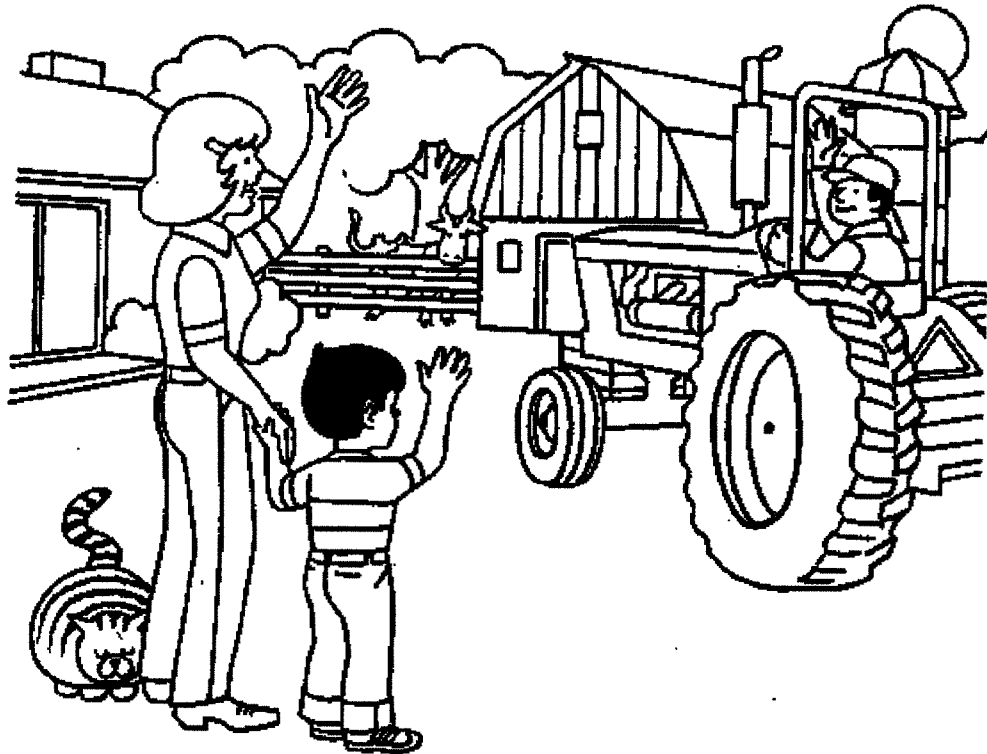


ABC's

OF NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURE



Agriculture is important to NM. Farming is not like Old McDonald's farm. A farm is a business run by a family!

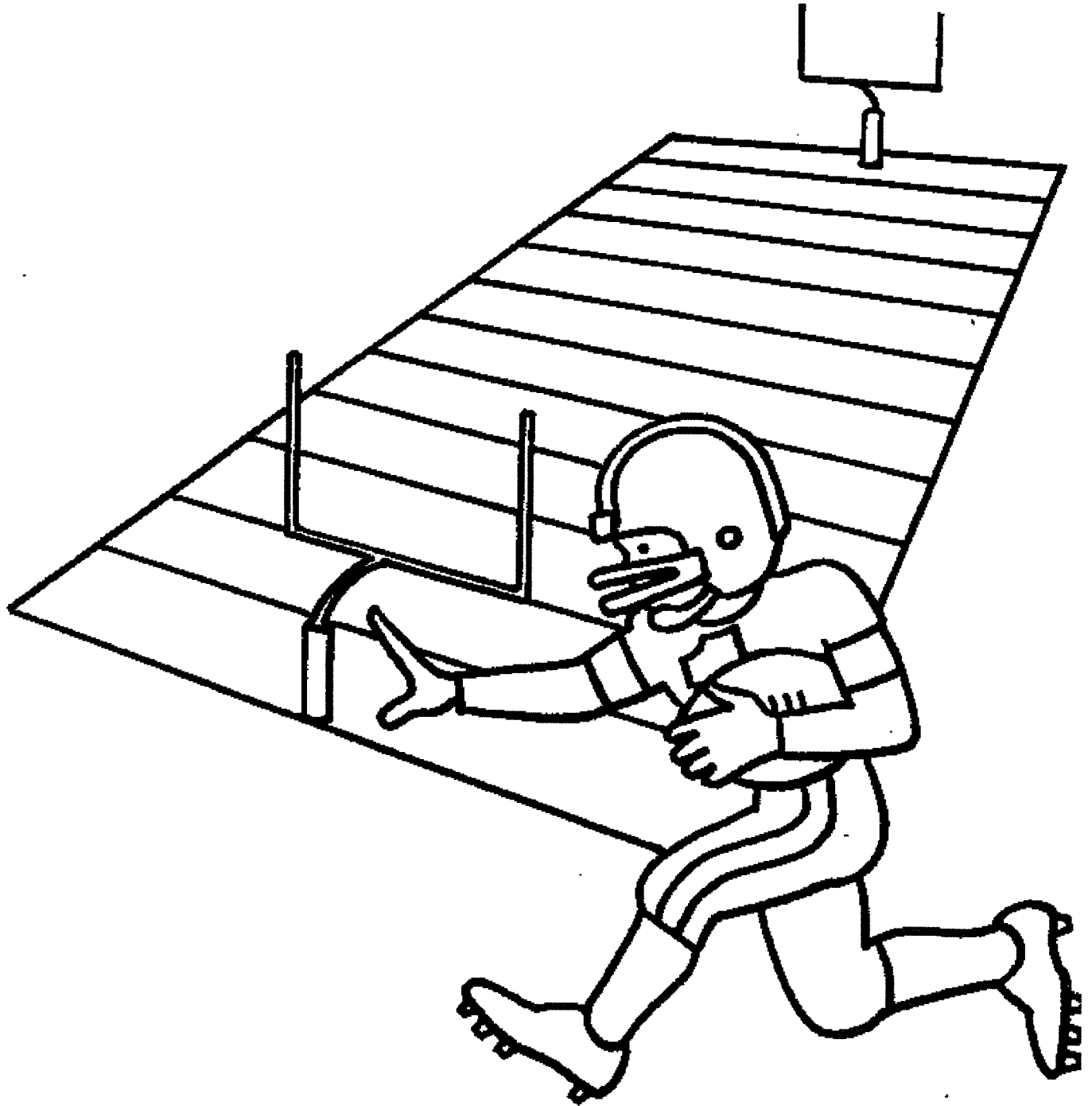
To help you learn more about NM farming, color the pictures and read the stories. Print each word of the ABC's of NM Agriculture.

