

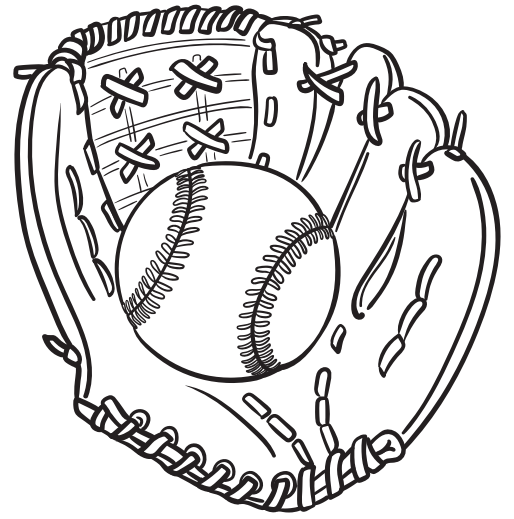
Alligators

Alligators are harvested for their hides and meat. The American Alligator is the largest reptile in North America and the Louisiana state reptile.

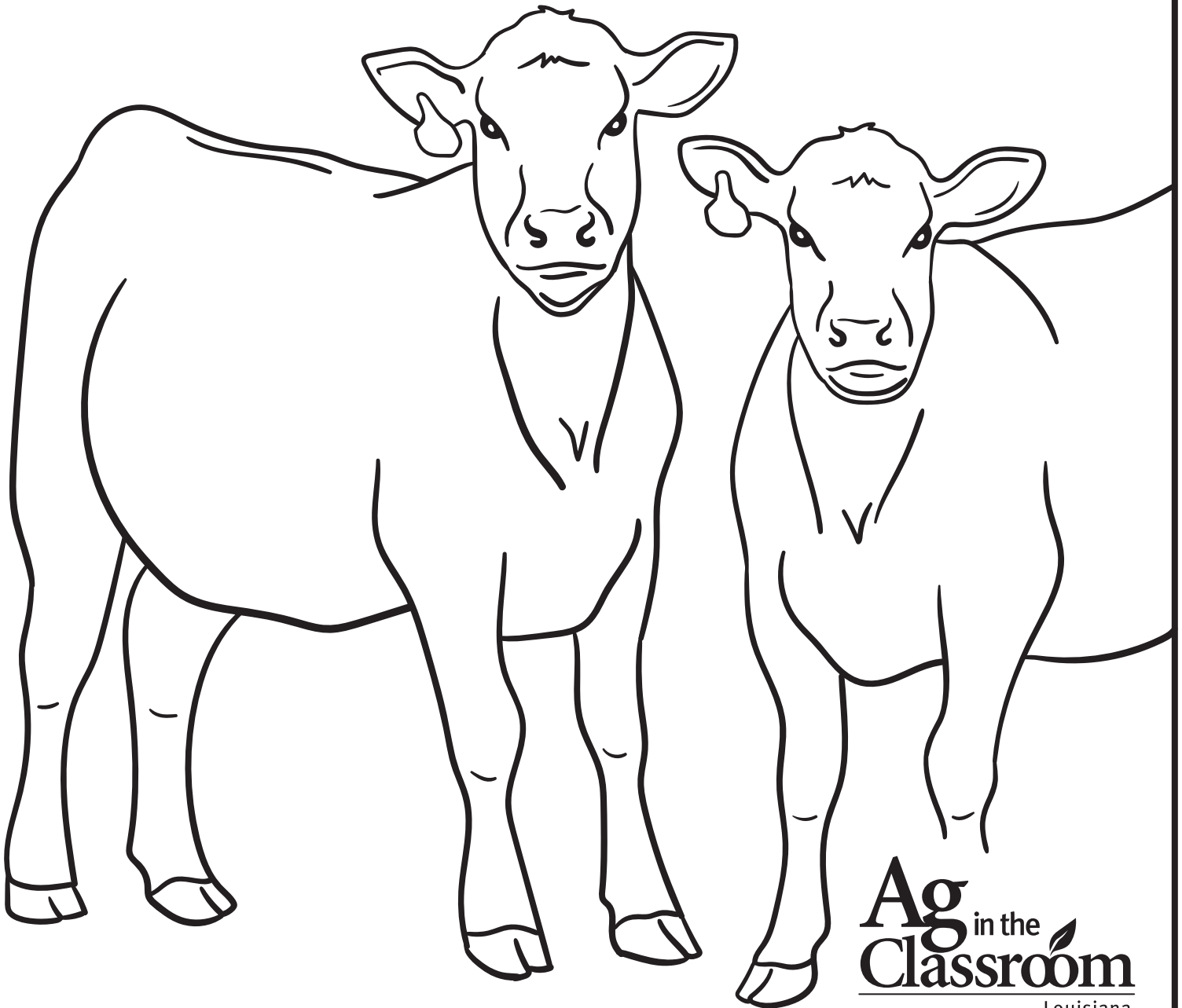


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Cattle



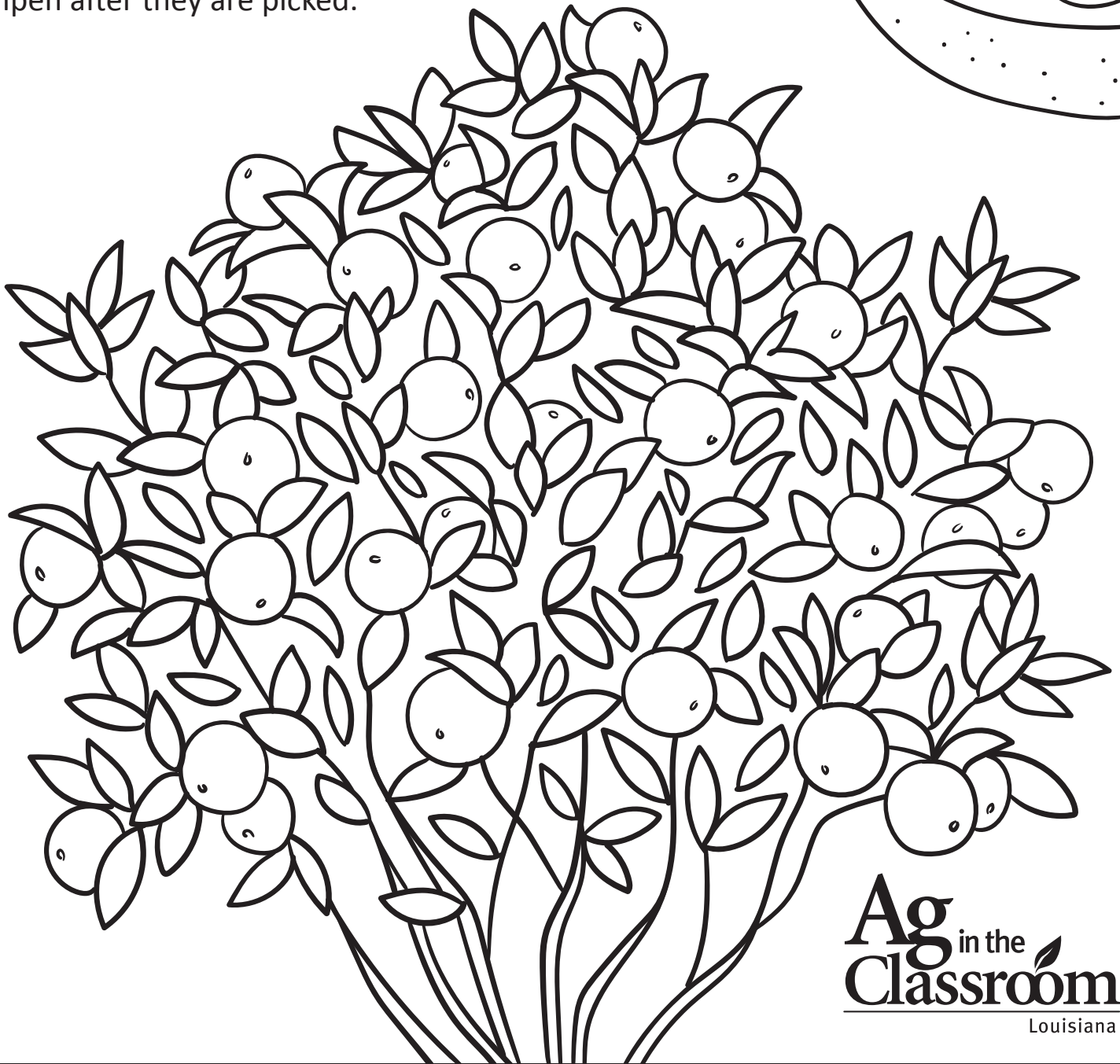
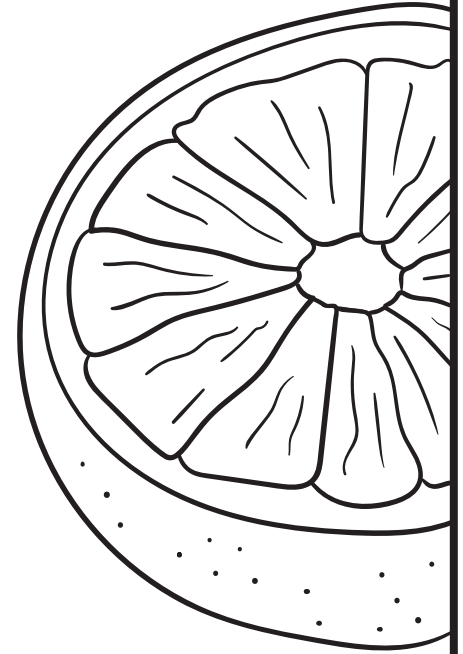
Cattle supply more than hamburgers, steaks and other nutritious meats. There are beef byproducts in baseball equipment, ice cream, soap, drywall, medicine and much more—99% of every cow is used!



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Citrus

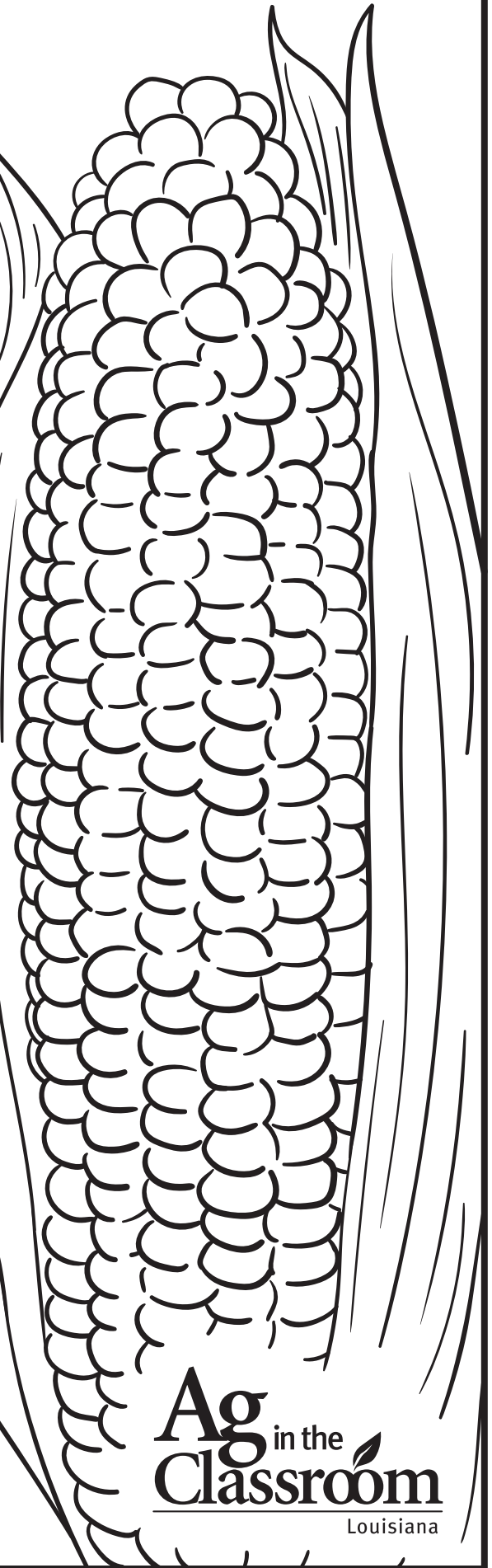
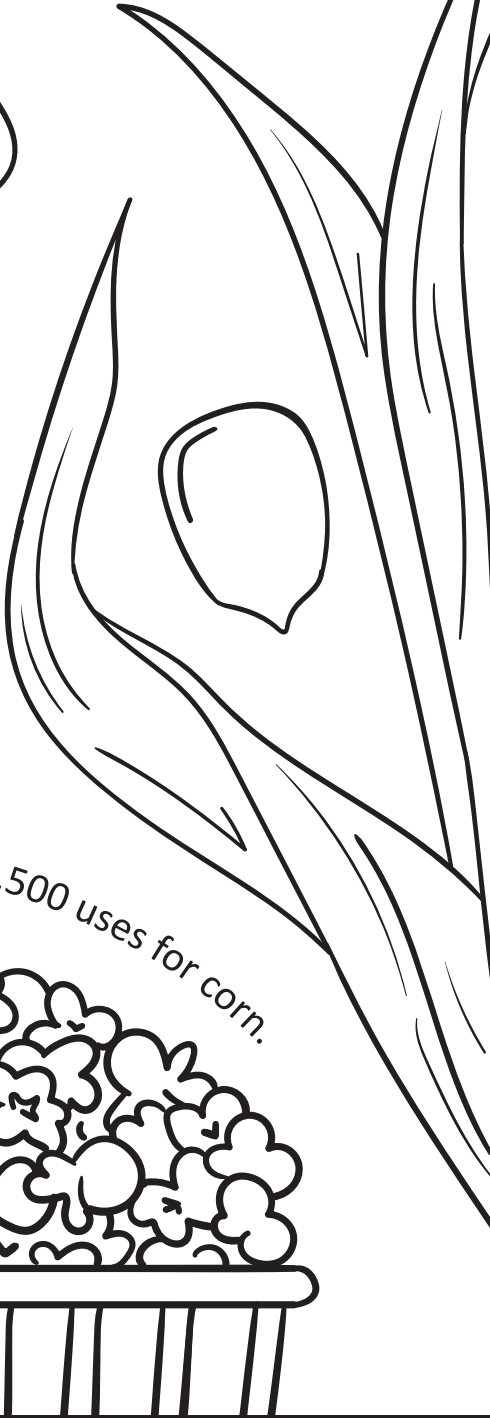
Louisiana citrus products include satsumas, navel oranges, mandarins, lemons, grapefruit and kumquats. Citrus fruits can be left on the tree without becoming overripe, and unlike many other fruits, citrus fruits do not continue to ripen after they are picked.



