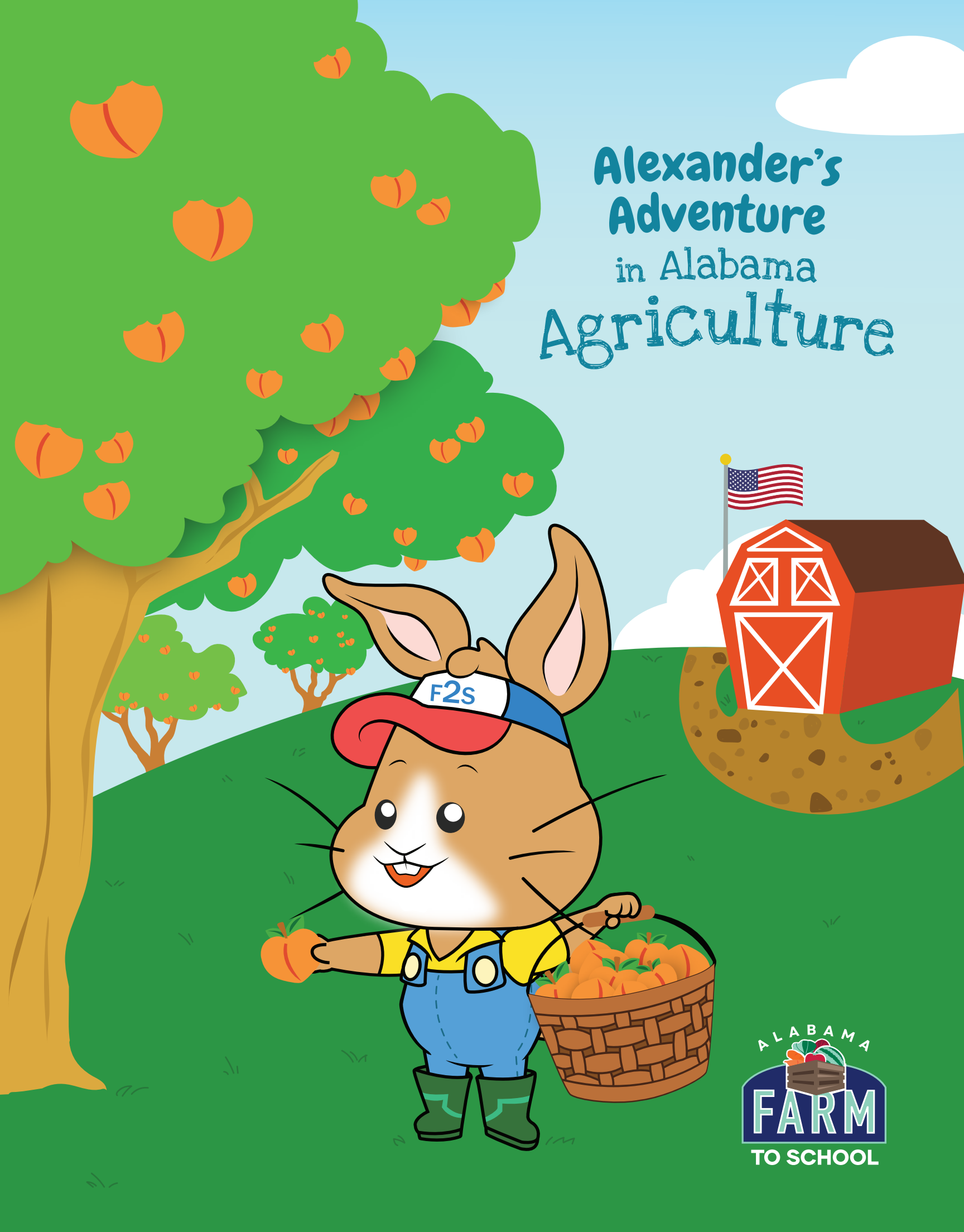


# Alexander's Adventure in Alabama Agriculture





As part of the Farm to School Program, the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries (ADAI) works with the Alabama State Department of Education to increase purchases of locally grown fruits and vegetables in schools statewide.

For more information, visit [agi.alabama.gov/fts/](http://agi.alabama.gov/fts/)

Hey Kids,

It's me, Alexander! I am so glad to be back for another adventure in Alabama agriculture!

As you might remember, I am Alexander the rabbit, and I want you to join me on my **SECOND** journey to learn more about Alabama's agricultural industry.

I'm so happy that I can share with you all the fun things Alabama grows and produces.

At home, you can take what you've learned from my adventure and grow some fruits or vegetables in your own garden! (Be sure to ask your parents for help.)

It's fun to farm in Alabama!