Agriculture

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A

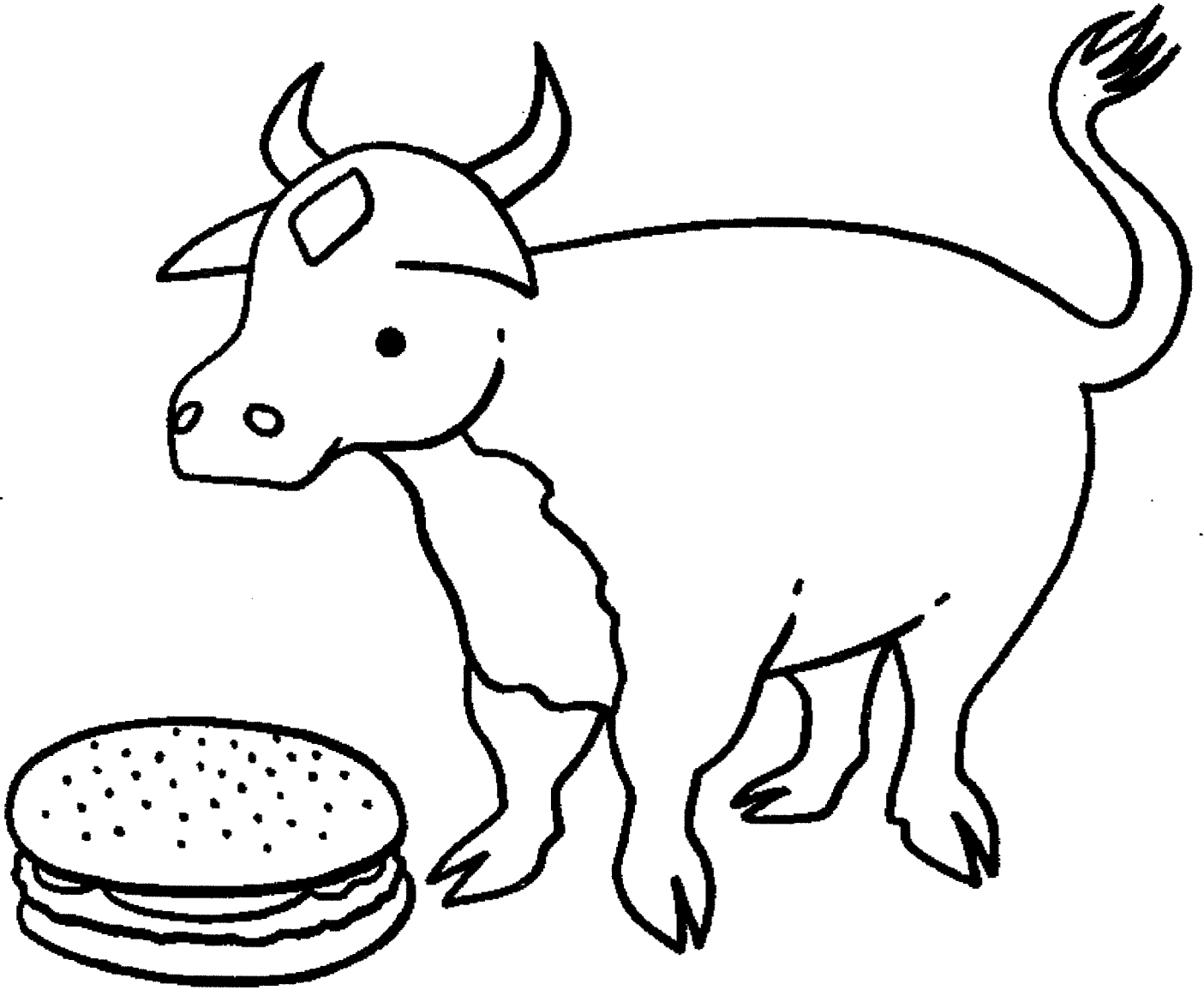
is for **acre**. An **acre** is a way to measure land. It is about the size of a football field.