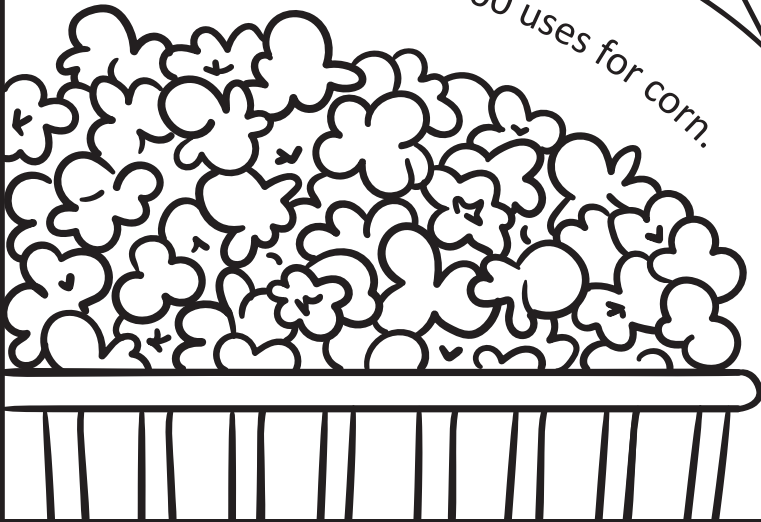
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Corn

Corn is the No. 1 crop grown in the United States. Corn is a grass native to America. Today, corn is grown on every continent except Antarctica.



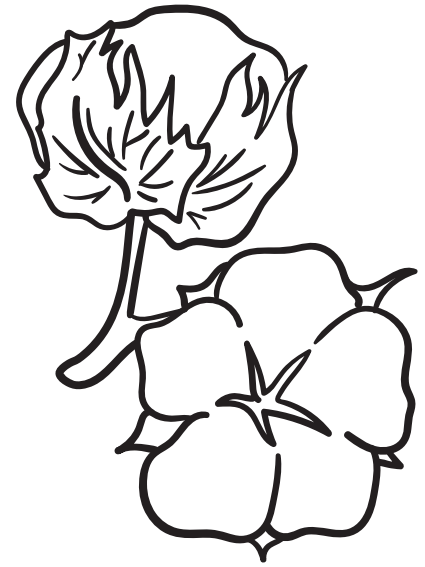
There are more than 3,500 uses for corn.



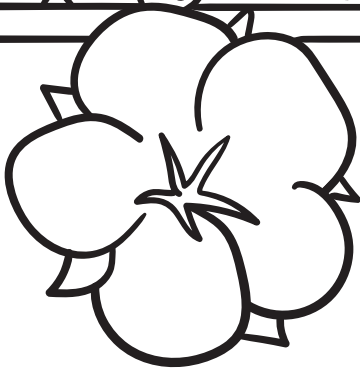
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Cotton

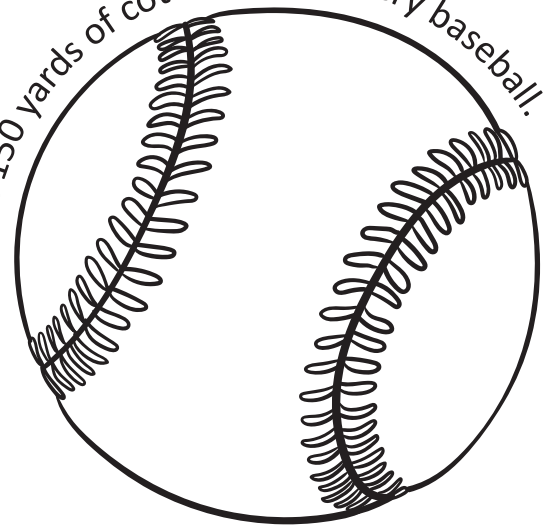
Cotton has hundreds of uses in our everyday lives.
The world uses cotton more than any other fiber.



U.S. dollar bills are made from cotton
and linen.



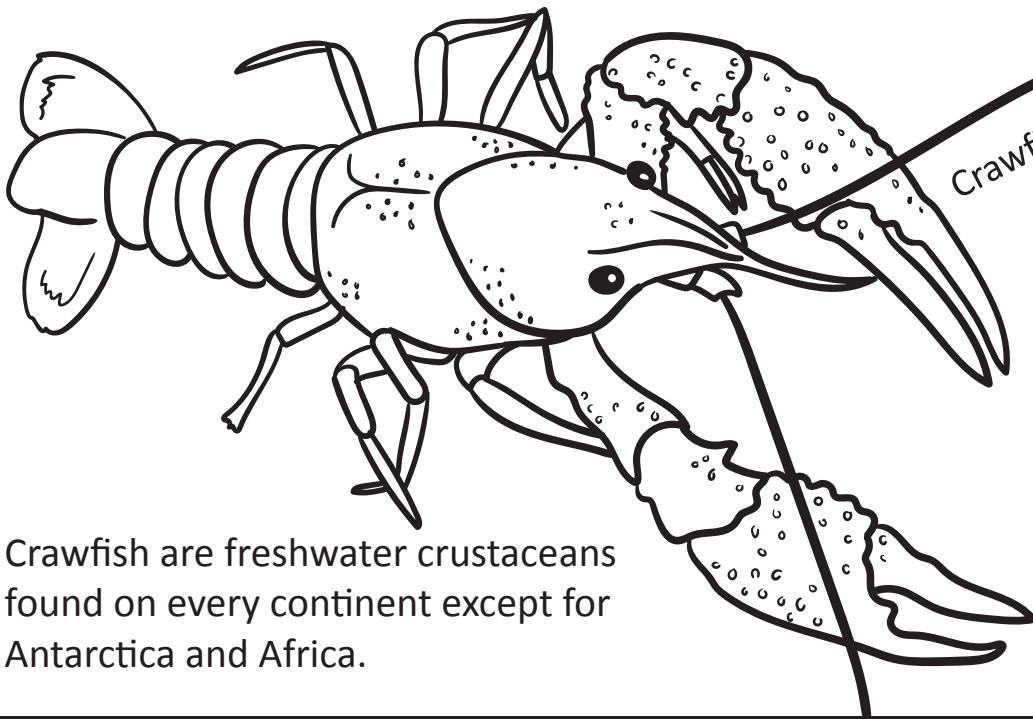
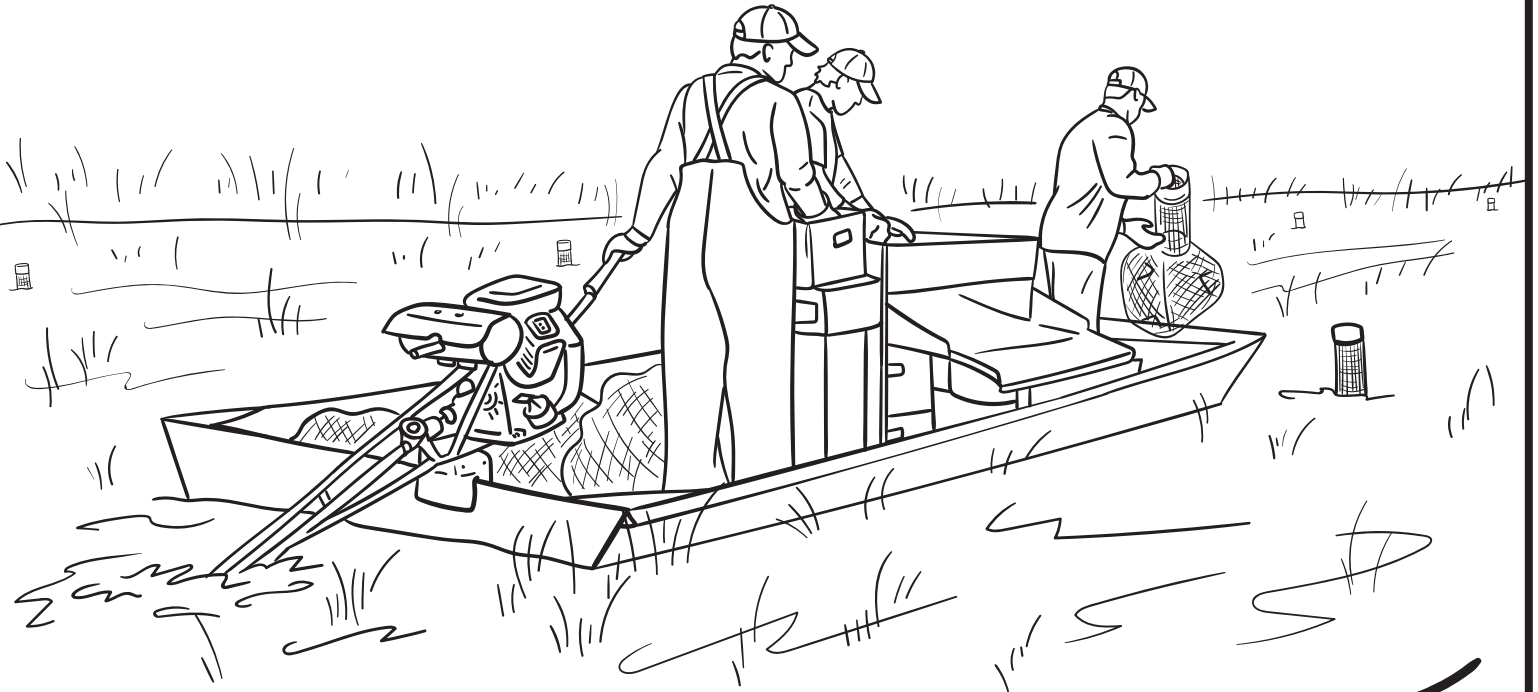
There are 150 yards of cotton inside every baseball!



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Crawfish

Louisiana is the No. 1 crawfish producer in the United States. Two main species make up the Louisiana harvest: the red swamp crawfish and the white river crawfish.



Crawfish is the state crustacean.