See you around,  
Alexander

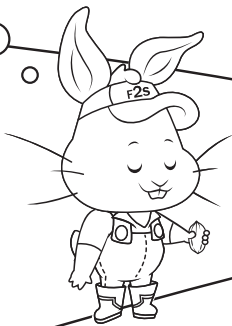
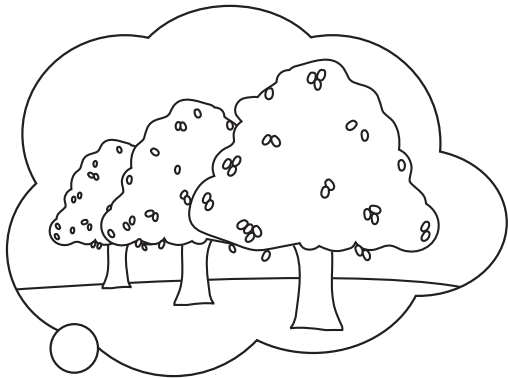


Welcome to my farm, Alexander. My name is Farmer Jane. Did you know many different fruits are grown in Alabama?



Pecans are a very popular product grown in Alabama.

If Alexander were a pecan farmer, what do you think his pecan trees would look like? Draw what you think Alexander's pecan orchard would look like.

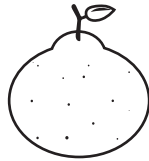


Alexander, can you name the different kinds of fruits grown in our state? Use the pictures below to help unscramble the types of items farmed in Alabama.



MSIMOEPNR

1. \_\_\_\_\_



STMAAUS

2. \_\_\_\_\_



EAPHC

3. \_\_\_\_\_



PLPEA

4. \_\_\_\_\_



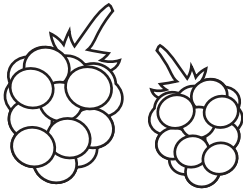
RARESYBTWR

5. \_\_\_\_\_



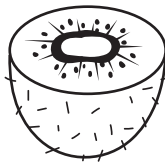
ERBLEUYRB

6. \_\_\_\_\_



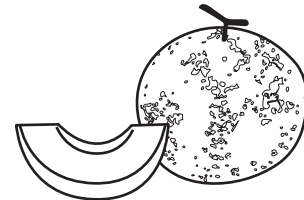
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7. \_\_\_\_\_



WIJK

8. \_\_\_\_\_



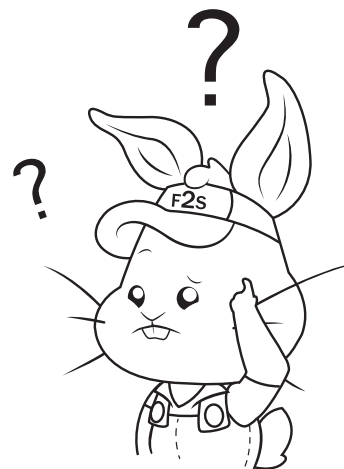
CEONLPAUAT

9. \_\_\_\_\_



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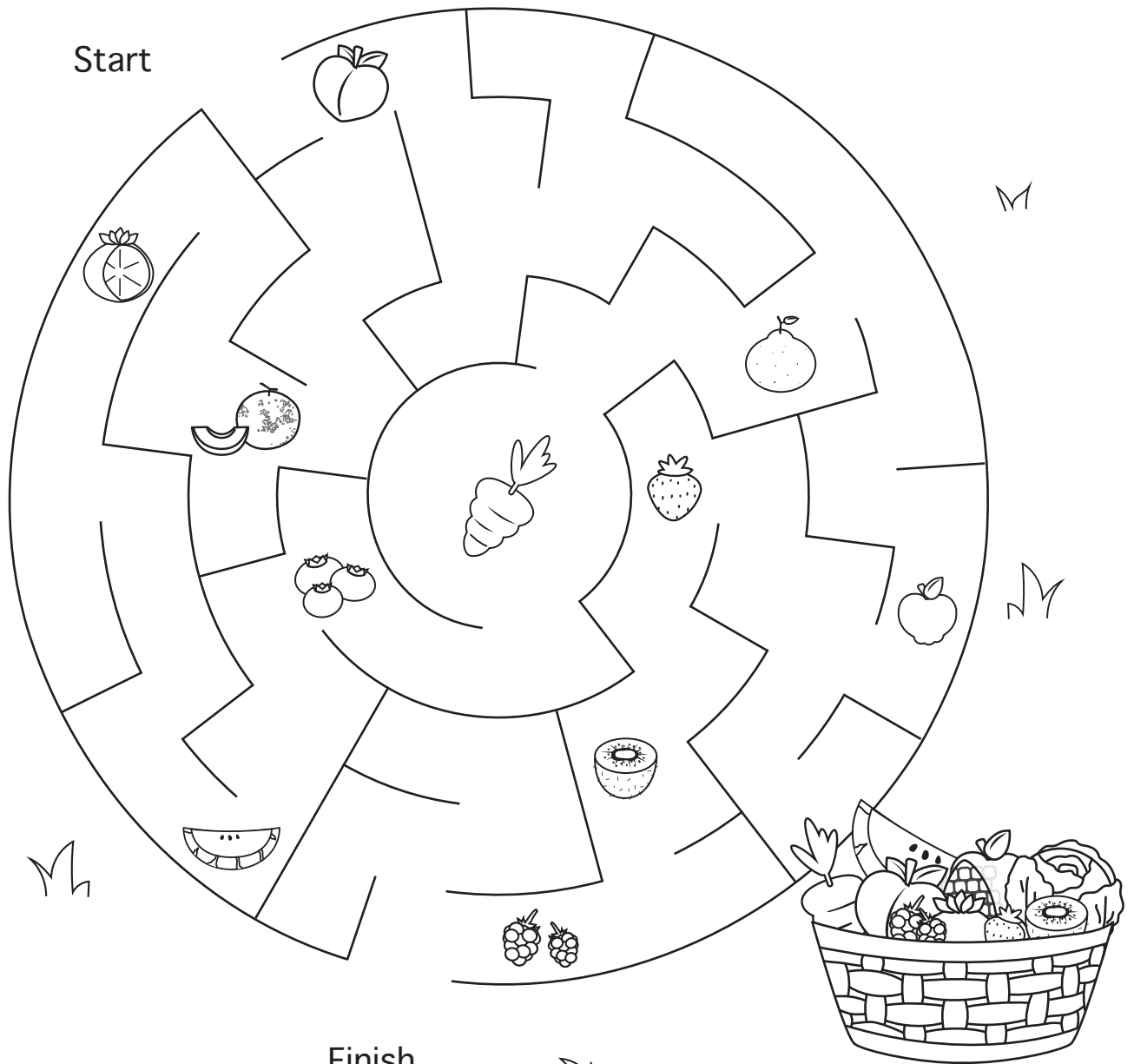
10. \_\_\_\_\_