Read the word below. Then print the word.

acre

B is for **beef** cow. **Beef** gives your family hamburger and steaks. Some things made from a **beef** cow are marshmallows, chewing gum, crayons, medicines, and leather shoes.

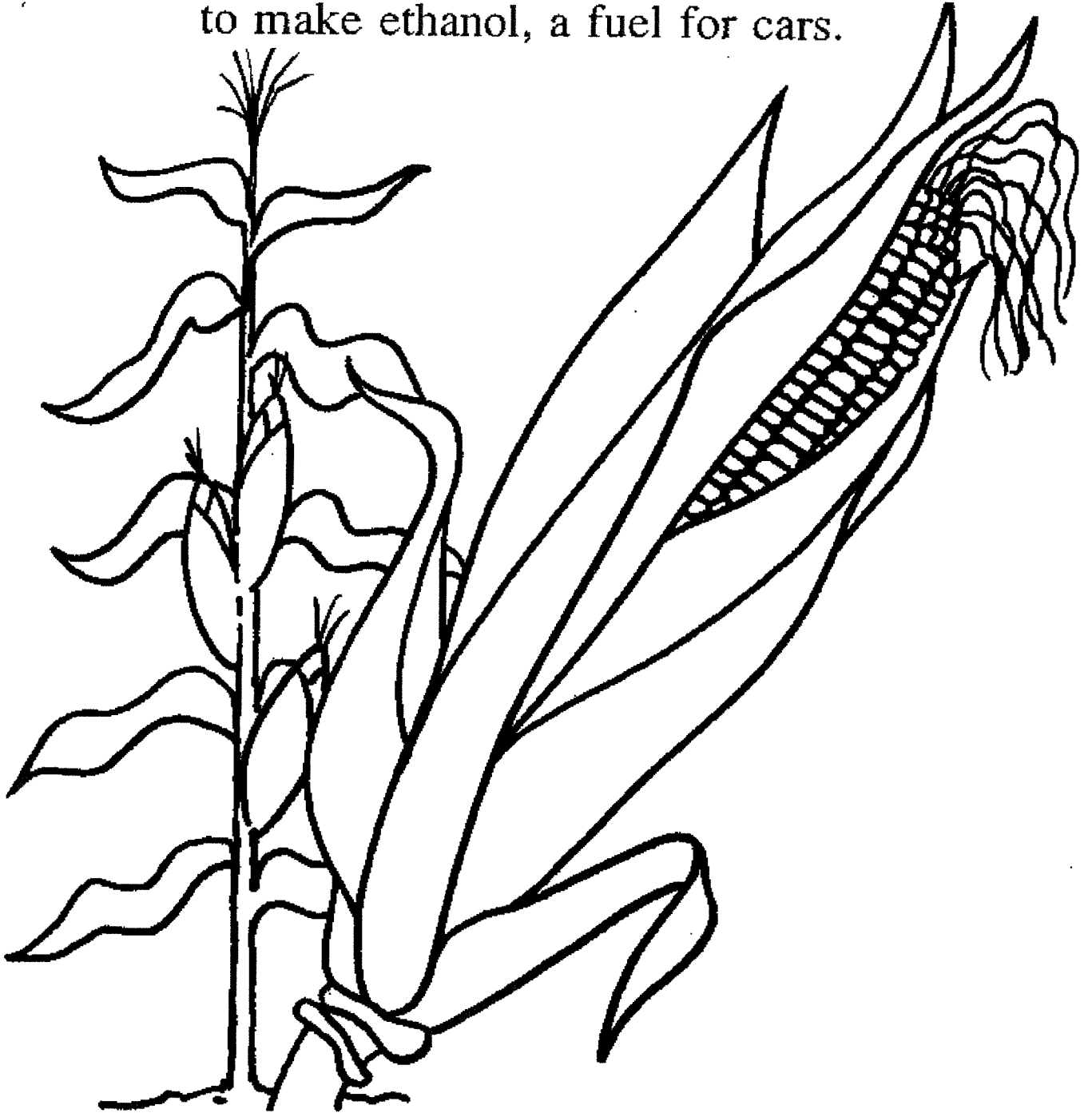


Read the word below. Then print the word.

beef

C

is for **corn**. **Corn** is grown on some New Mexico farms. **Corn** is made into many things that we eat and use, like cereals, soft drinks, and fabric. **Corn** can also be used to make ethanol, a fuel for cars.