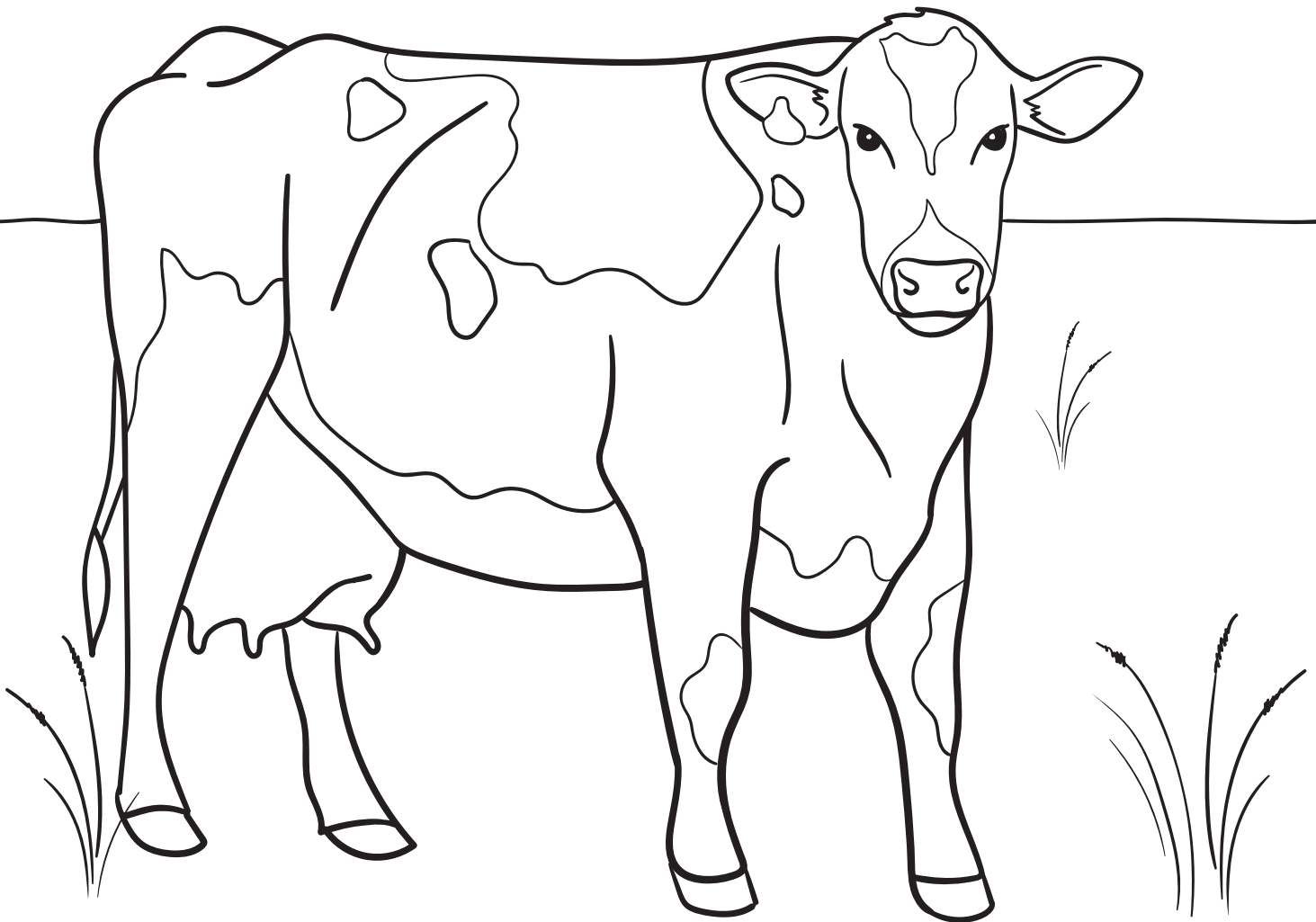
Crawfish are freshwater crustaceans found on every continent except for Antarctica and Africa.

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Dairy

A dairy cow can produce 12 gallons of milk per day. Ice cream, cheese, yogurt and butter are all products made from milk.

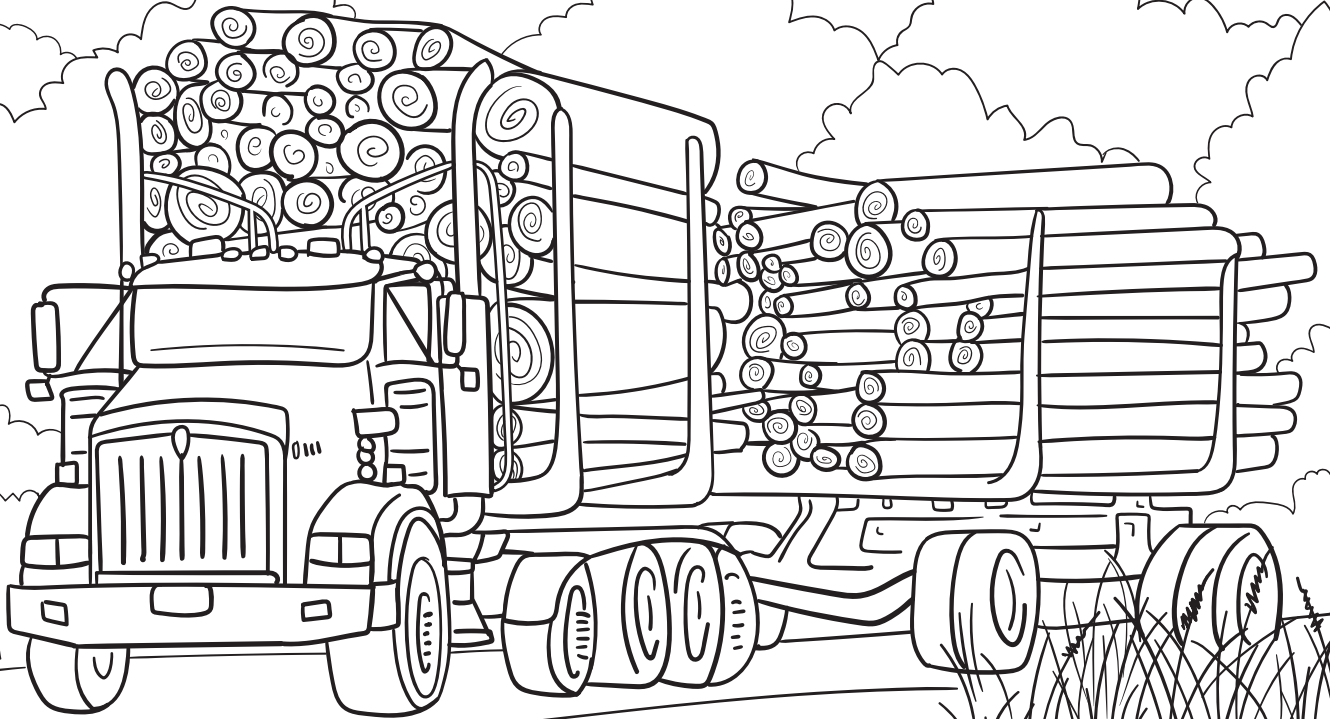


In Louisiana, the most common dairy cow is the Holstein, which is black and white.

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Forestry

Nearly half of Louisiana's land is a forest. Trees are the No. 1 crop and agricultural product in Louisiana. Products from timber include lumber, napkins, notebook paper, resin and turpentine.



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Hay



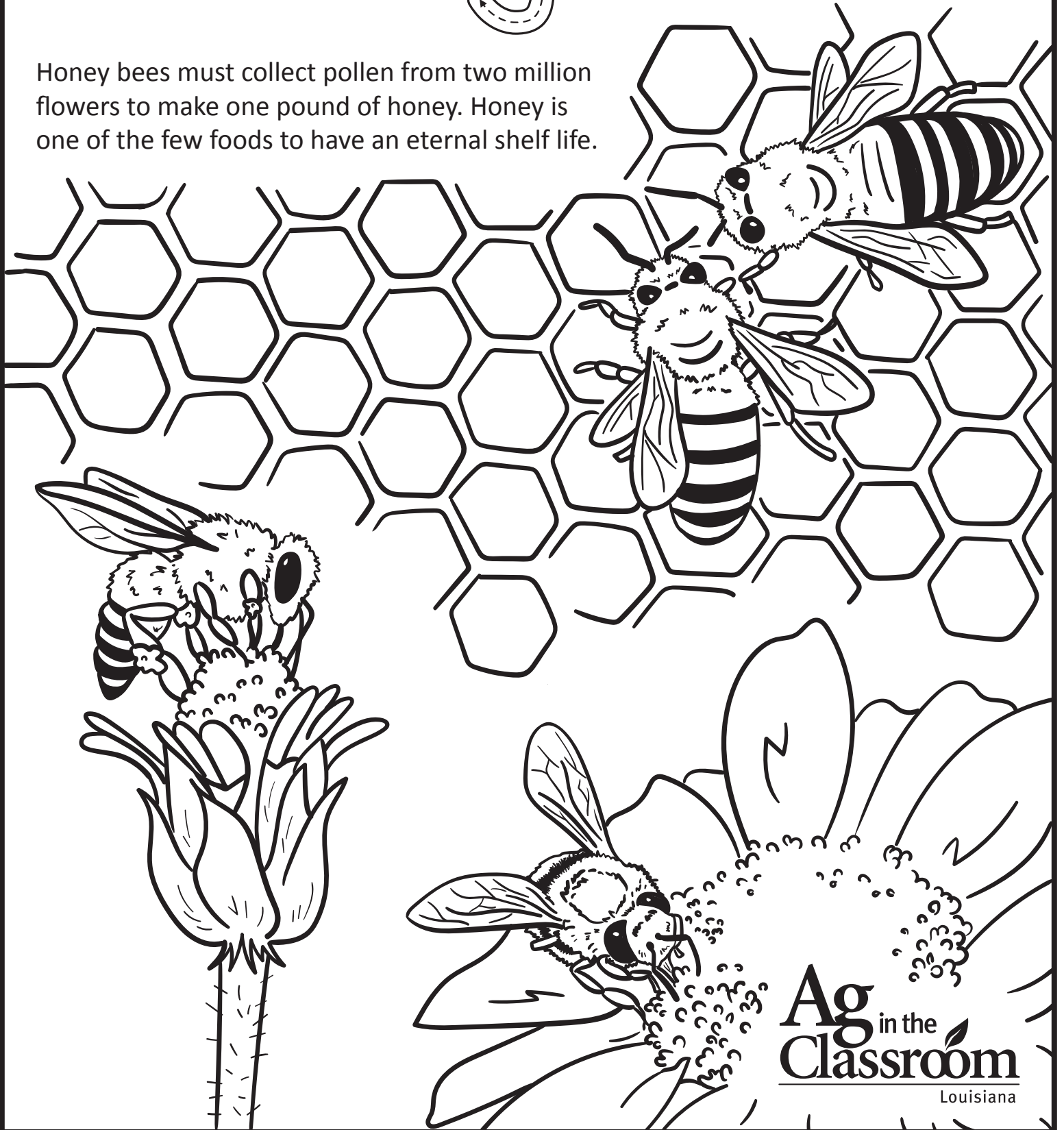
Hay is a grass, legume or other herbaceous plant that has been cut, dried, baled and stored for use as forage for livestock animals.



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Honey Bees

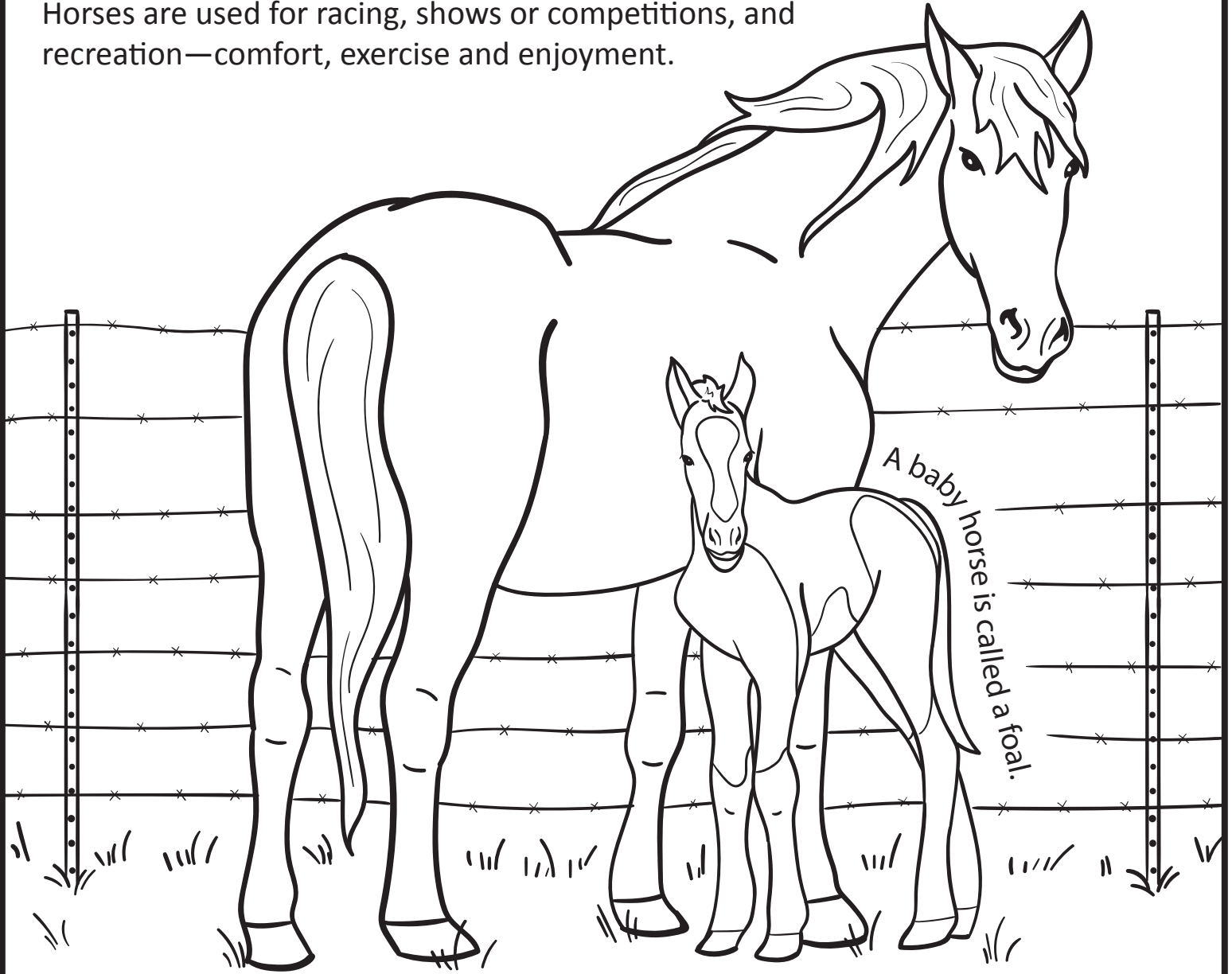
Honey bees must collect pollen from two million flowers to make one pound of honey. Honey is one of the few foods to have an eternal shelf life.