Alexander wants to fill his basket with a healthy variety of fruits and vegetables. Help him collect them and then find his way to the basket at the end of the maze.

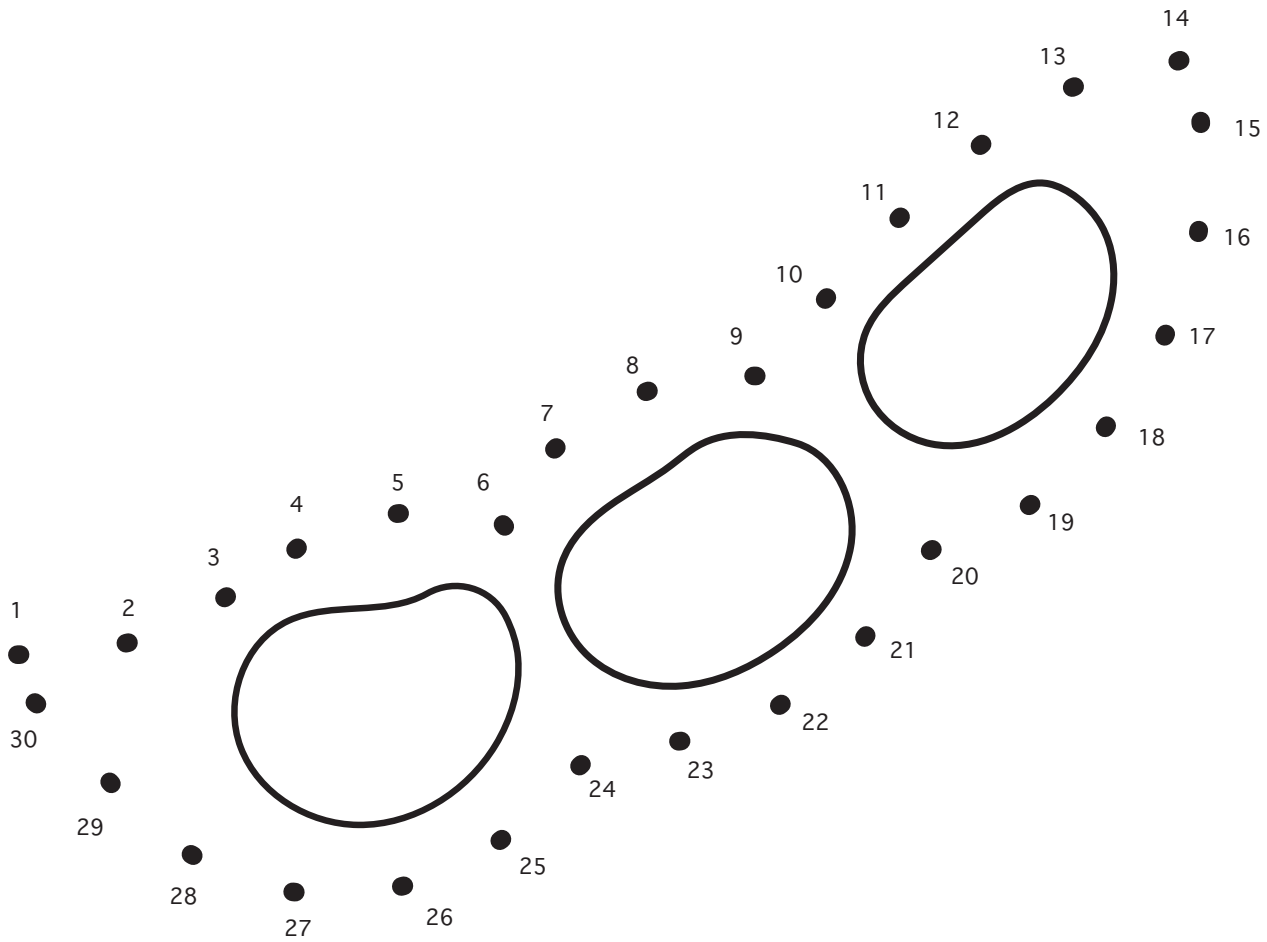


Start



Many Alabama farmers grow products that have several different uses.

