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# Port Huron Area School District

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



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# FARM to SCHOOL

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*Feeding Kids is a Work of Heart*

# FARMERS MARKET FRIDAYS

Port Huron Area School District Nutrition Services  
is proud to be participating in **Farmers Market Fridays**  
serving Michigan crops and celebrating local farmers.



Sweet Corn



Apples



Cucumbers



Cherries

Michigan

# Sweet Corn

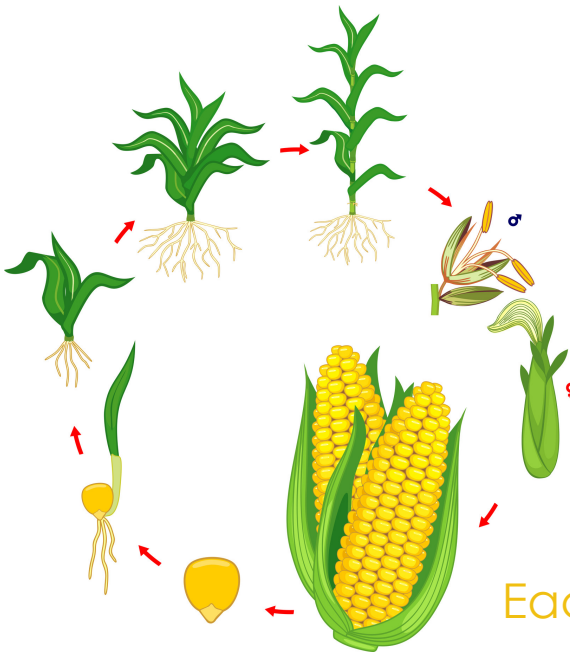
Michigan grows over **86 MILLION pounds** of sweet corn each year.

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.

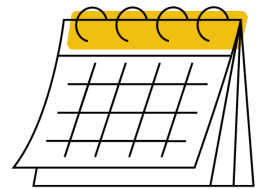
Corn is considered a **grain, fruit & vegetable.**



Nearly **10,000 acres** of sweet corn is grown in Michigan.

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.

# Hulett Farms



Hulett Farms is a **family owned & operated** farm known for their **sweet corn**.

Todd Hulett started selling corn in **1980**.

Hulett Farms is owned by **Todd Hulett** - also known as **“The Corn Man”**.

Hulett Farms grows some of their crops in a **greenhouse**.



Hulett Farms **farm market** is open from **July - October**.



Hulett Farms grows sweet corn on **45 acres** of land.



Hulett Farms also grows a **wide variety** of other crops.

**3511 Pine Grove Ave.  
Port Huron, MI 48060**

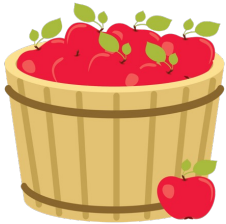


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# Apples

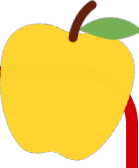
Michigan is home to over **14 MILLION** apple trees.

Apples are the **largest & most valuable** crop grown in MI.



Michigan harvests **24 MILLION** bushels of apples each year.

**2,500**



varieties of apples are grown in the United States.

Michigan apples are in season from **August - June.**

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



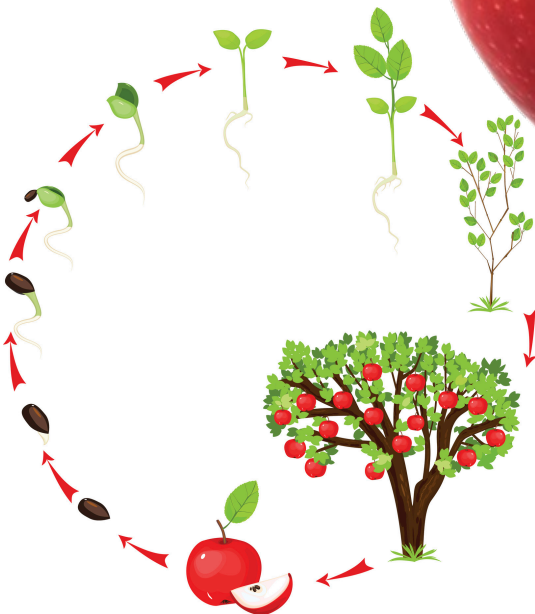
apples make **1** gallon of cider.



