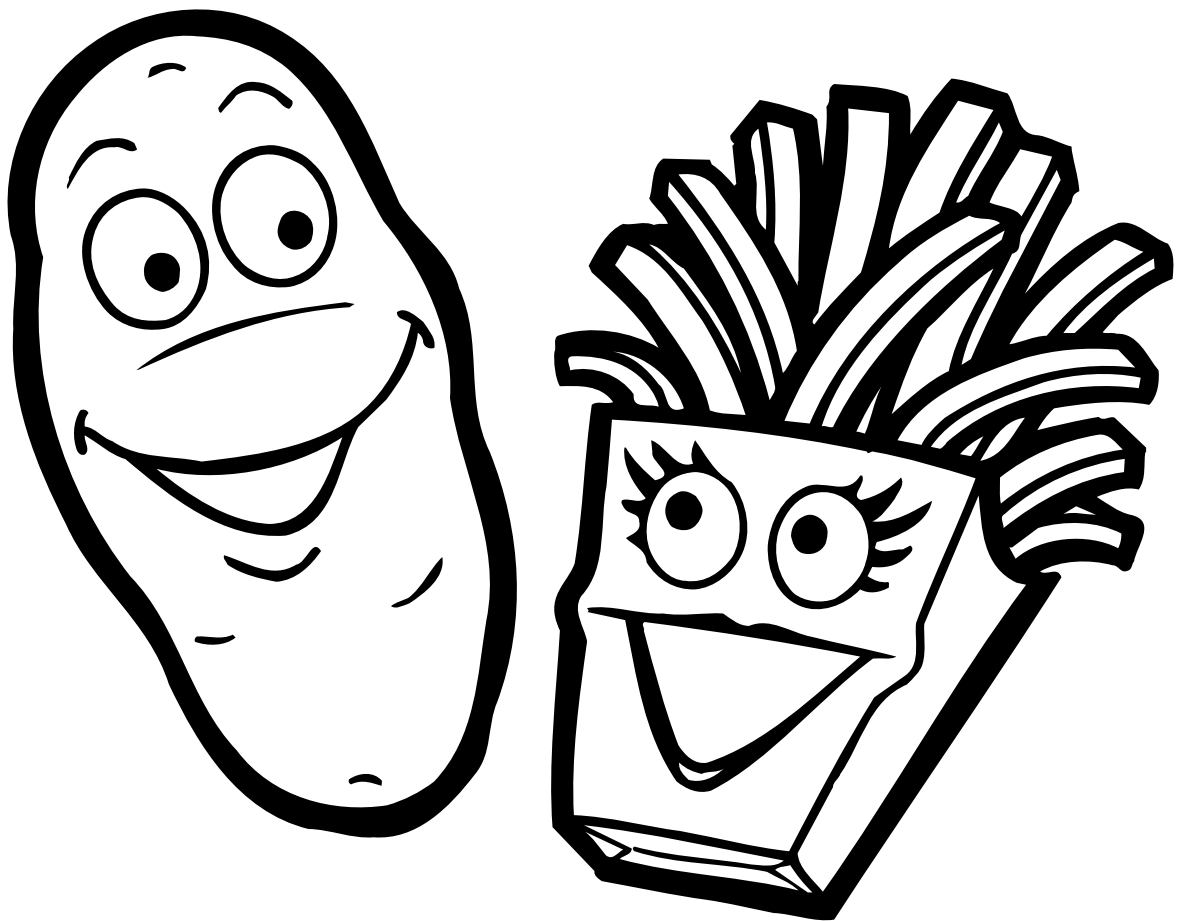
**WTO** stands for **World Trade Organization**.

The **WTO** makes rules for trading agricultural products and food among countries. The **WTO** makes sure that all agricultural products and food are traded fairly and smoothly.



**World Trade  
Organization**

In 2004, the United States exported 885,000 metric tons of fresh, frozen, processed, and seed potatoes to other countries.



**Mrs. Fry**



In 2004, the United States shipped 48.8 million metric tons of ~~corn~~ to different countries.