Connect the dots below to reveal one of Alabama's more versatile agricultural products.





Most Alabama grown items become food. To learn about different Alabama food products, unscramble each of the clue words below. Then copy the letters in the numbered squares to reveal the phrase at the bottom of the page.

- A MZEIA  
 [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]  
 15
- B NEAGLTGP  
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 6 12
- C KAEL  
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- D GBCEABA  
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 14 3
- E ASNBE  
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- F EMNSLO  
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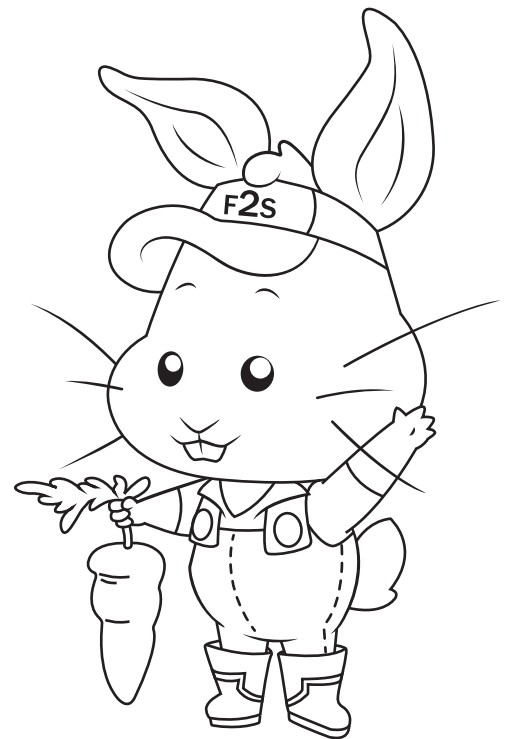
Solve the anagrams to reveal the letters for the final message.

It is time to harvest the crops. In the word search on this page, find the hidden words. These are all terms related to farming and harvesting in Alabama.

