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Greeley-Evans School District 6

Teaching Kids About **Colorado** Agriculture - Food, Farmers & Fun!



E N R I C H M E N T



FARM⁺ to SCHOOL

"Nourishing students, creating success."

Nutrition Services supports student achievement by offering healthy, great-tasting meals, promoting overall wellness through nutrition education opportunities, and so much more!

- **Greeley-Evans School District 6**



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FARMERS MARKET FRIDAYS

Greeley-Evans School District 6 Food & Nutrition Services is proud to be participating in **Farmers Market Fridays** serving Colorado crops and celebrating local farmers.



Sweet Corn



Peaches



Apples



Carrots

Colorado

Sweet Corn

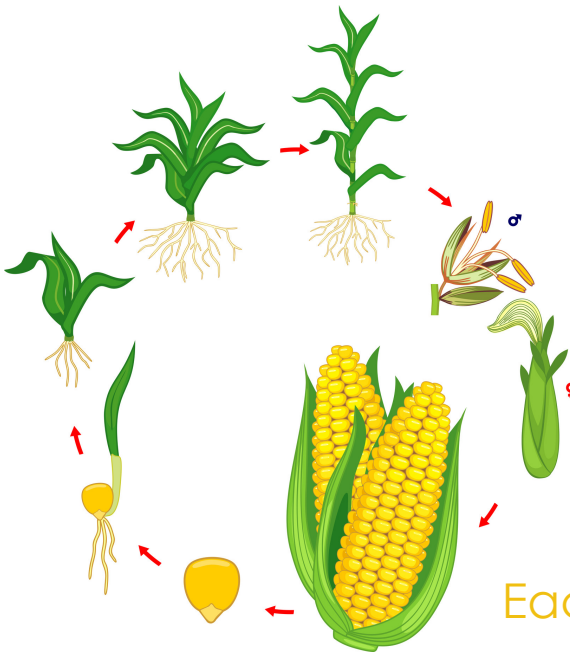
Colorado grows over **133 MILLION pounds** of sweet corn each year.

All **50 states** grow sweet corn – find some at your local farmer's market!

In many other countries, corn is called “**maize.**”

Only **1%** of the corn grown in the U.S. is sweet corn.

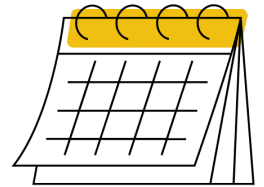
Corn is considered a **grain, fruit & vegetable.**



Colorado is known for growing a variety of sweet corn called **Olathe.**

An ear of corn **ALWAYS** has an even number of rows.

Sweet corn is in *peak* season from **May - Sept.**



Around **800** kernels on each ear of corn.

Sweet corn is pollinated by the **wind.**

Sweet corn is the **ONLY** corn grown for **human** consumption.

Each stalk produces **1 - 3** ears of corn.

Hoffman Farms



Hoffman Farms is a **family owned & operated** farm that started in **2014**.

Greeley-Evans School District 6 was the **FIRST** school district that Hoffman Farms worked with for **Farm to School**.

Hanmei & Derrick's **3 children** are all **D6 students**.



Hanmei & Derrick are **BOTH 3^{rd.} generation farmers**.



30% of Hoffman Farms' total harvest this year will be **served in D6 schools**.

Located only **5 miles** from Greeley-Evans School District 6!

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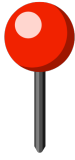
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Peaches

Peaches account for **75%** of all fruit grown in Colorado.

Colorado is home to **2,400+** acres of peach orchards.

2 Main Varieties of Peaches:

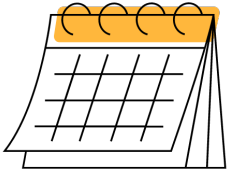


Most peaches in Colorado are grown in **Mesa, Delta, Montrose & Montezuma** counties.

- 1.clingstone
2. freestone

AUGUST

National Peach Month



1 peach tree can produce up to **66 pounds** of fruit per year.

“Persian Plum”



Peaches are harvested by **HAND**.

Once pollinated, peaches take **3-5 months** to mature.



Peach trees can produce fruit for **12 years**.

Peach trees usually grow to be around **25 feet tall**.



Rogers Mesa Fruit



Rogers Mesa Fruit **packs & markets** fruit grown on **5 family farms**.