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Horses

Horses are used for racing, shows or competitions, and recreation—comfort, exercise and enjoyment.



A baby horse is called a foal.



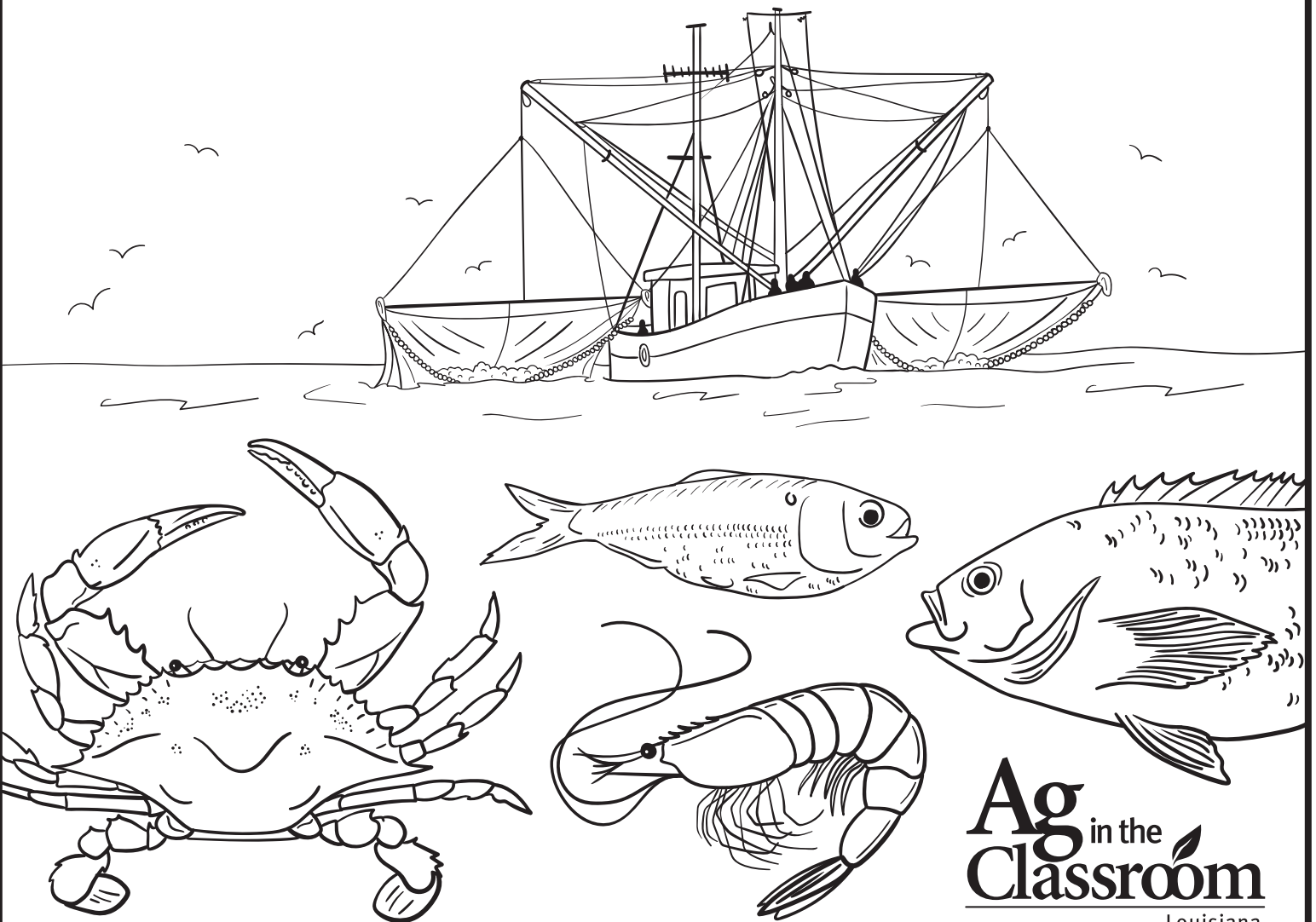
A horse is measured in hands, which is equal to 4 inches.
Can you color one hand?

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Marine Fisheries

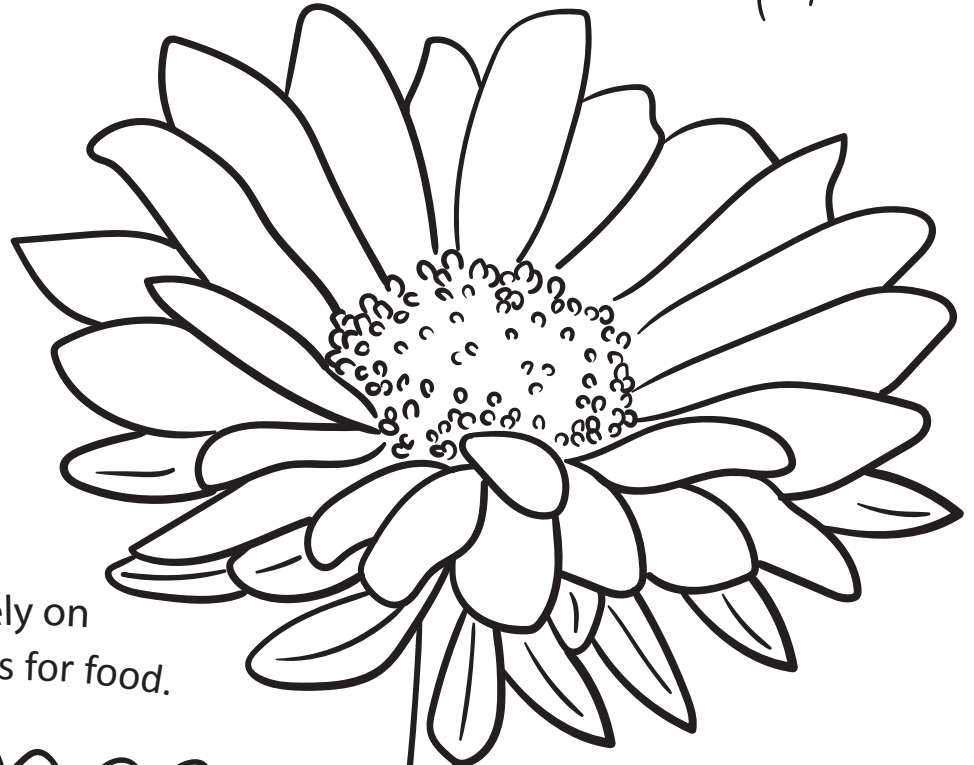
Marine fisheries consists of crabs, shrimp, menhaden and commercial finfish. Louisiana has the largest commercial fishery industry in the United States.



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Nursery

A nursery is a place where plants are propagated and grown to usable size. Nursery crops include flowers, plants, shrubs and trees for your home.



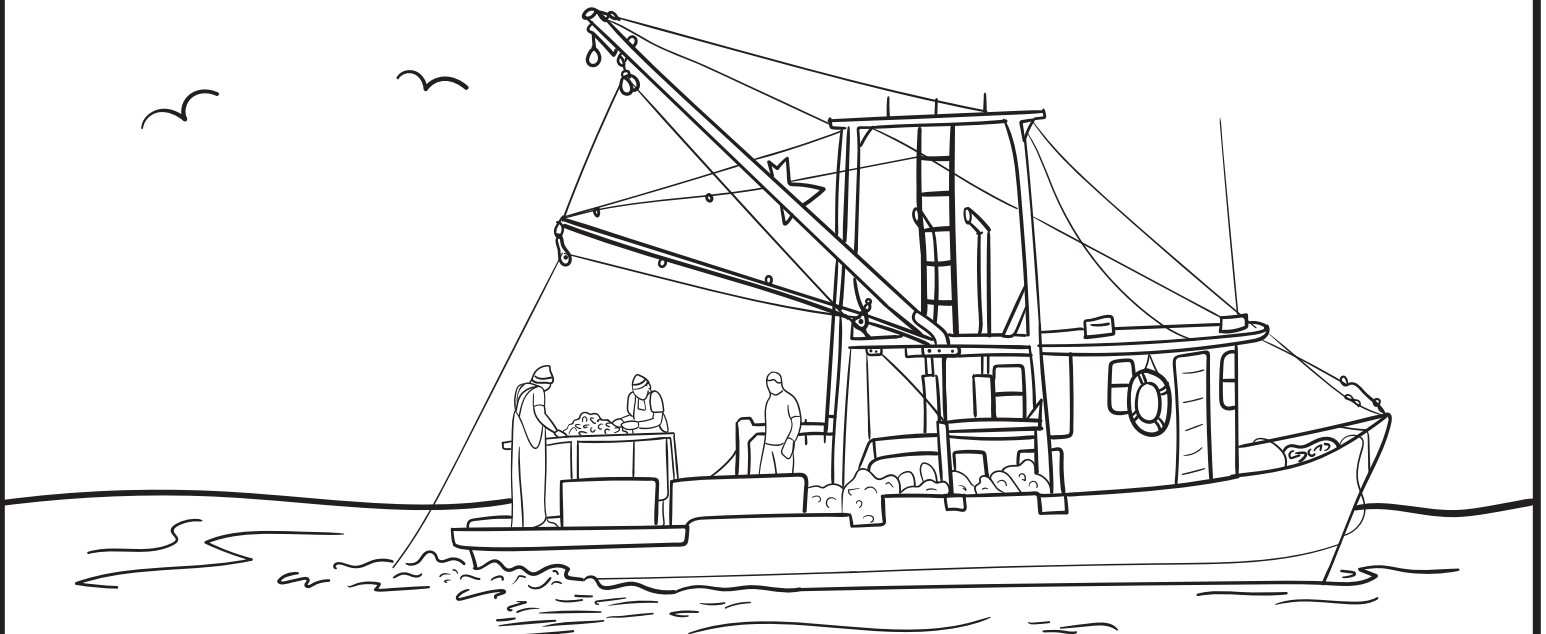
Bees and other pollinators rely on flowering plants for food.



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Oysters

Oysters grow in the rich coastal waters of Louisiana in large groups called reefs. Louisiana is the No. 1 producer of oysters in the United States.



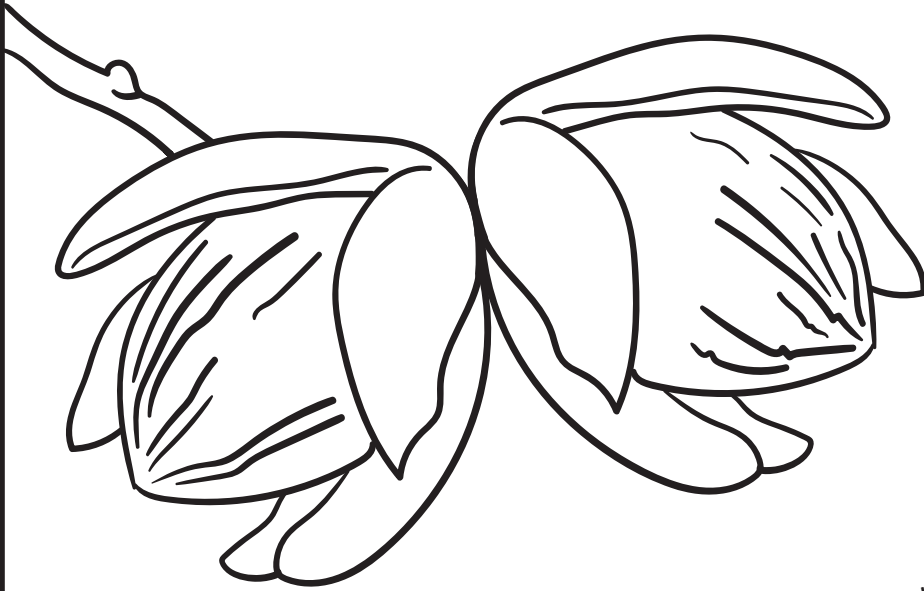
Did you know that pearls come from oysters?