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.**



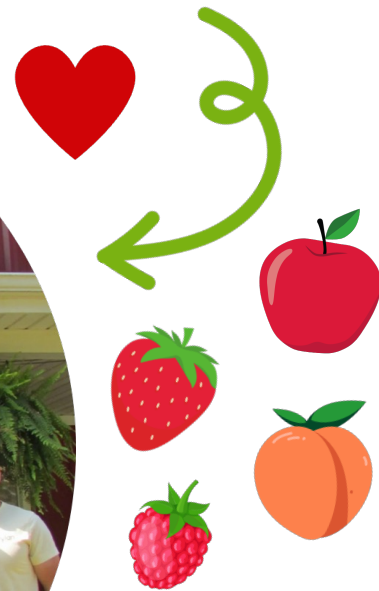
# McCallum's Orchard



McCallum's Orchard has been an operational apple orchard for **90+ years**.

As of 2023, McCallum's Orchard is now owned & operated by the **Radatz family**.

McCallum's Orchard welcomes visitors to pick their own fruit!



McCallum's Orchard is on **80 acres** of land.

McCallum's Orchard grows a **wide variety** of fruits.



McCallum's Orchard makes their own **apple cider!**

**5697 Harris Rd.  
Grant, MI 48032**



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# Cucumbers

Michigan is the **#1** cucumber producing state in the U.S.

Michigan harvests over **450 MILLION pounds** of cucumbers each year.

Cucumbers can be grown without the use of soil – this is called **hydroponics**.

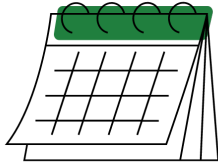
Cucumbers are

**90%**

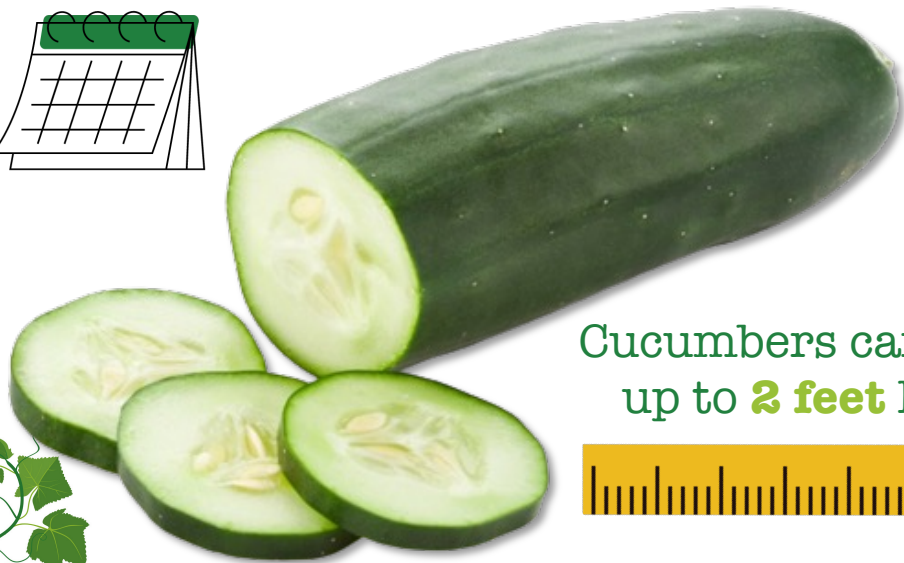
water.



Cucumbers take **12 weeks** to produce fruit after being planted.



**60** million tons grown worldwide each year.



They are a **fruit!**

Cucumbers can grow up to **2 feet** long!



The large leaves on the cucumber plant provides **shade** for the developing fruit.



Bees are **essential** for the pollination of cucumbers.





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# Cherries

Traverse City, Michigan is known as the **Cherry Capital of the World.**



2 main types of cherries: **tart & sweet.**

Michigan grows **70%** of all **tart cherries** grown in the U.S.



