

Teachers Guide

RECOMMENDED READING

- A Penny for a Hundred** – by Ethel Pochocki ISBN 1608933113
Dig In! Hands on Soil Investigations – NSTA Press – ISBN 0-87355-189-3
Fantastic Farm Machines – Chris Peterson – ISBN 1-59078-271-2
Farmer George Plants a Nation – Peggy Thomas – ISBN 978-1-59078-460-0
I Want to Be a Farmer Hardcover – Edith Kunhardt – ISBN13: 9780448090689
Tractor Mac Arrives at the Farm – Billy Steers – ISBN 978-0-9788496-1-0
Thomas Jefferson Grows a Nation – Peggy Thomas – ISBN 978-1-62091-628-5

Books in this Series can be found online at

<http://teachmefoodandfarms.org/resources>

- Agriculture for ME • Dairy Farming for ME • Wild Blueberries for ME
- Aquaculture for ME • Potatoes for ME

For Lessons, Activities and Professional Development for teachers visit

www.MaineAgintheClassroom.org

Answer Key

1. northern
 2. seed
 3. crop
 4. grow
 5. Russet
 6. Norlands
 7. baking
 8. farm
 9. harrowed
 10. planter
 11. seed pieces
12. soil
 13. days
 14. summer
 15. hilled
 16. tubers
 17. July
 18. rain
 19. irrigate
 20. harvest
 21. houses
 22. growers
 23. Maine
 24. family farms

Tim's Potato Farm
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Bonus word: harvest

1. Leaf
 2. Flower
 3. Soil
 4. Seed Potato
 5. Potato Tuber
 6. Roots
 7. Stem
- hilled
 Arootstook
 growth
 festival
 graded
 fields
 cultivated

Maine Potato-Gram
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Answers clockwise from top.
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Parts of the Potato
 Plant Fill-In

1. Bagged
 2. Harvested
 3. Stored
 4. Grown
 5. Eaten
 6. Sold
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 The Potato Journey

EXTENSIONS

ADOPT A FARM – Find a farm in your area. Have students learn about how that farm produces food and/or fiber. The MAITC website includes a Teachers Resource Guide of Maine Farms that are willing to work with schools, host fieldtrips and/or present in your classroom.

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Grow Food on School Grounds – Form a team of teachers, parents and other volunteers to start a school garden. Maine School Garden Network, www.MSGN.org can help! Local farmers may be willing to help too! Compost from the farm, tilling a site and advising students on crops are just a few of the ways. Growing food can develop into top-notch service learning projects too!

HAVE A FARM DAY – Many schools are creating exciting learning opportunities through focus days for all students at the school. Contests like “The Best Barn Door” contest can be used to build awareness. Farmers and even animals may be willing to visit. The cafeteria can add an educational program showing where the foods served come from, or how they are processed.

HAVE A HARVEST LUNCH – Schools across Maine are participating in Harvest Lunch Week, recognized by the Maine Department of Education for a week in the fall. Schools can access food for part or all of the week from local farms. Students meet farmers and write stories or use experiential learning techniques, artwork, math lessons, and more, that revolve around the local food system.

Maine Potato Word Search

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