In 2004, the United States exported more than 3.1 million metric tons of **cotton** all around the world. **cotton** is used every day to make fabrics for clothes and furniture.



The United States is the second largest  
**orange juice** producer in the world!



In 2004, the United States exported more than 2 billion **Eggs** around the world. The average hen lays 270 **Eggs** per year.



The United States provides over half of the world's *food aid* to people in needy countries through *food aid* programs. In 2004, the United States gave over \$1.1 billion in food aid.



The United States has a **Food for Education** program that gives food to less fortunate children around the world so they can learn and be healthy.

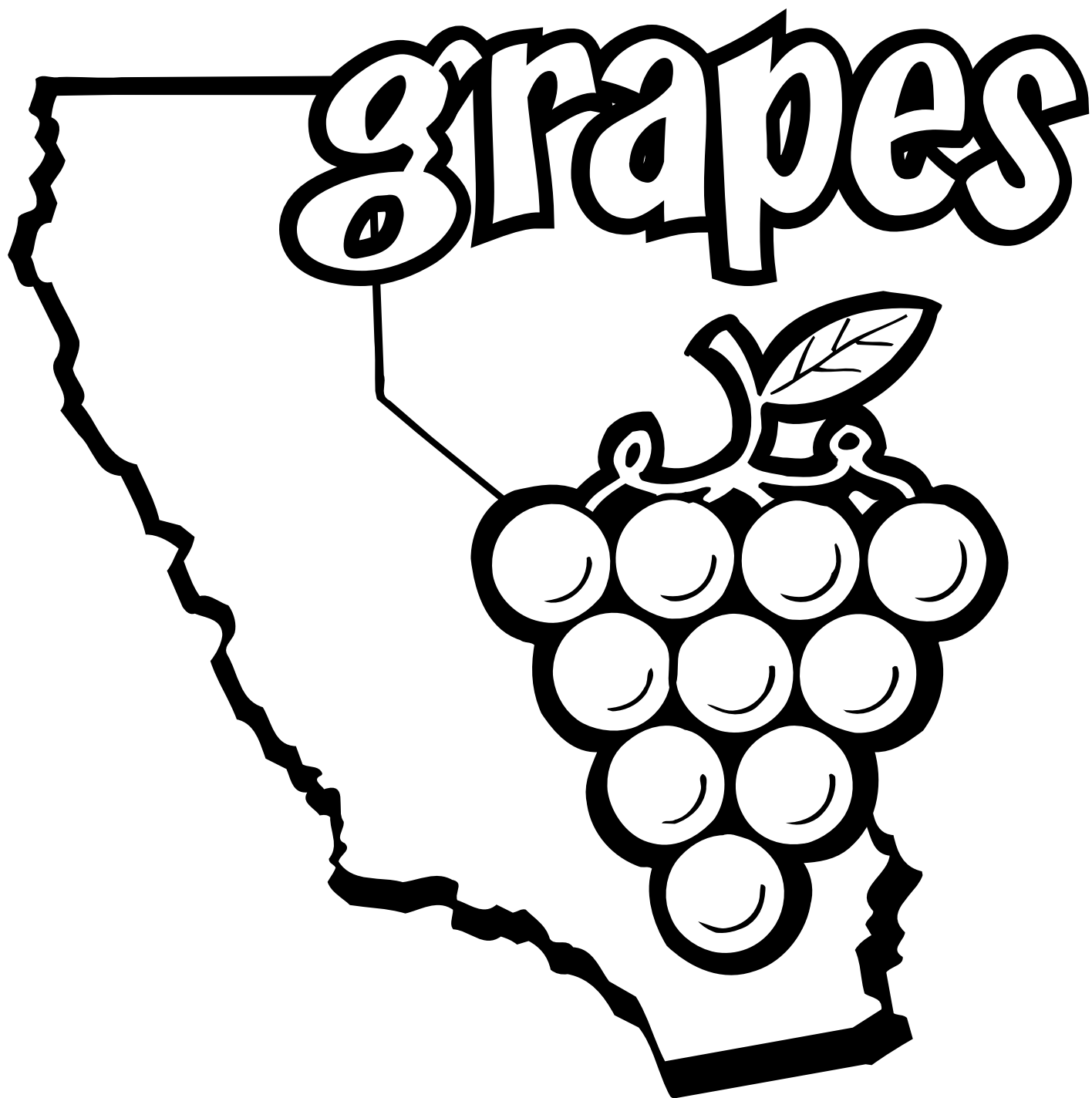


# Food for Education

In 2005, the United States exported 28.5 million metric tons of **wheat** to other countries. **Wheat** is used to make food products, such as bread, cereal, pasta, and even licorice!