**Cherry blossoms** bloom on the trees in the **spring.**



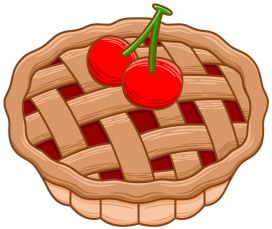
Michigan is home to around **4 MILLION** tart cherry trees.

Cherry trees start to produce fruit **3 - 4 years** after planting.

Over **1,000** varieties.



**An entire cherry tree can be harvested in just 7 seconds.**

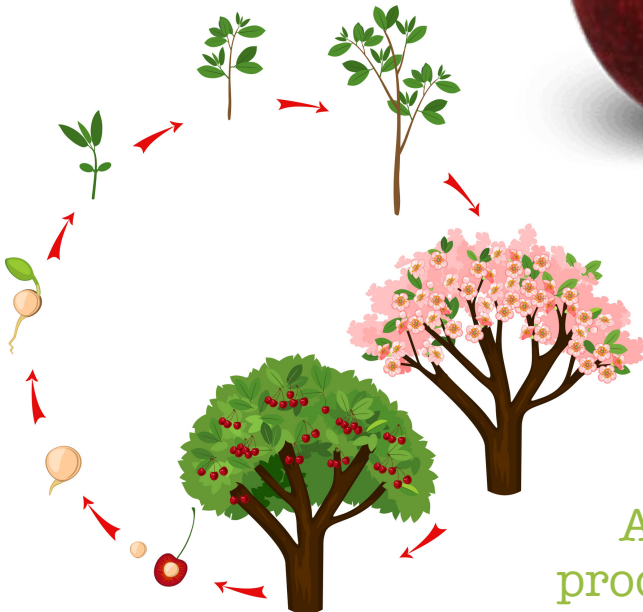


Tart cherries are most often used for **baking.**

Cherry trees can grow up to **33 feet** in height!

A typical cherry tree produces ~ **7,000** cherries/year.

A cherry tree can survive and produce fruit for around **100** years.



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# Milk

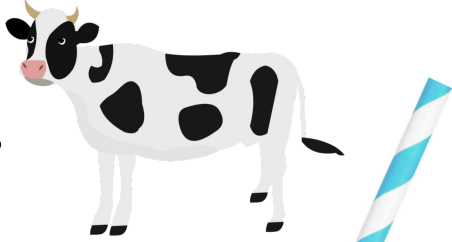


Michigan is home to **900+** dairy farms & **445,000** dairy cows.

**11.6 BILLION** pounds of milk is produced in Michigan each year.

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

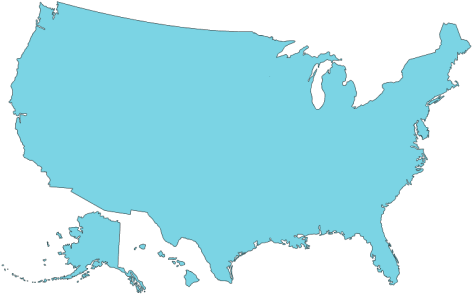
## 6 Breeds of Dairy Cows:



**ALL 50** states have dairy farms!

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

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



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

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

Farmers measure milk in **pounds**.

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

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





# Prairie Farms



Prairie Farms is a **farmer-owned cooperative** that was started in **1938**.

**Sustainability** is very important to Prairie Farms.

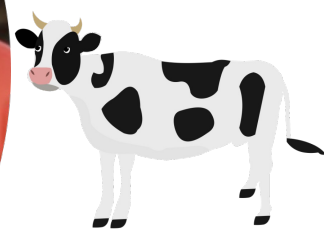


Their 600+ dairy farms are located in **16 states**.

Prairie Farms is made up of **600+ family-owned** dairy farms.



Each of the 600+ family-owned dairy farms is home to around **120 cows**.



“We hold ourselves to the **highest standards** of animal care.”



Prairie Farms **headquarters** is located in **Illinois**.



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**Edwardsville, IL 62025**



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Cabbage



Cherries



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Potatoes



Pumpkins



Rhubarb



Soybeans



Squash



Sugar Beets



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