The farms that grow for Rogers Mesa Fruit water their crops with **snow melt run-off**.



Rogers Mesa Fruit's produce is grown in **Western Colorado**.

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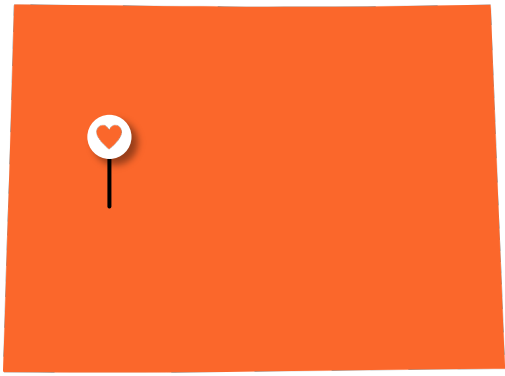


Supplies a **wide variety** of fruits.

These farms that grow for Rogers Mesa Fruit average **80 acres** each.

"Some of the **sweetest** fruits."

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Hotchkiss, CO 81419



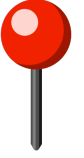
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Colorado

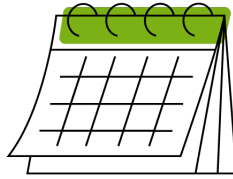
Apples

Colorado apples are in season from **August - October**.

Most apples grown in Colorado are from **Delta county**.



4 Common Colorado Apple Varieties:



1. Gala
2. Jonathan
3. Jonagold
4. Honey Crisp

2,500



varieties of apples are grown in the United States.

All of the U.S. produces **250** million bushels of apples each year.



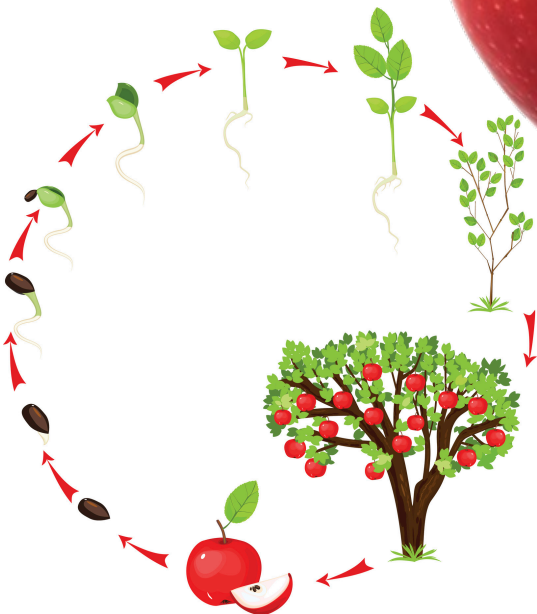
apples make **1** gallon of cider.



An **apple blossom** is the flower that comes from an apple tree.

An apple tree takes at least **4 years** to start producing fruit.

Most apples are still all **HAND-PICKED**.





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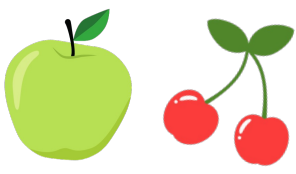
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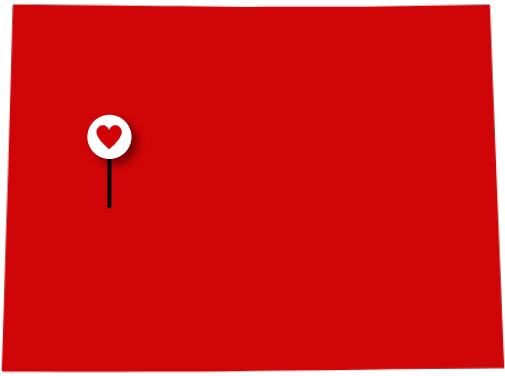
Supplies a **diverse selection** of crops.



Rogers Mesa Fruit is certified **organic**.

Their current location was established in **1981**.

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Carrots

Carrots grown in Colorado tend to be **sweeter** because of the climate.

Carrots are
88%
water.

Carrots take
4 months
to complete
growing.

Colorado's **Rocky Mountain climate** is ideal for carrots to reach full **ripening, color & flavor** potential.