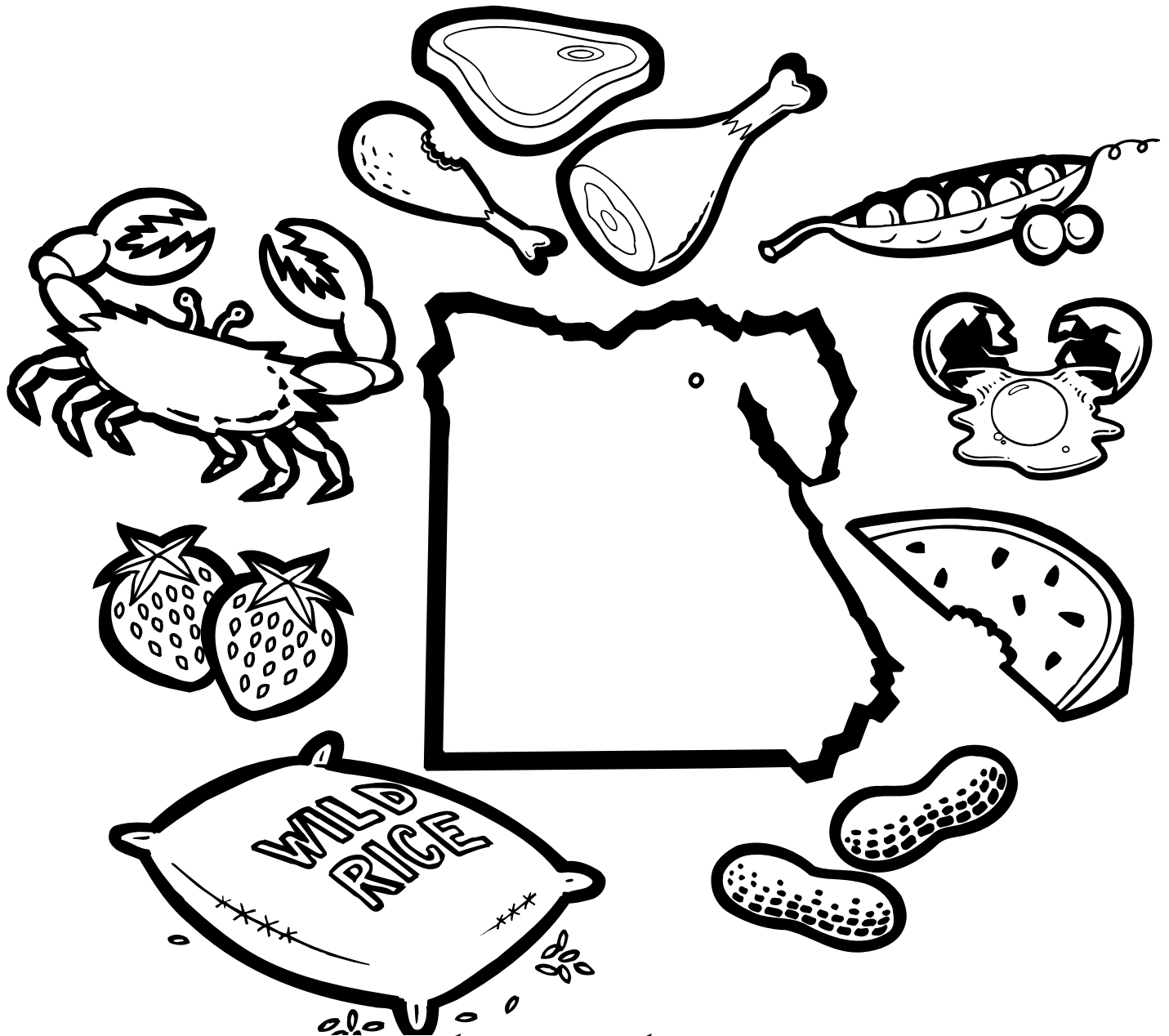


California produces 89 percent of all the **grapes** grown in the United States. These **grapes** are used for fresh fruit, raisins, juice, jam, jelly, and wine.