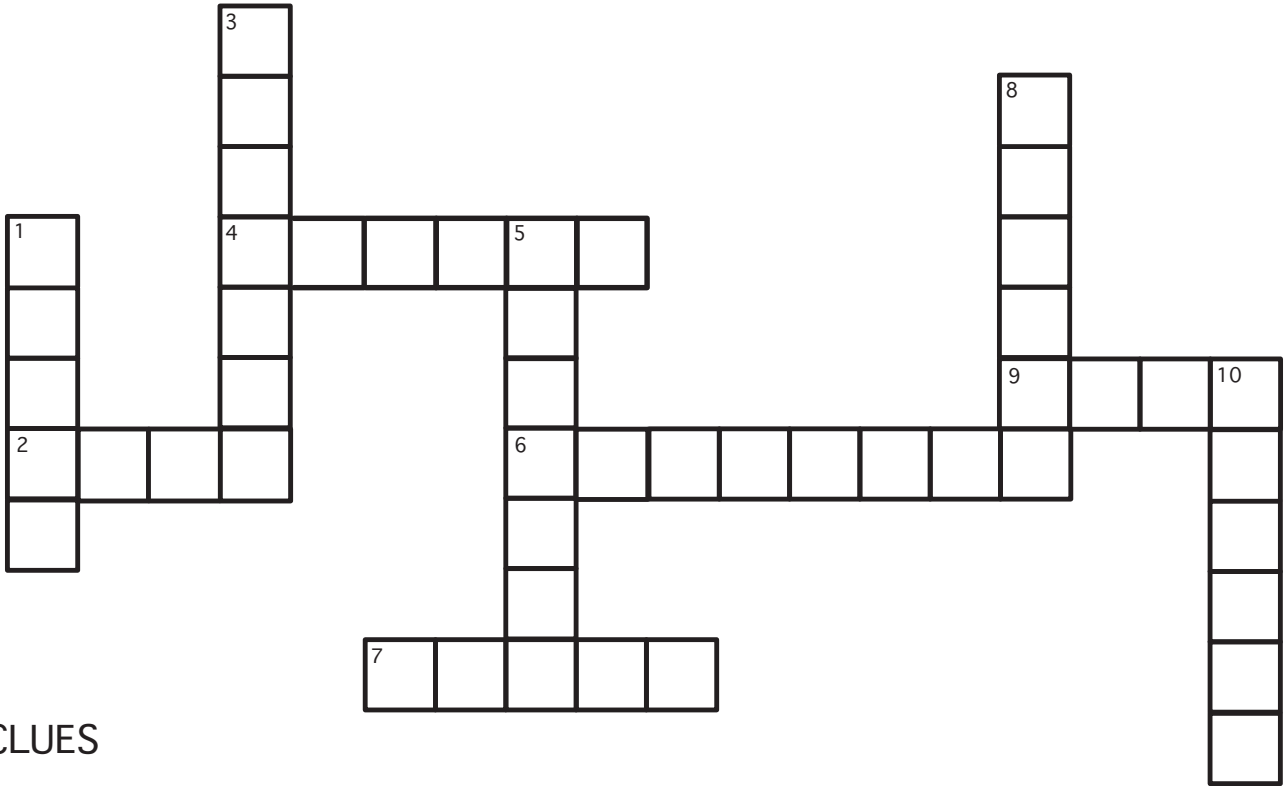


Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden → ← ↓ and ↘

- |         |           |        |
|---------|-----------|--------|
| TRACTOR | FIELDS    | FARMER |
| HOE     | ROWS      | BUSHEL |
| SILO    | SPROUT    | FEED   |
| PLANT   | LIVESTOCK |        |



What are some Alabama-grown agricultural products? Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



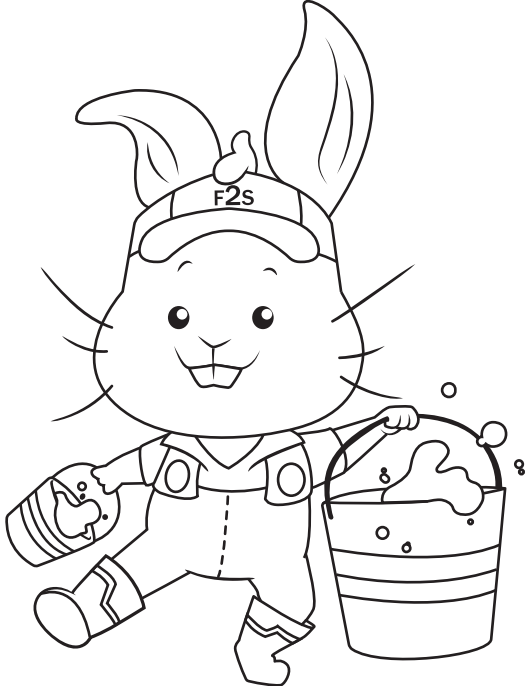
CLUES

DOWN

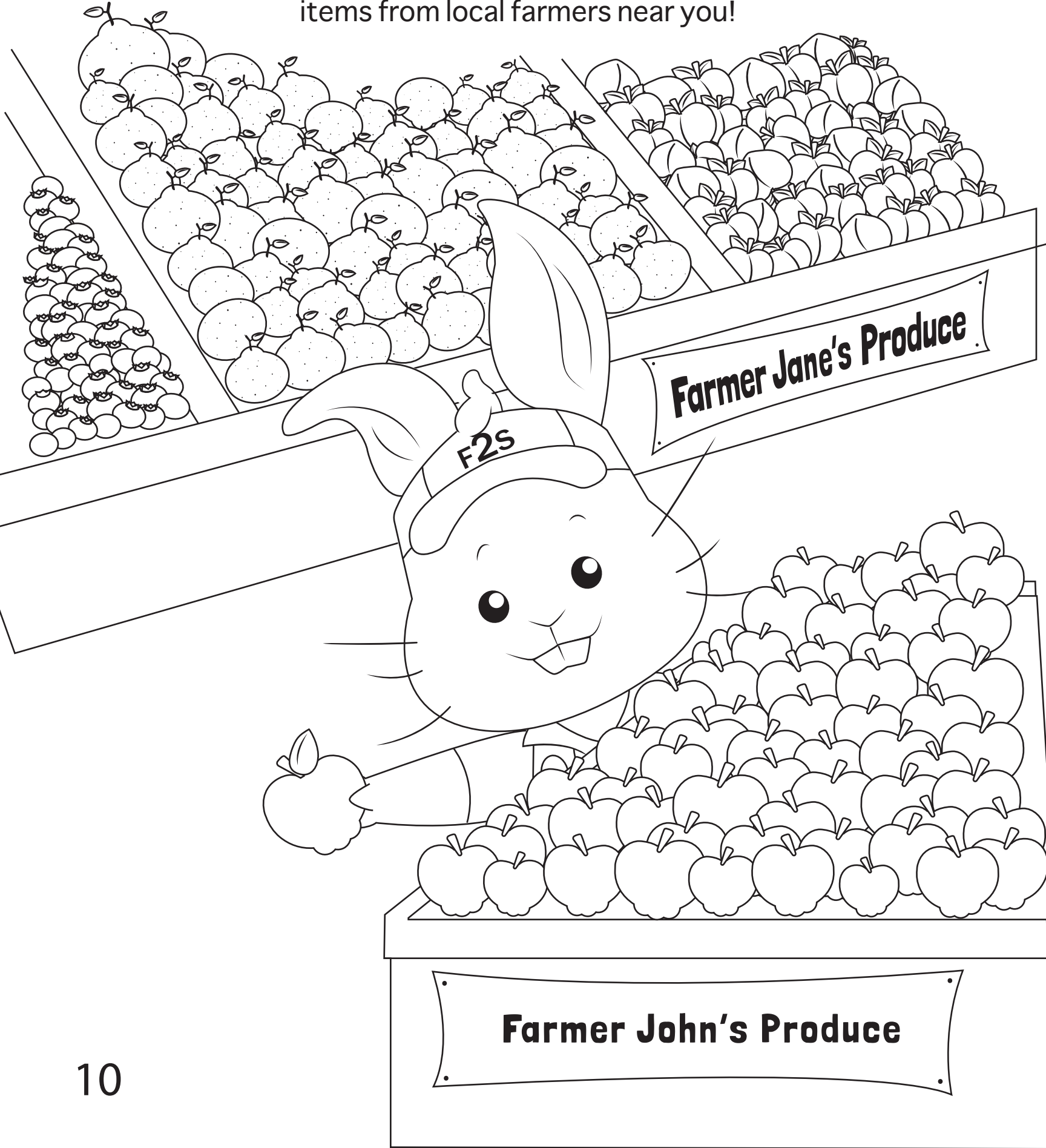
- 1. Timber comes from \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. These sweet fruits grow in orchards.
- 5. This grows in leafy bunches known as “heads”.
- 8. Cantaloupes are these kind of fruits.
- 10. Yellow and butternut are both gourds called \_\_\_\_\_.

