



Alaska Ag Day – May 2

Fun info on agriculture for bulletins, lunch menus and other tidbits

- Bees may travel 55,000 miles to make one pound of honey.
- It takes about three weeks for a chicken egg to hatch.
- Potatoes were first grown more than 3,000 years ago.
- One apple contains 5 grams of fiber.
- Pork is the most widely eaten meat in the world.
- More than 2,500 varieties of apples are grown in the United States.
- The average child eats 1,500 peanut butter sandwiches by the age of 15.
- You will eat about 45 acres of corn in your lifetime (and an acres is about the size of a football field).
- Onions are one of the oldest known cultivated vegetables.
- One acre of soybeans can produce 82,368 crayons.
- The primary ingredient in bubble gum is pine tree sap.
- Baseballs are stuffed with sheep's wool.
- Potato chips are American's favorite snack.
- Farmers earn only 19 cents out of each dollar spent on food.
- Lettuce is a member of the sunflower family.
- We eat 900 percent more broccoli than we did 20 years ago.
- Americans eat about 30 pounds of lettuce per person each year.
- Each American farmer produces food and fiber for 144 people.

- An egg shell has 17,000 tiny pores over its surface.
- Strawberries are the only fruit with seeds on the outside.
- One cow can produce 200,000 glasses of milk in her lifetime.
- Tomatoes were once thought to be poisonous.
- Eight strawberries have more vitamin C than an orange.
- Blueberries are rich in vitamin C.
- Egyptians grew watermelons more than 5,000 years ago.
- One bushel of wheat makes 73 pounds of bread.
- Beans and alfalfa are examples of legumes, which are nitrogen-fixing plants.
- Onions contain a mild antibiotic.
- One acre of potatoes will produce 52,000 servings of French fries.
- A serving of French fries equals about 10 fries.

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