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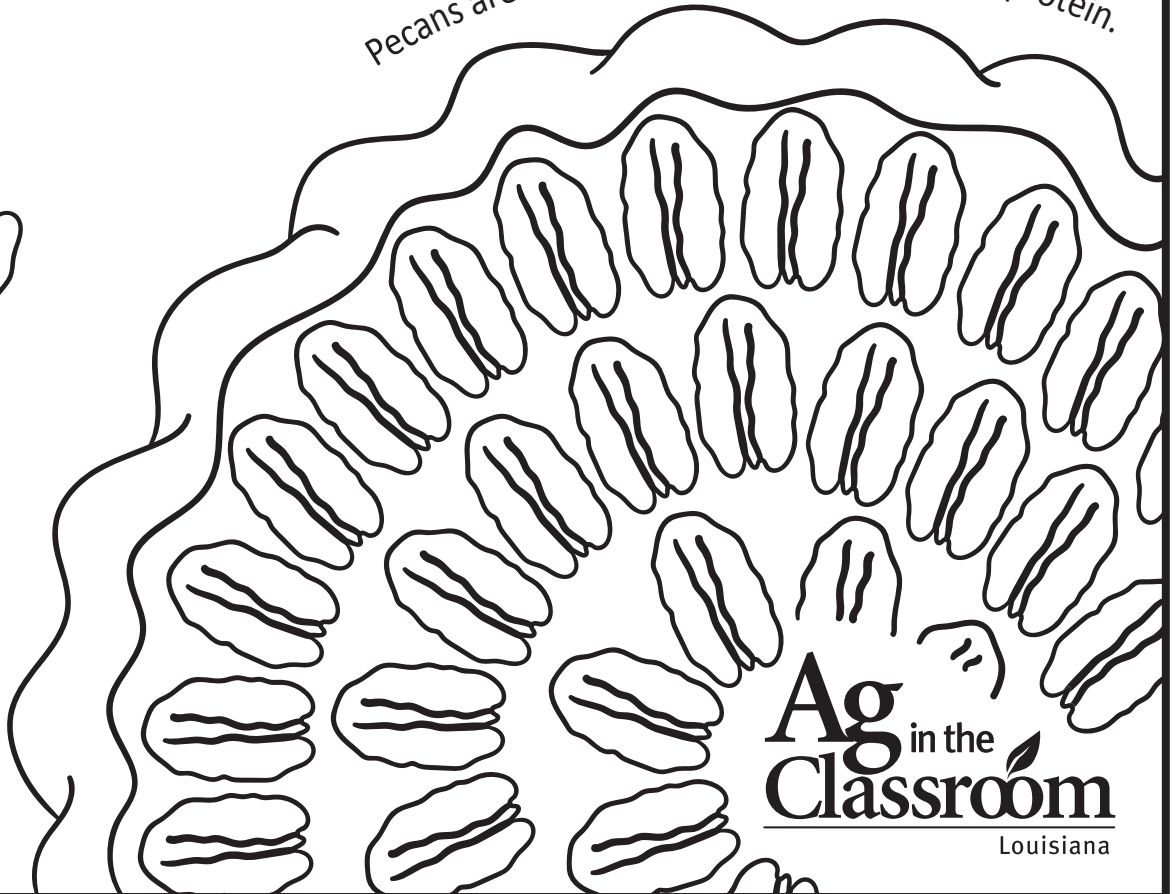
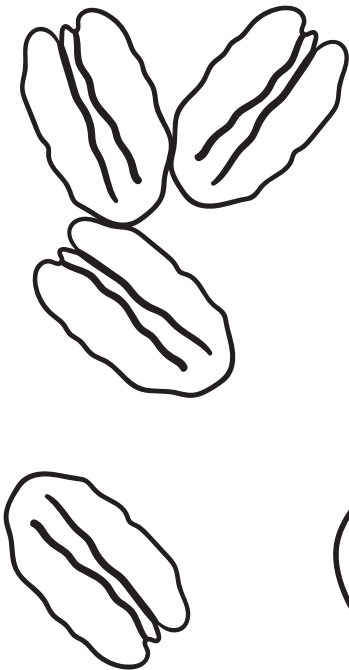
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Pecans

The United States is the world's leading producer of pecans.



Pecans are a natural, high-quality source of protein.



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Poultry

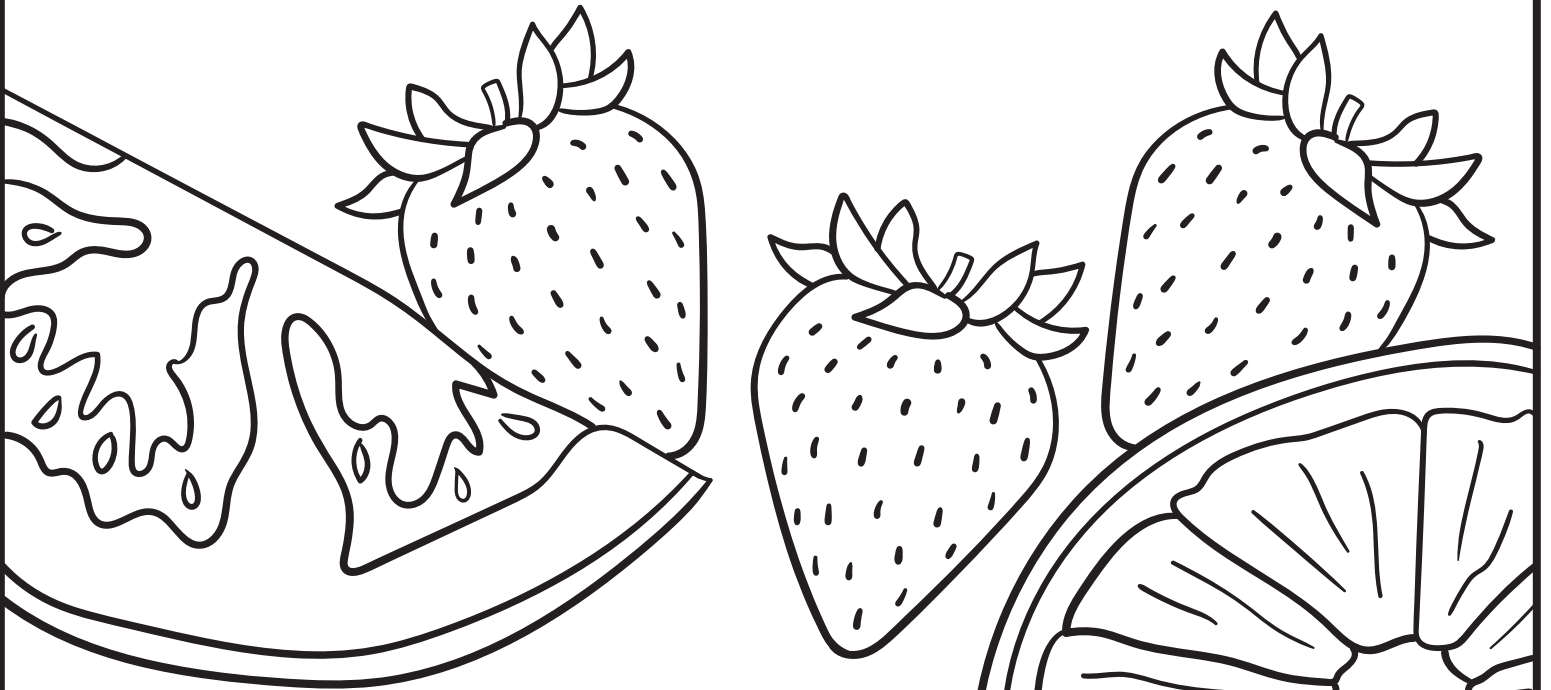
Chickens, ducks, and turkeys are the most common types of poultry—birds raised for their meat and eggs.



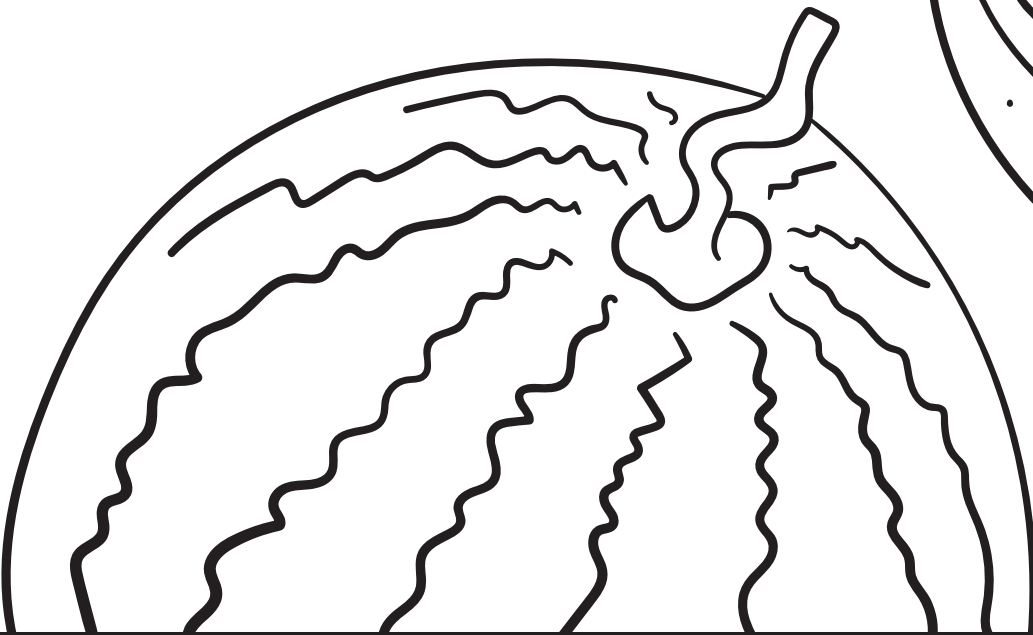
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Produce

Produce is a broad category that includes all fruits and vegetables grown in Louisiana. More than 60 different types of produce are grown commercially statewide.