ACROSS

- 2. Chickens always lay them.
- 4. Cows and steers are also known as \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6. These are used to make ketchup.
- 7. String beans are another name for \_\_\_\_\_ beans.
- 9. Pecans are \_\_\_\_\_.



Be sure to check your grocery store to find items from local farmers near you!



Farmers markets are a great way to buy local produce and other Alabama grown items. Alexander likes to buy fruits and vegetables at his local farmers market.



Alexander can't wait to take home all the produce he bought from the local farmers market.

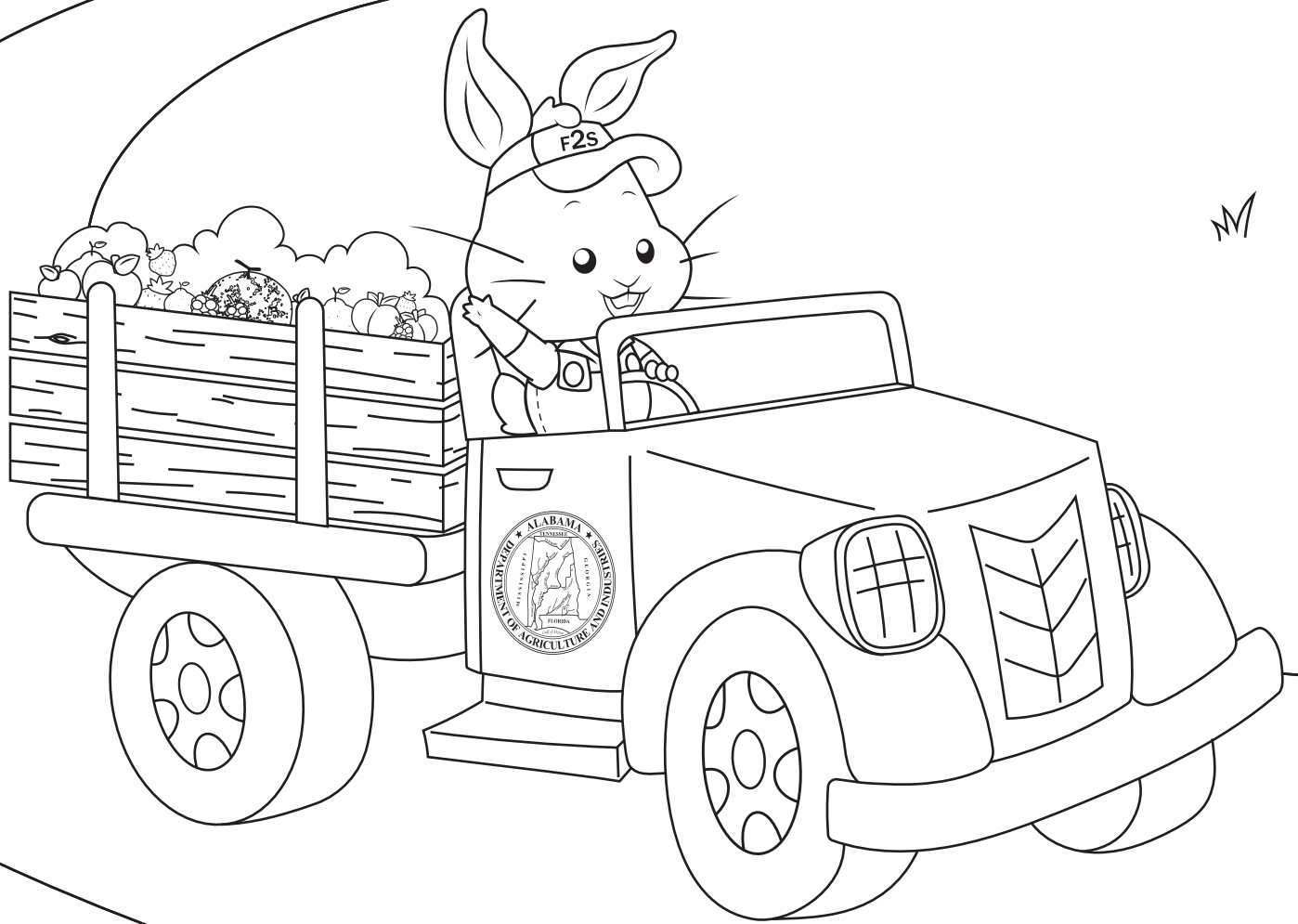


# Make my lunch Sweet Grown Alabama!

Many schools in the state are serving Alabama grown items in their lunchrooms. Does your school serve local?