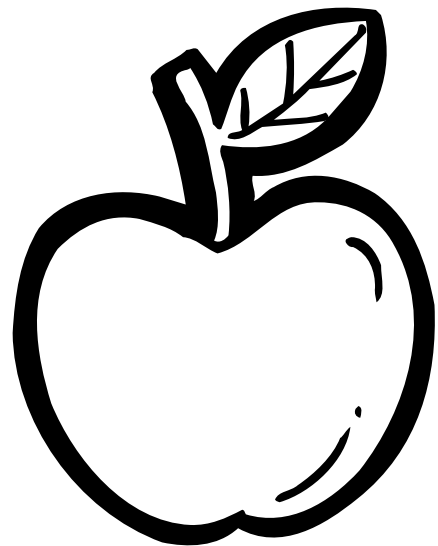
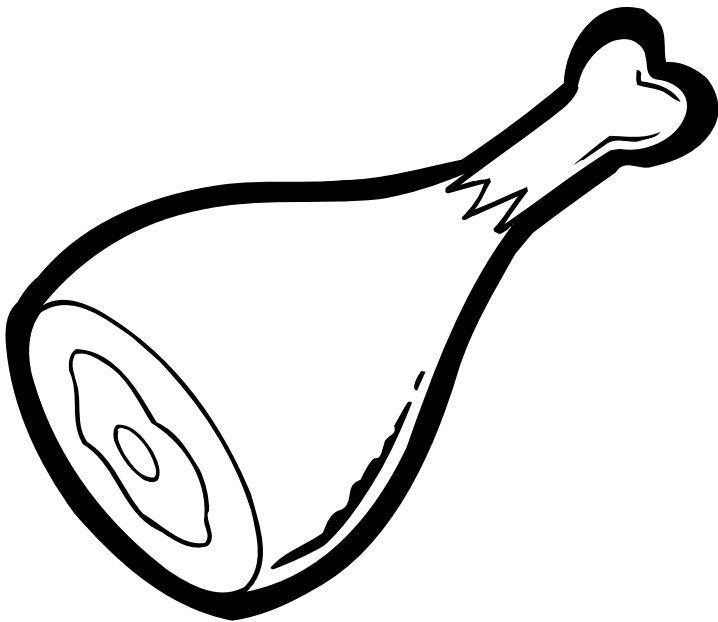
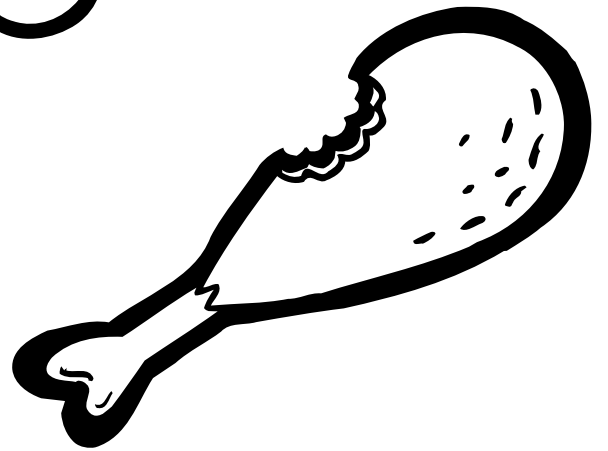
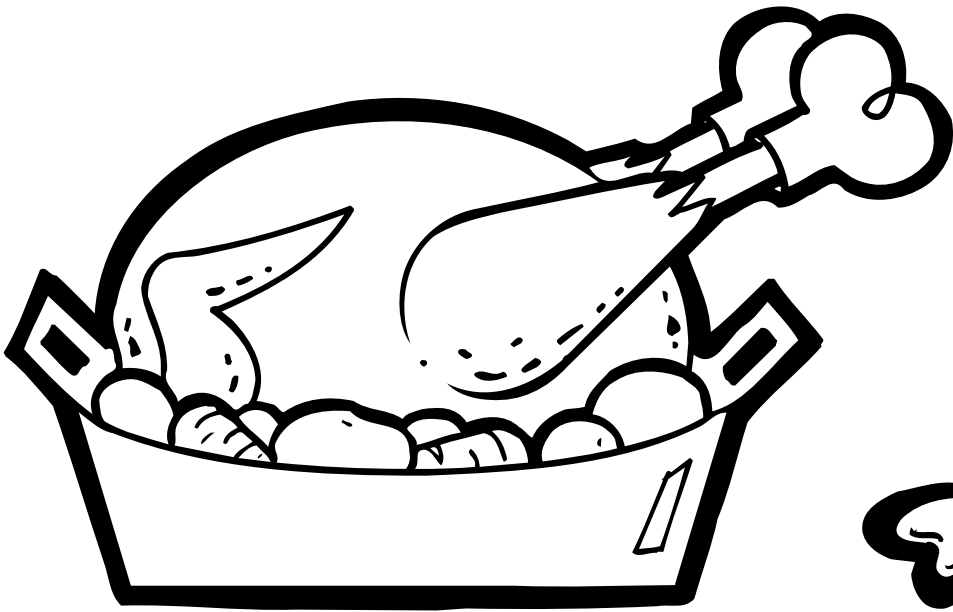