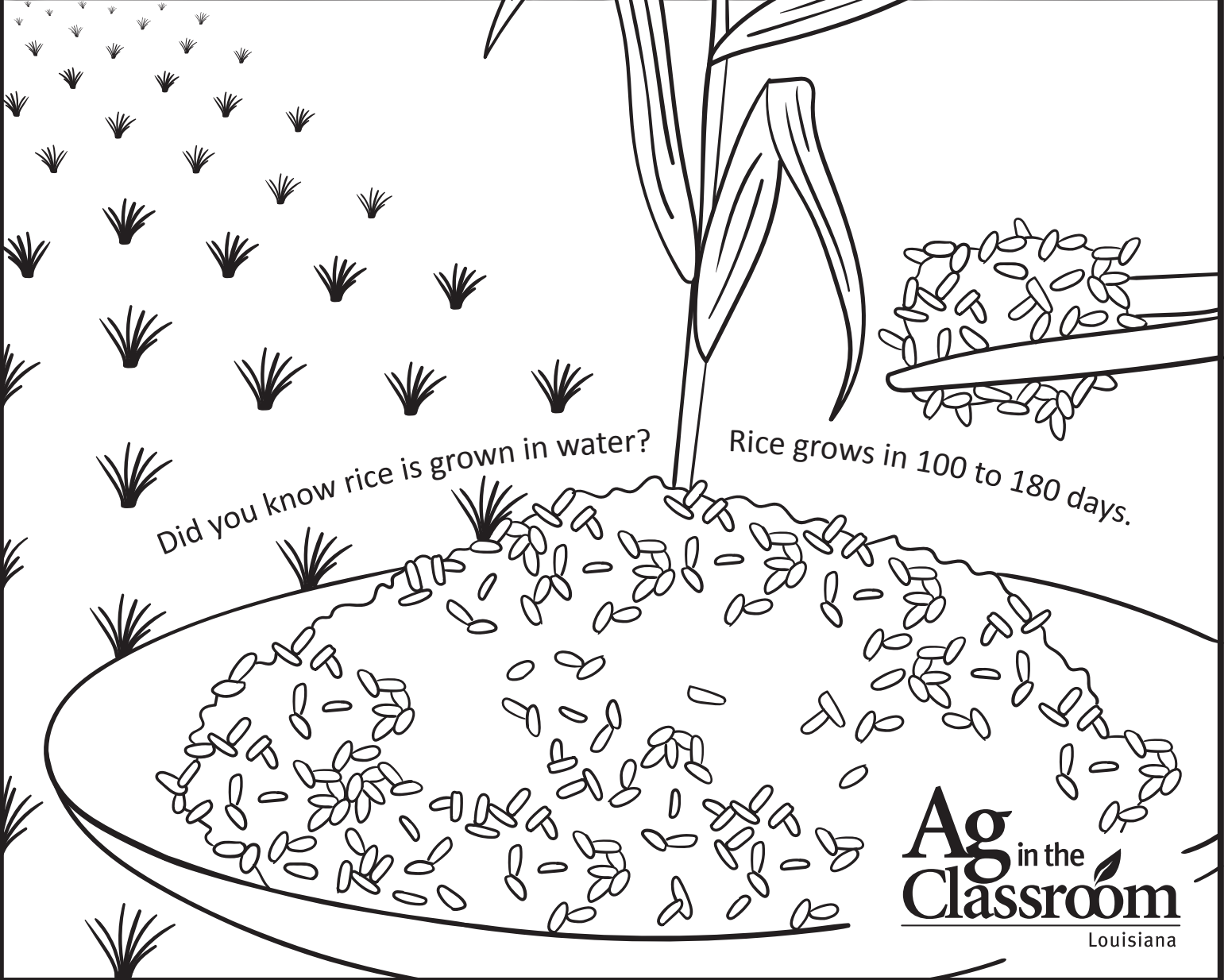
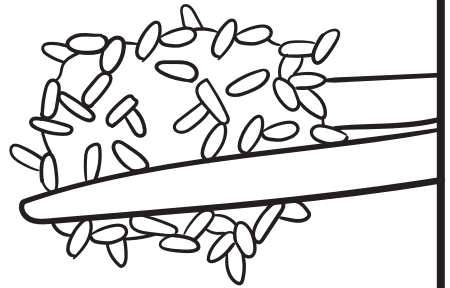
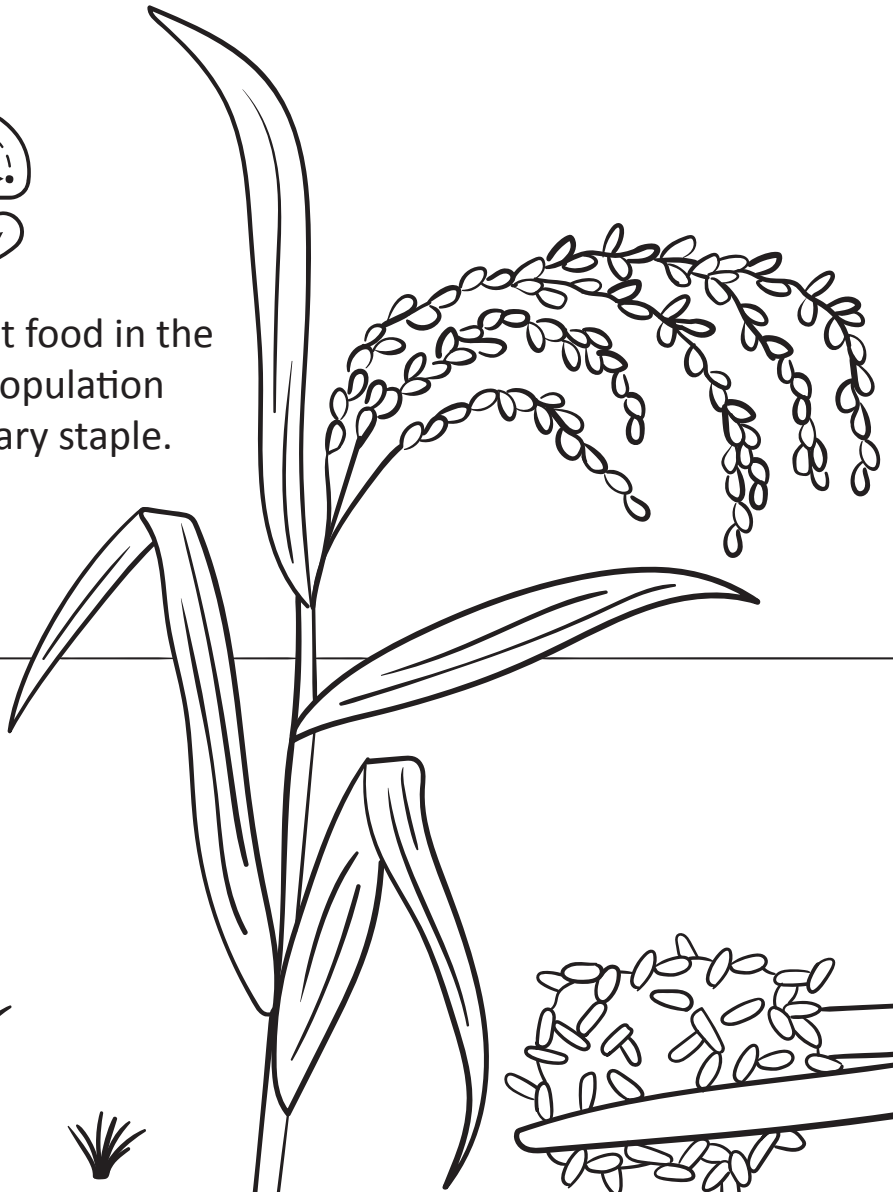
The top four types of produce grown in the state are tomatoes, watermelon, strawberries and satsumas.



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Rice

Rice is the single most important food in the world. One-half of the world's population depends on rice as its chief dietary staple.



Did you know rice is grown in water?

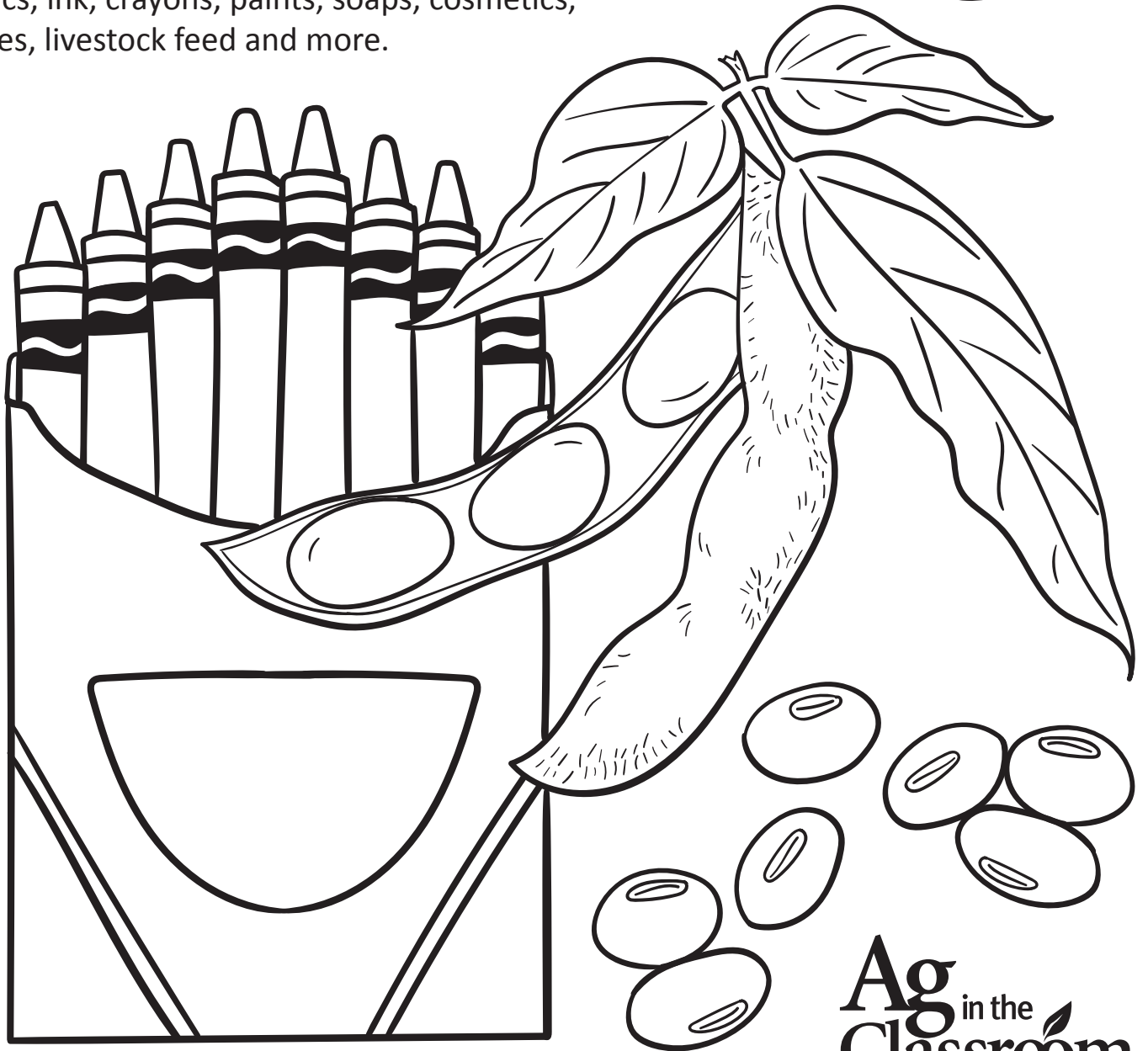
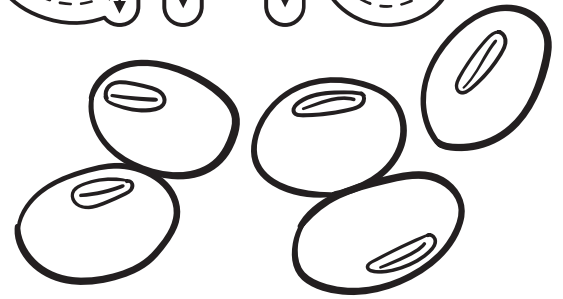
Rice grows in 100 to 180 days.

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Soybeans

The United States is the No. 1 producer of soybeans. Soybeans are used to make a variety of products including food, margarine, cooking oil, biodiesel, plastics, ink, crayons, paints, soaps, cosmetics, textiles, livestock feed and more.



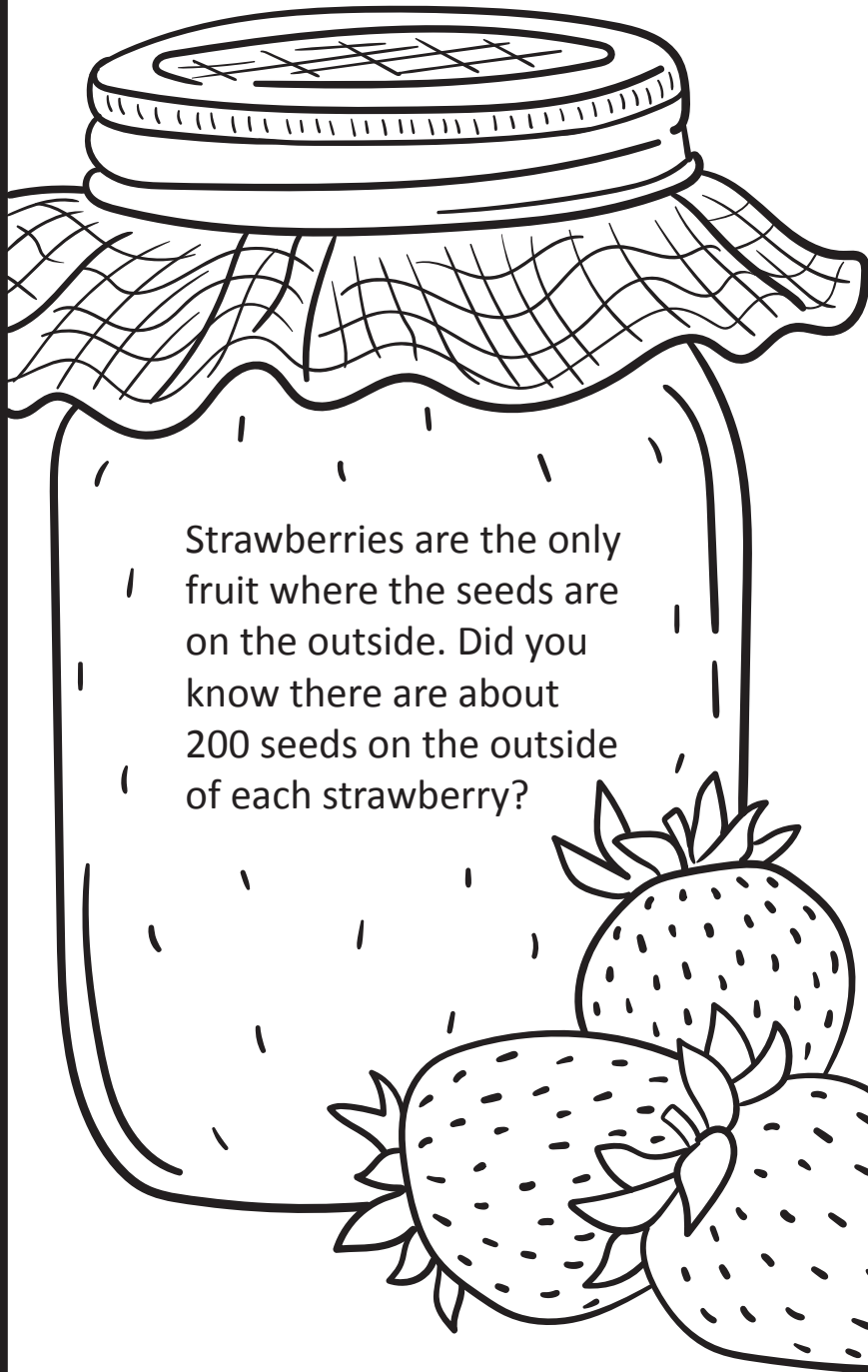
One acre of soybeans can produce 82,368 crayons.