I hope you have enjoyed our adventures in Alabama agriculture!



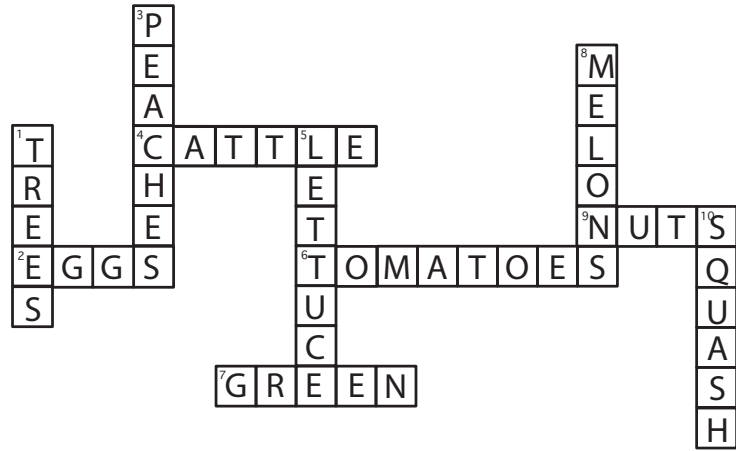


# Here are the answers to the puzzles found in this book.

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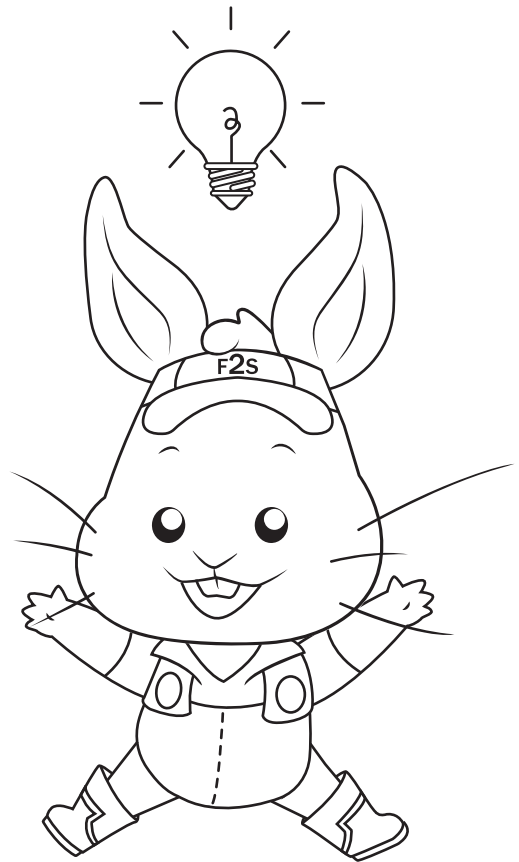
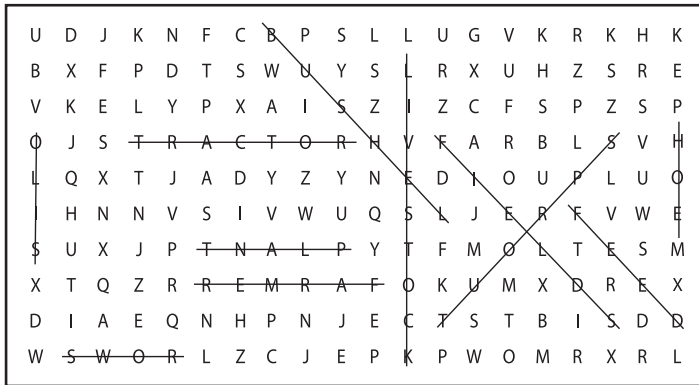
- A MAIZE
- B EGGPLANT
- C KALE
- D CABBAGE
- E BEANS
- F MELONS
- G BEEF
- H GOURDS
- I CAULIFLOWER
- J SWEET CORN
- K TOMATO
- L CHICKEN

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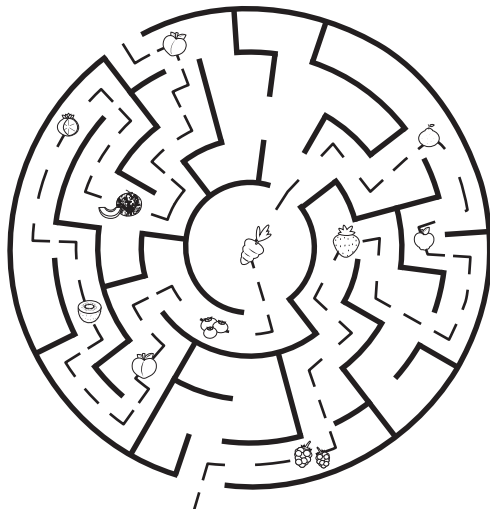