Here are some types of food you might eat at someone's home in Egypt. They are some of the foods that the United States exports to Egypt.

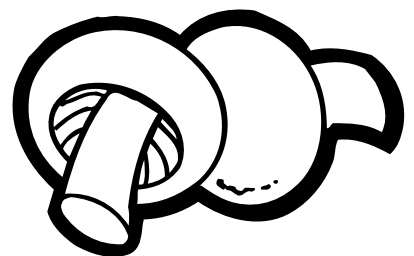
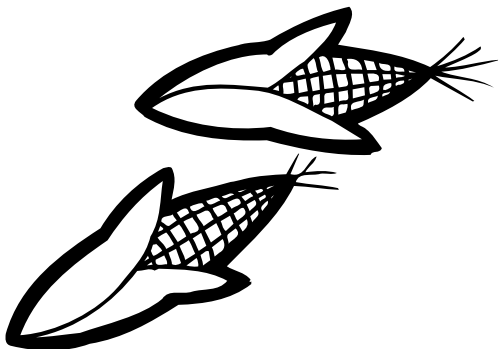
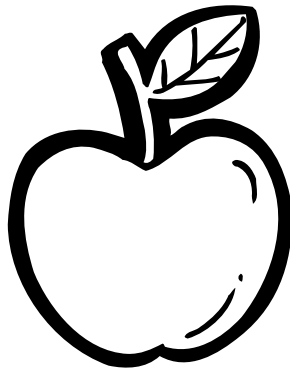
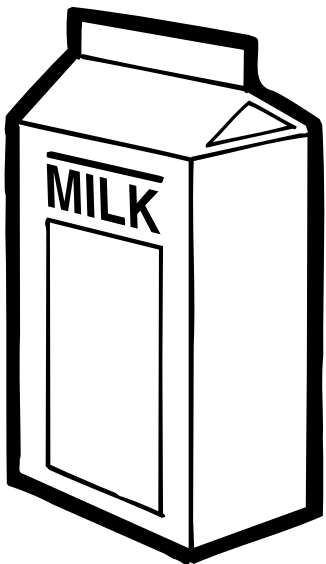
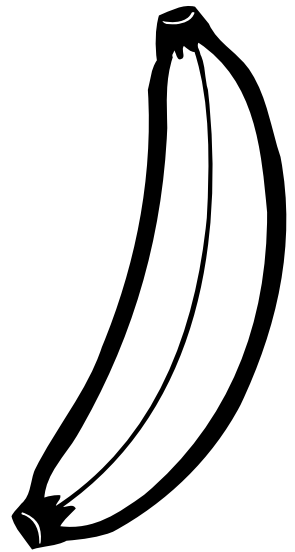
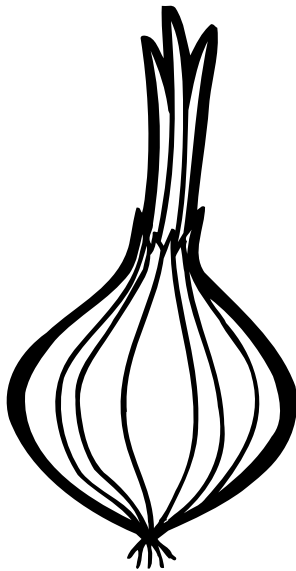
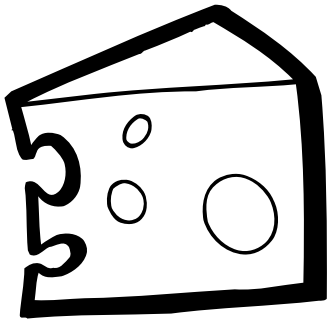