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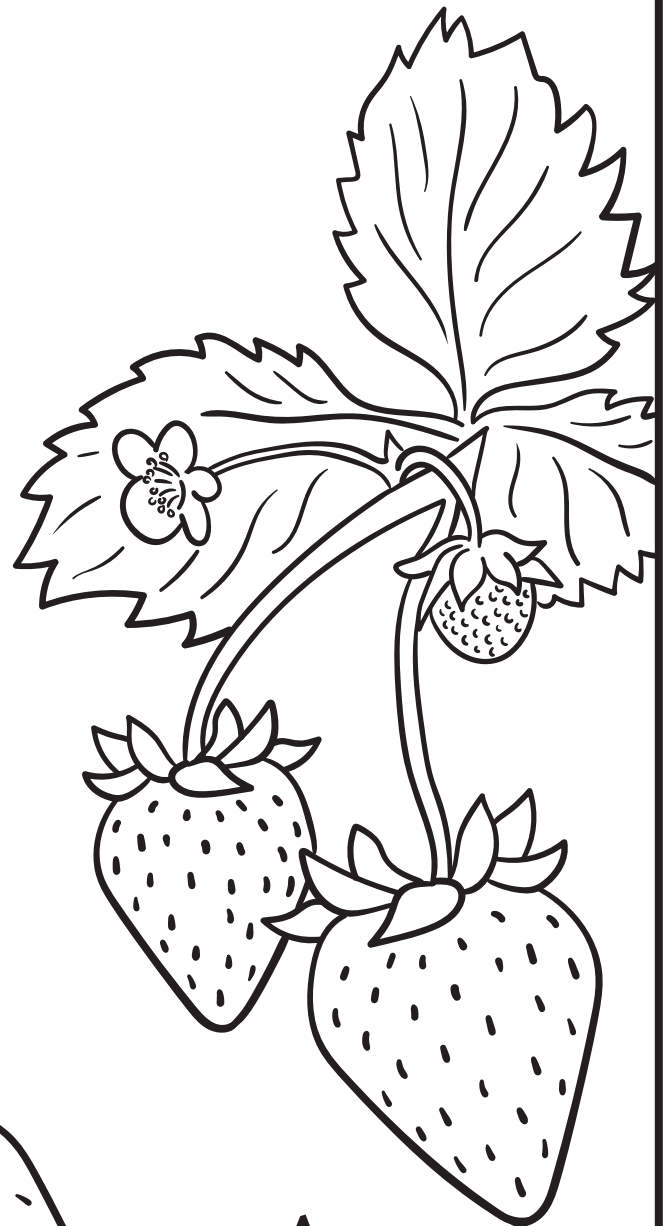
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Strawberries

Strawberries are a member of the rose family. After a strawberry plant blooms, it takes about one month to produce a ripe strawberry. Strawberry plants continually produce fruit and may be picked 2-3 times per week during harvest season.



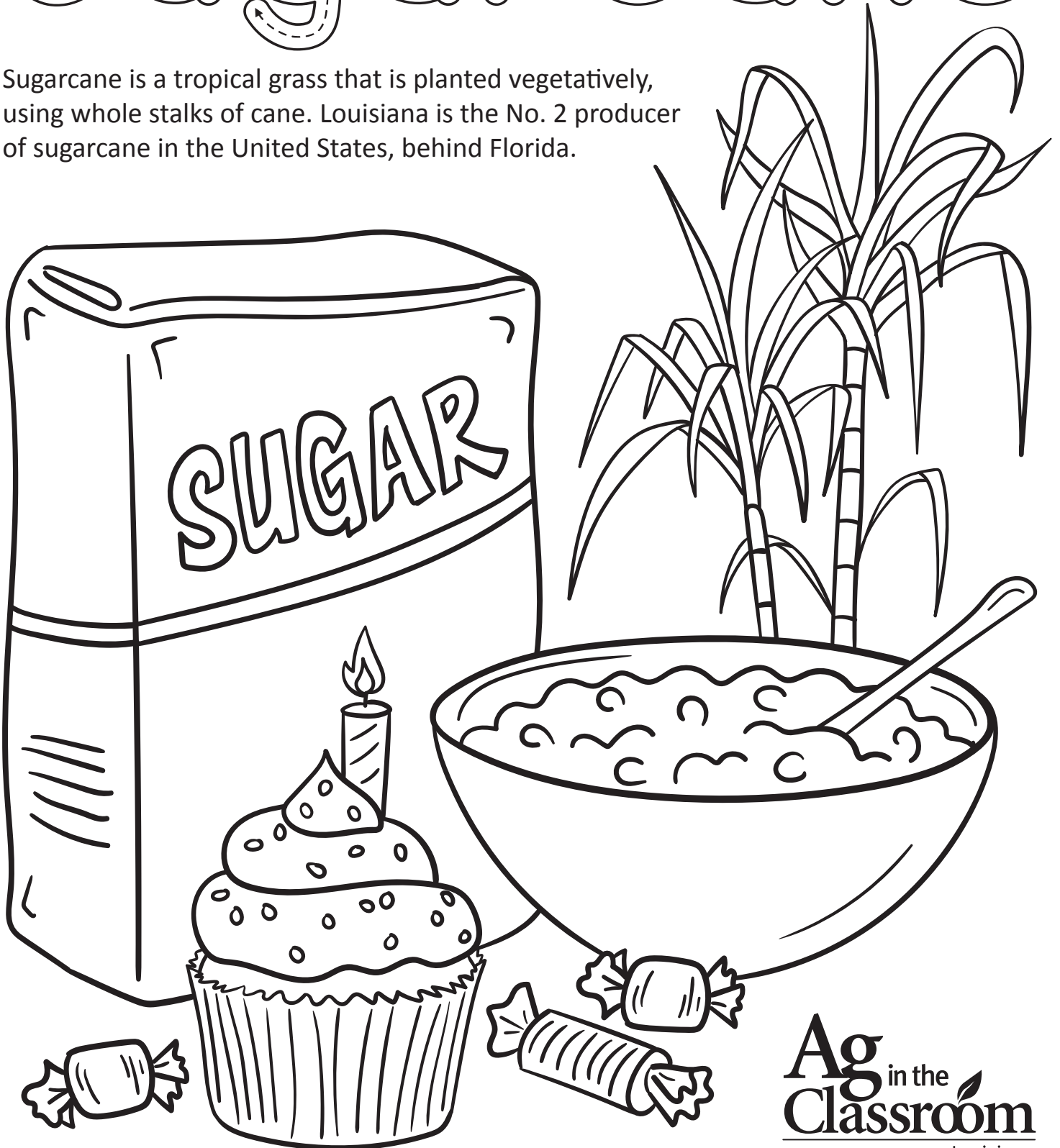
Strawberries are the only fruit where the seeds are on the outside. Did you know there are about 200 seeds on the outside of each strawberry?



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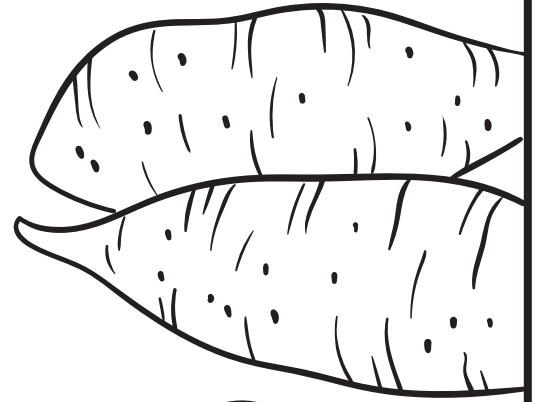
Sugarcane

Sugarcane is a tropical grass that is planted vegetatively, using whole stalks of cane. Louisiana is the No. 2 producer of sugarcane in the United States, behind Florida.



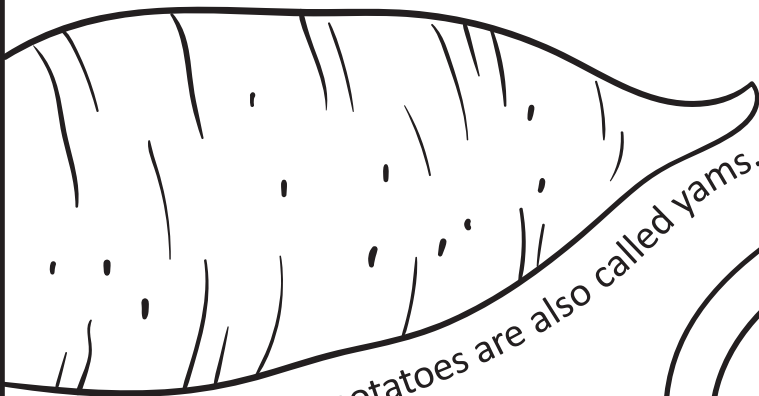
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Sweet

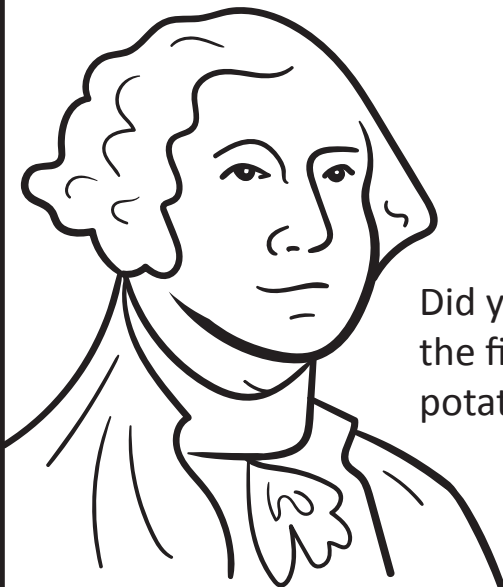
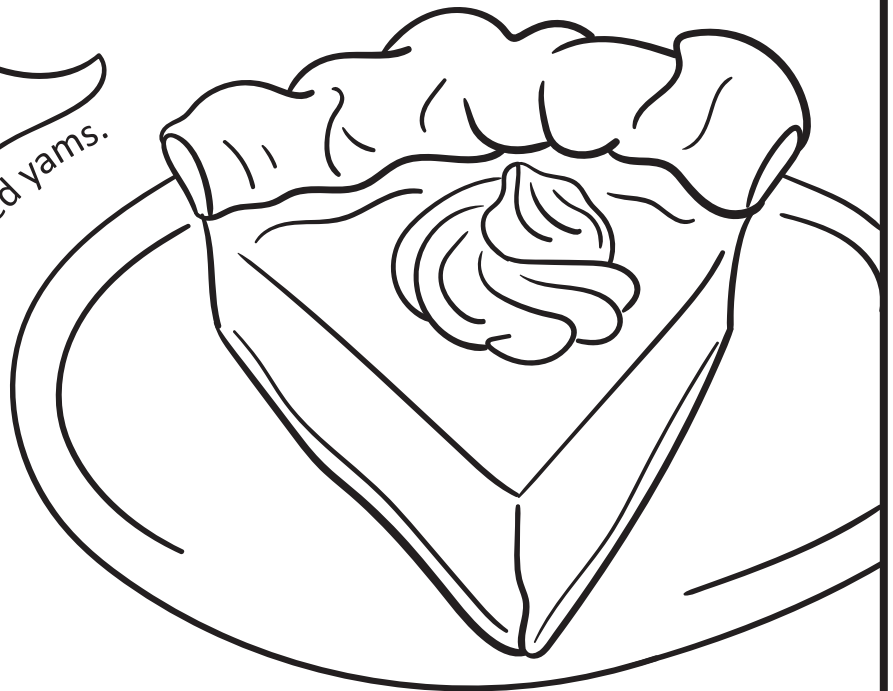


Potatoes

Sweet potatoes have been consumed since prehistoric times and are one of the most nutritionally complete foods. Sweet potatoes are an excellent source of vitamins A, B and C, as well as carbohydrates, calcium, iron, potassium and fiber.