PHRASE: SWEET GROWN ALABAMA

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- 1. PERSIMMON
- 2. SATSUMA
- 3. PEACH
- 4. APPLE
- 5. STRAWBERRY
- 6. BLUEBERRY
- 7. BLACKBERRY
- 8. KIWI
- 9. CANTALOUPE
- 10. WATERMELON

# What does the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries do for you?



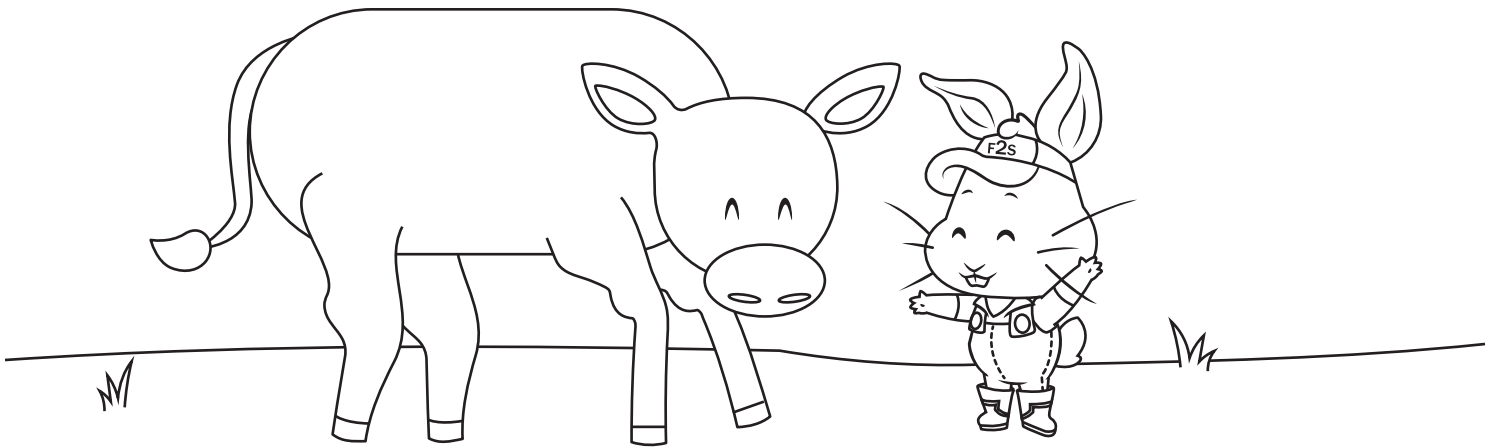
Ag Promotions and Farmers Market Authority



Animal Industries



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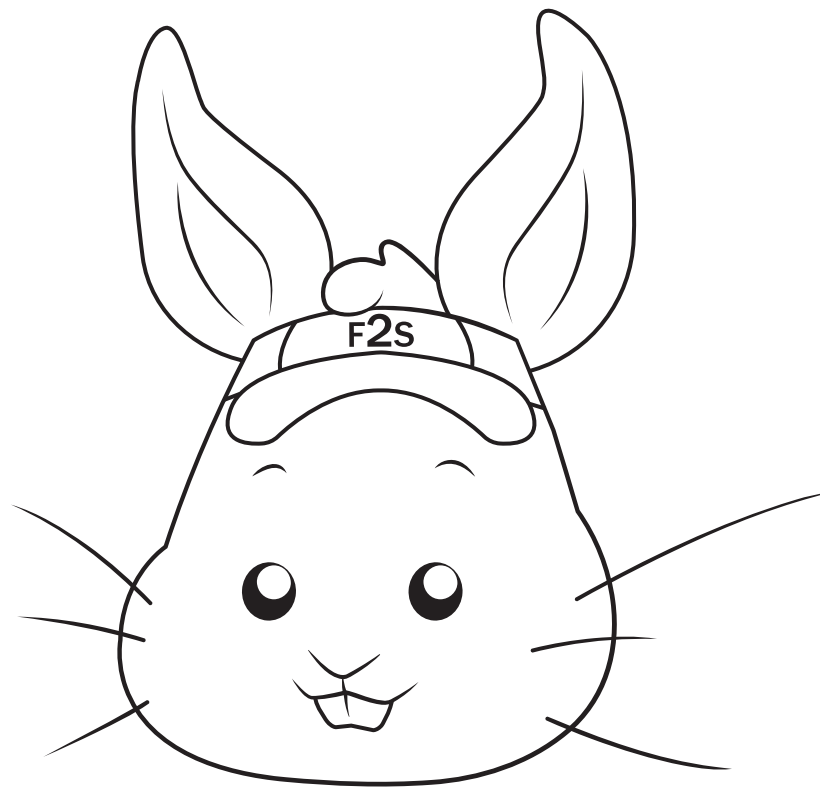
Pesticide Management, Plant Industries  
and Professional Services



Shipping Point



Weights and Measures



Thanks for completing our activity book! I hope you learned a lot about agriculture in Alabama!



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