# Exports to Egypt

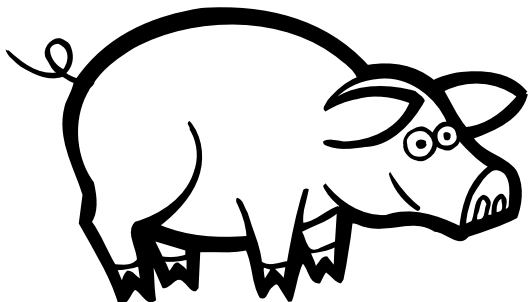
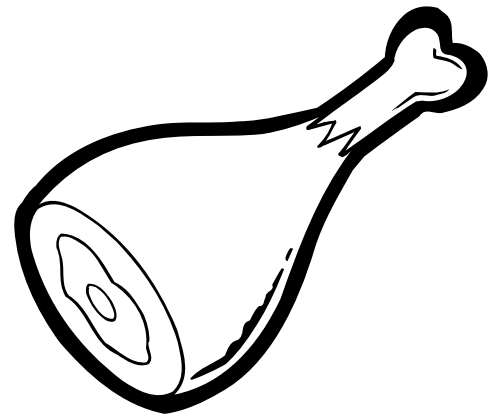
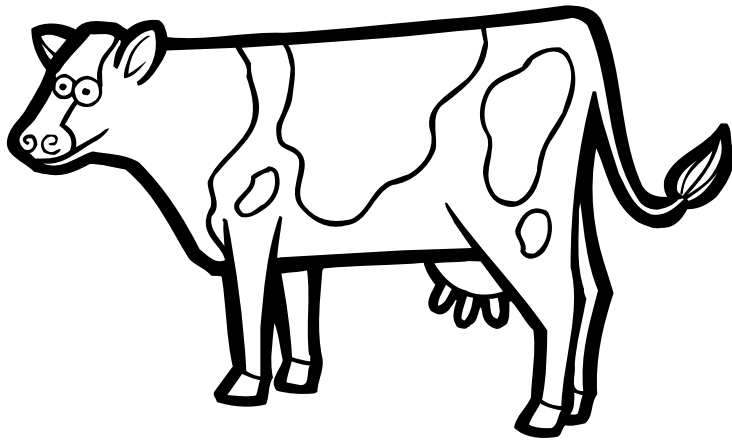
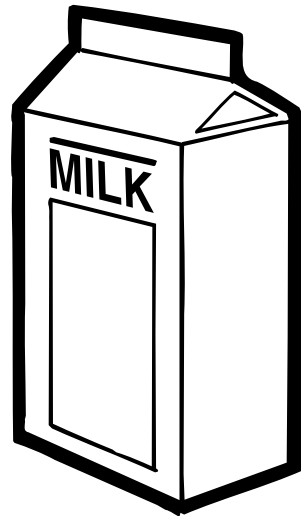
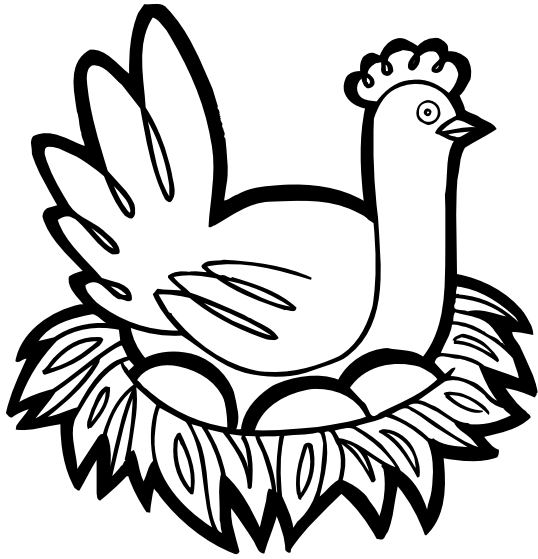
Circle the food that does not belong.