Louisiana sweet potatoes are also called yams.

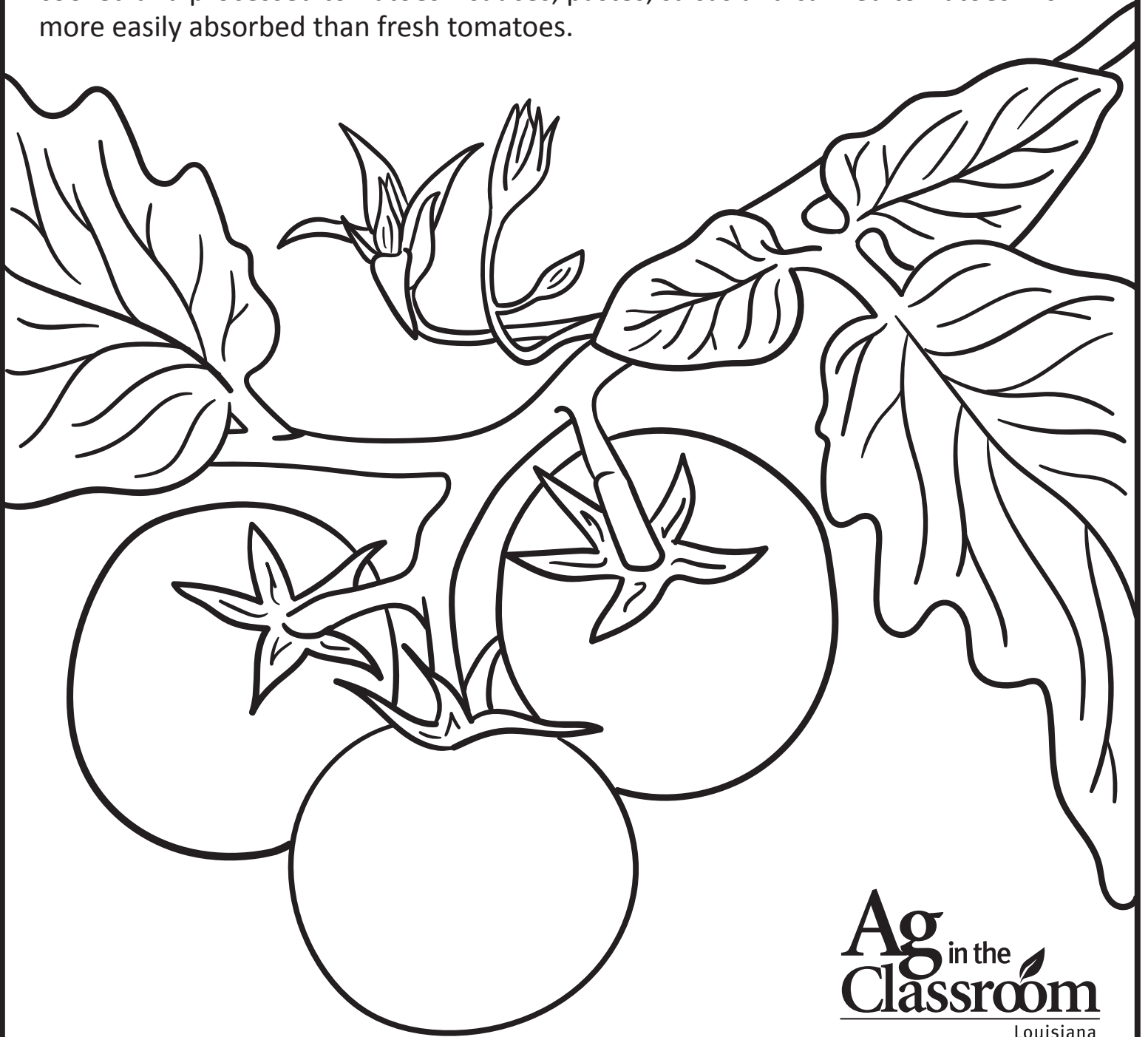


Did you know that George Washington, the first U.S. President, was a sweet potato farmer?

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Tomatoes

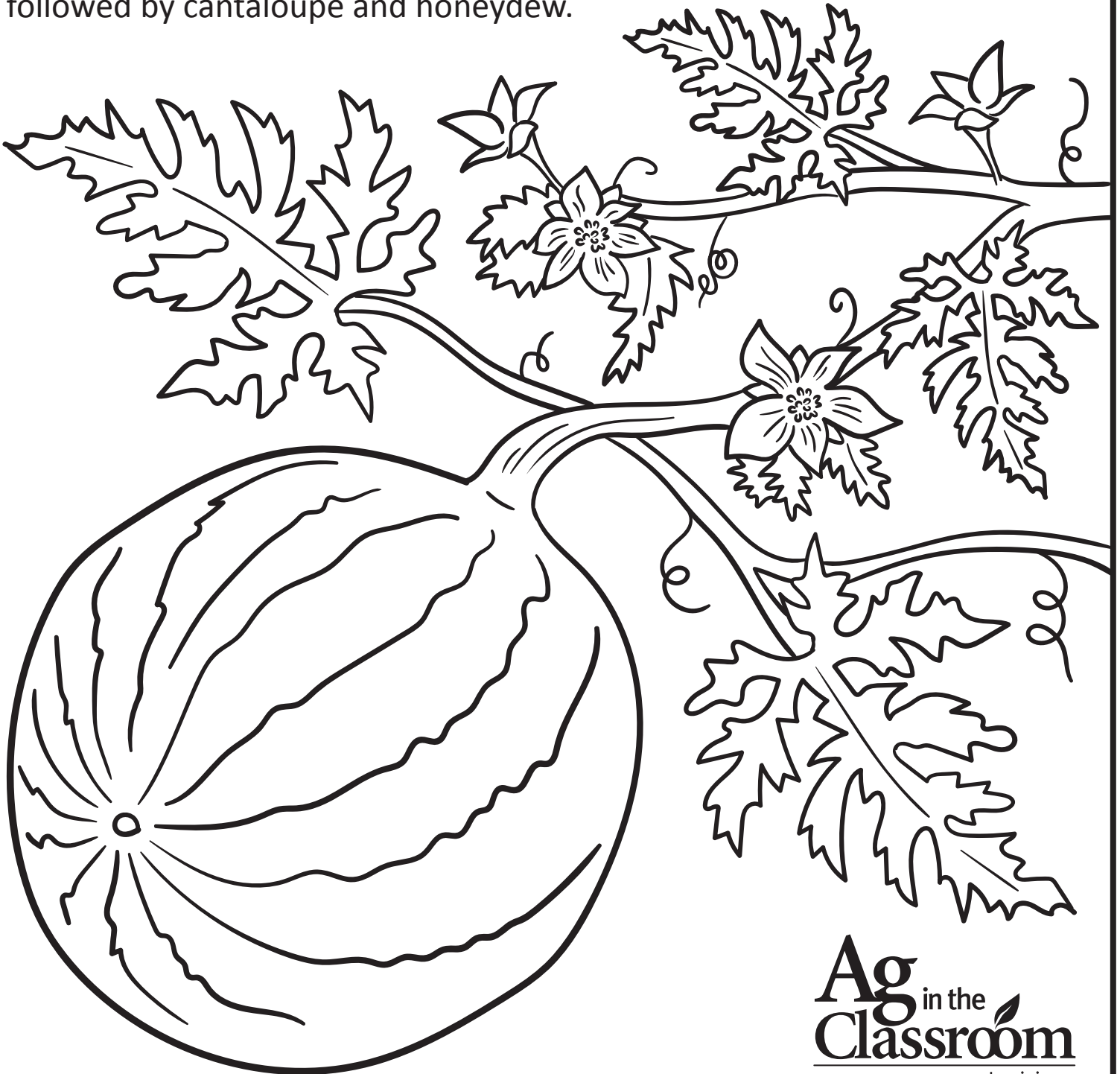
Tomatoes are juicy, nutritious fruits commonly eaten as vegetables. Tomatoes do not lose their health benefits as they are processed and cooked. In fact, the lycopene in cooked and processed tomatoes—sauces, pastes, salsas and canned tomatoes—is more easily absorbed than fresh tomatoes.



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Watermelon

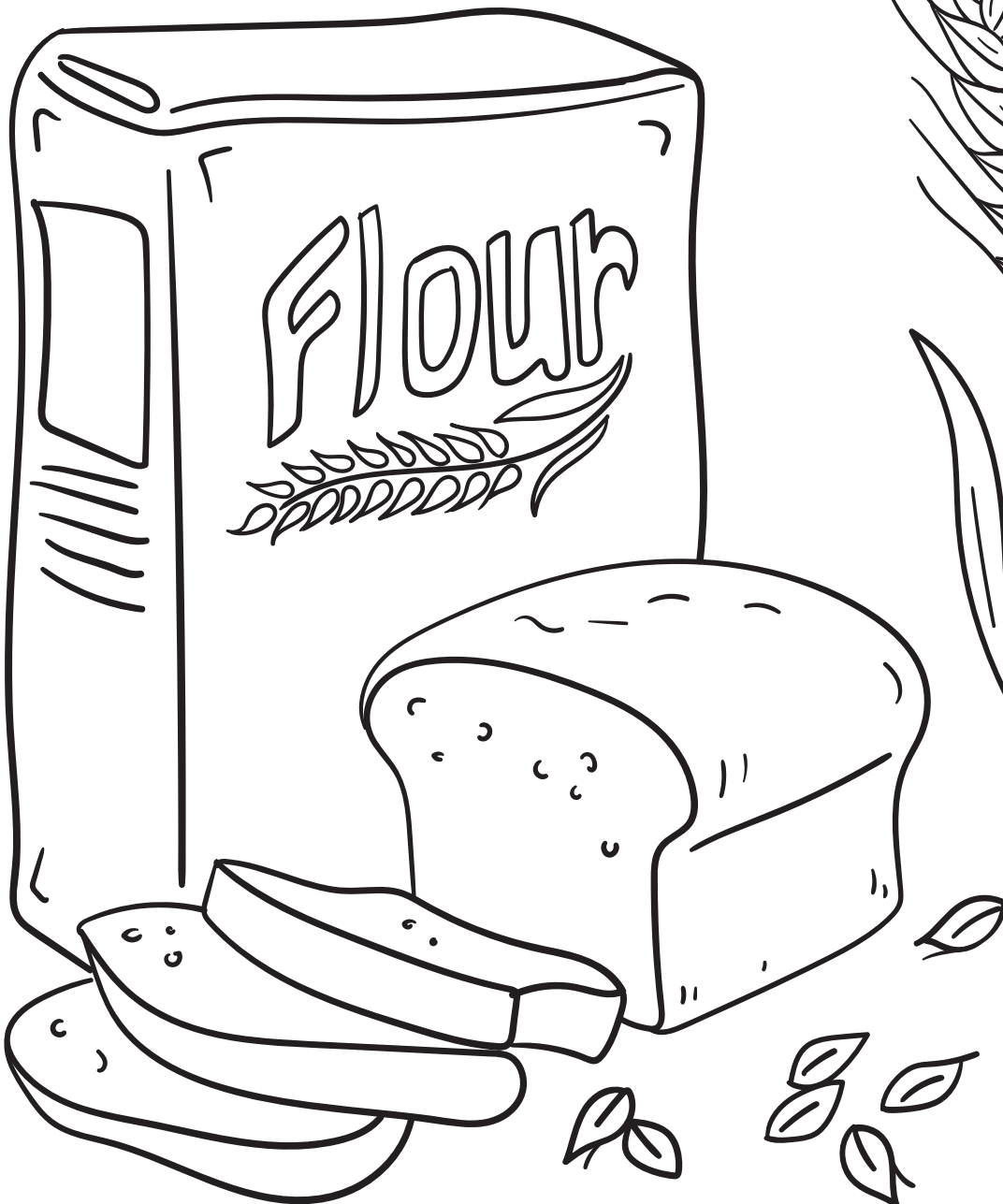
Watermelon is an incredibly healthy, sweet and tasty summertime fruit. By weight, watermelon is the most consumed melon in the United States, followed by cantaloupe and honeydew.



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Wheat

The beginning of agriculture and many civilizations was when primitive people discovered that they could grow wheat during the summer, store it for winter food and use the leftover wheat to plant the next year.



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