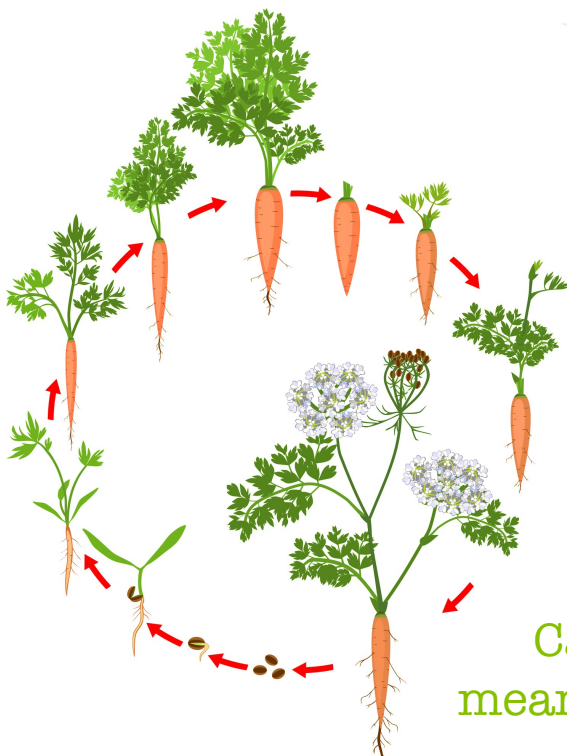
Carrots are the **2nd most popular** vegetable in the world.

2,000 carrot seeds fit in **1 teaspoon**.

Carrots can survive entire **WINTERS** underground!

The world record for the longest carrot is over **19 feet!**

Carrots are **biennials**, which means they have a **2-year** life cycle.

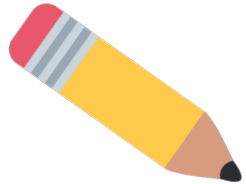




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Hoffman Farms started out with **3 acres** of land in **2014** and has grown to now over **100 acres** of land.

Hoffman Farms grow some of their crops in a **greenhouse.**

Family owned & operated!



Hoffman Farms grows a **WIDE** variety of crops.



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Milk

Colorado is home to **300+** dairy farms & **200,000** dairy cows.

5.3 BILLION pounds of milk is produced in Colorado each year.

Nearly **98%** of U.S. dairy farms are family owned & operated.

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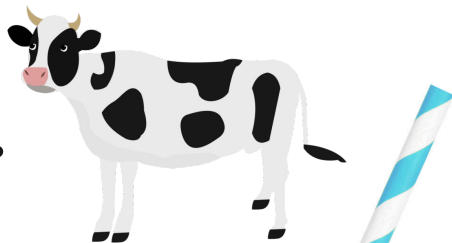
Breeds of Dairy Cows:

1. Ayrshire
2. Brown Swiss
3. Guernsey
4. Holstein
5. Jersey
6. Milking Shorthorn

Holstein cows all have a **unique pattern of spots!**

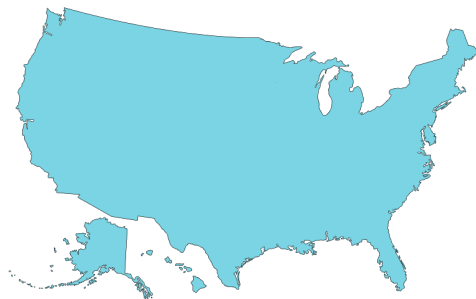
1 cow produces around **6 gallons** of milk per day.

The reason milk is white is because it contains **“casein”** - a type of protein.



Farmers measure milk in **pounds**.

ALL 50 states have dairy farms!



The U.S. produces **~21 BILLION** gallons of milk each year.

Milk is the source of **ALL** dairy products!



Dairy Farmers of America



Dairy Farmers of America is a group of nearly **11,000 dairy farmers** across the U.S.

ALL Dairy Farmers of America dairy farms are **family owned & operated.**



"We work to preserve the ability to pass down the farm to the next generation."

DFA is a group of **6,000** dairy farms.



Greeley-Evans School District 6 serves **Meadow Gold** milk - a DFA brand.



Englewood, CO.



Meadow Gold is the Intermountain Region's **largest full-service dairy.**

Meadow Gold has **6 dairy farm locations.**



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Barley



Corn



Peaches



Potatoes



Sugar Beets



Sunflowers



Wheat