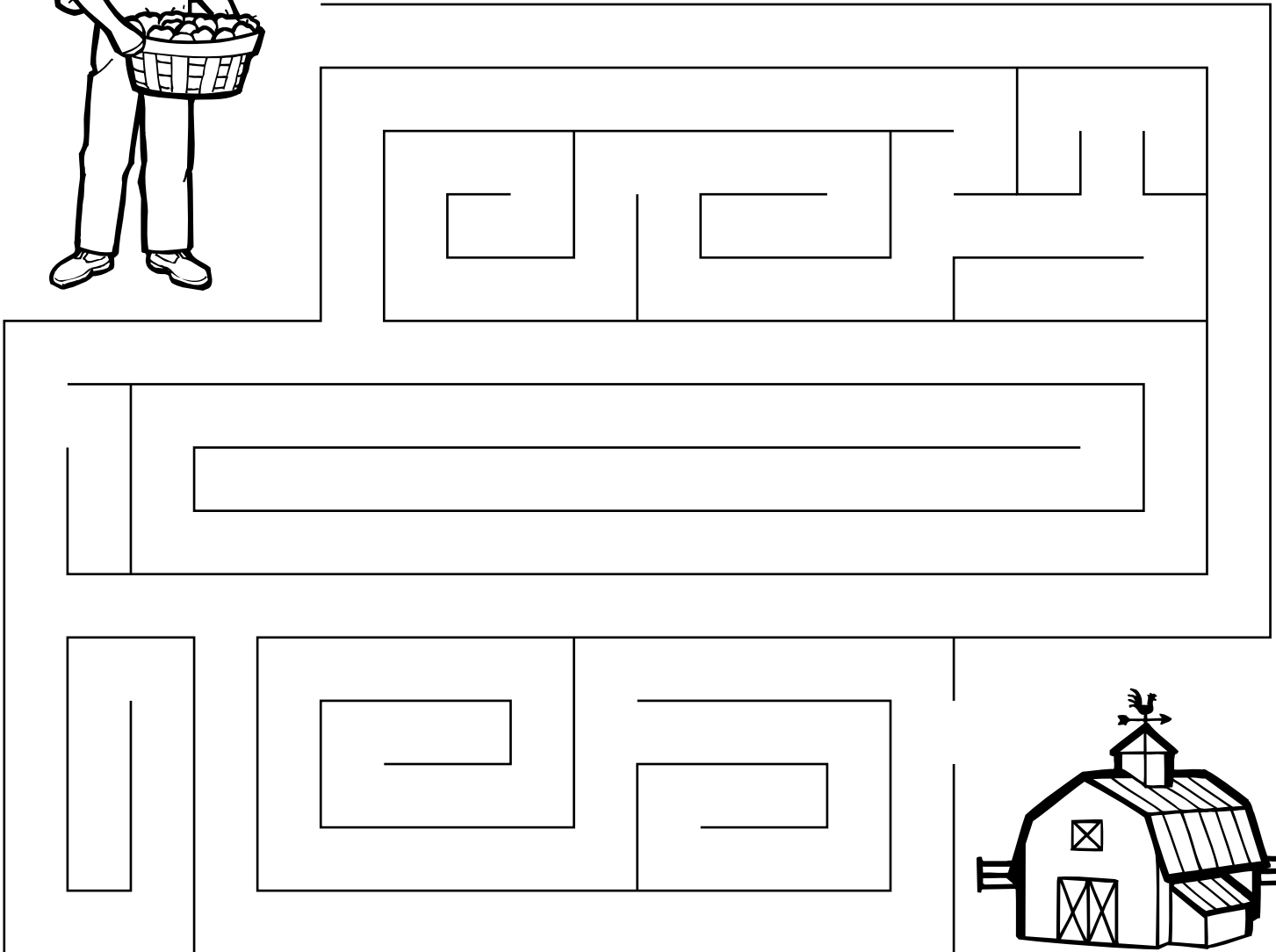
Put a **square** around all dairy products and a **triangle** around fruits and vegetables.



Draw a line from the food to the animal it comes from.



Please find your way back to the barn!





# FAS Word Search

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O C T Z D F M M I G P X F O R  
Y U Z X O Z G J F B I K D E O  
J D H O T E L X V E N E M S P  
F O D O H M U O Q X X R R I O  
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CROP

EXPORT

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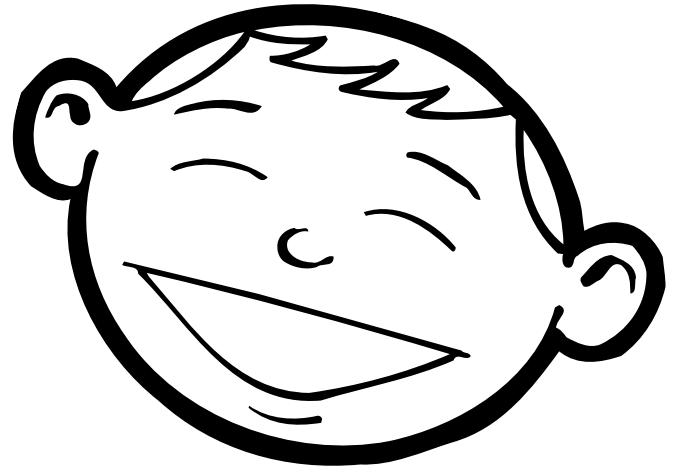
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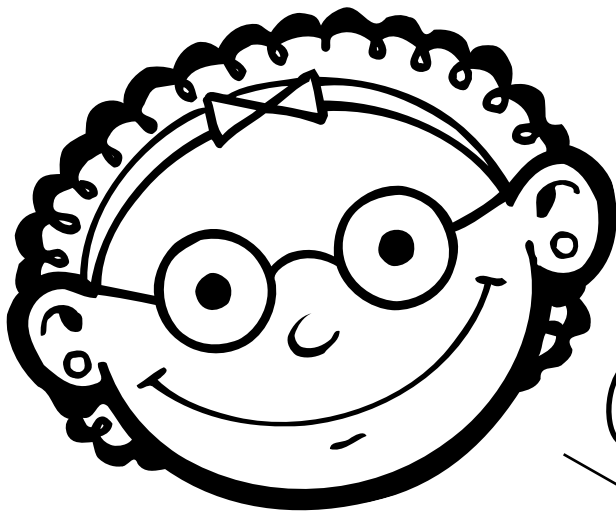
PRODUCE

*Way Cool!*



# CONGRATULATIONS!

You have completed the FAS Coloring and Activity Book!



*Good Job!*