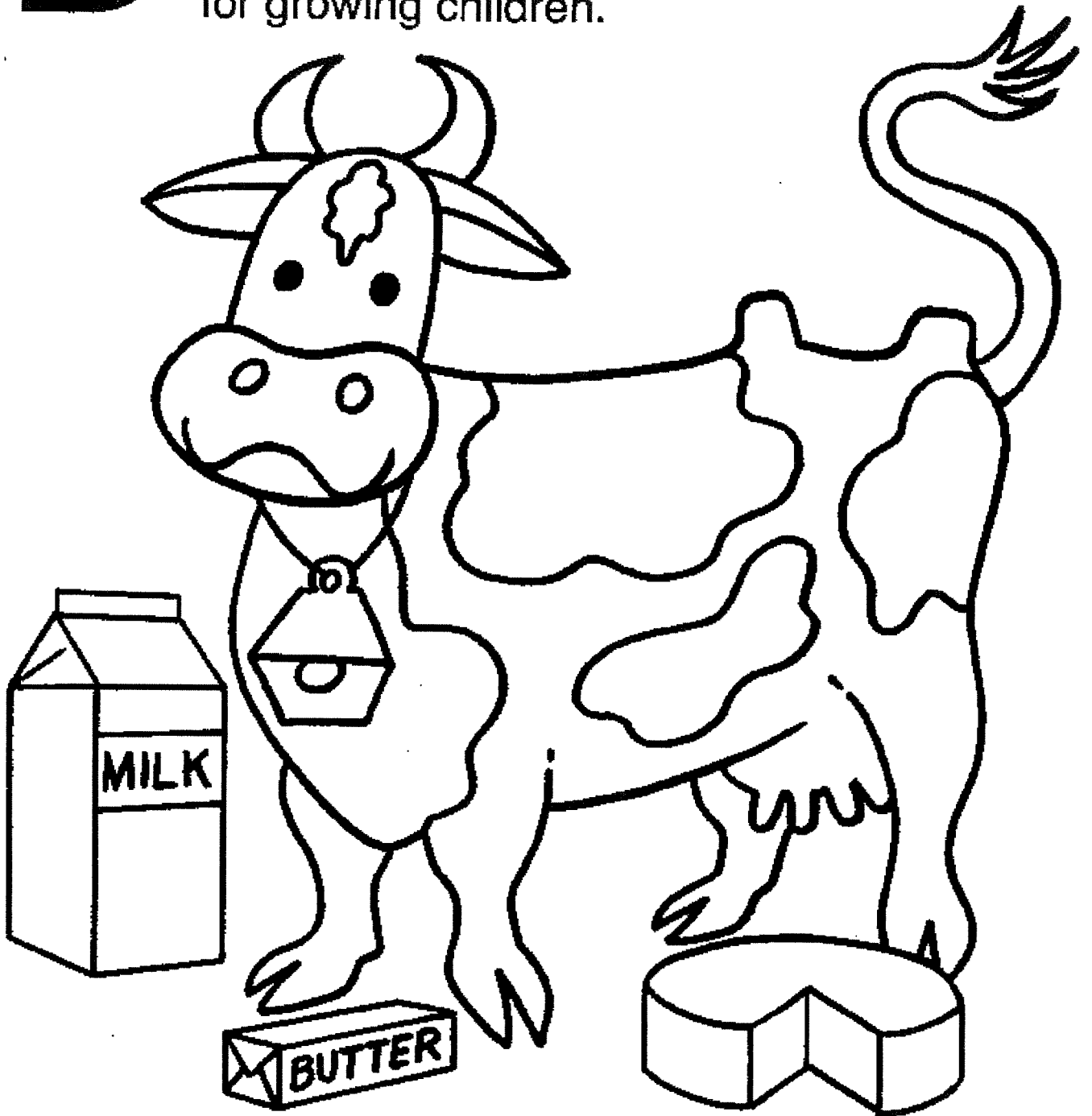


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corn

D

is for **dairy** cow. A **dairy** cow gives about 62 glasses of milk each day. Milk is used to make cheese and yogurt. Milk is good for growing children.

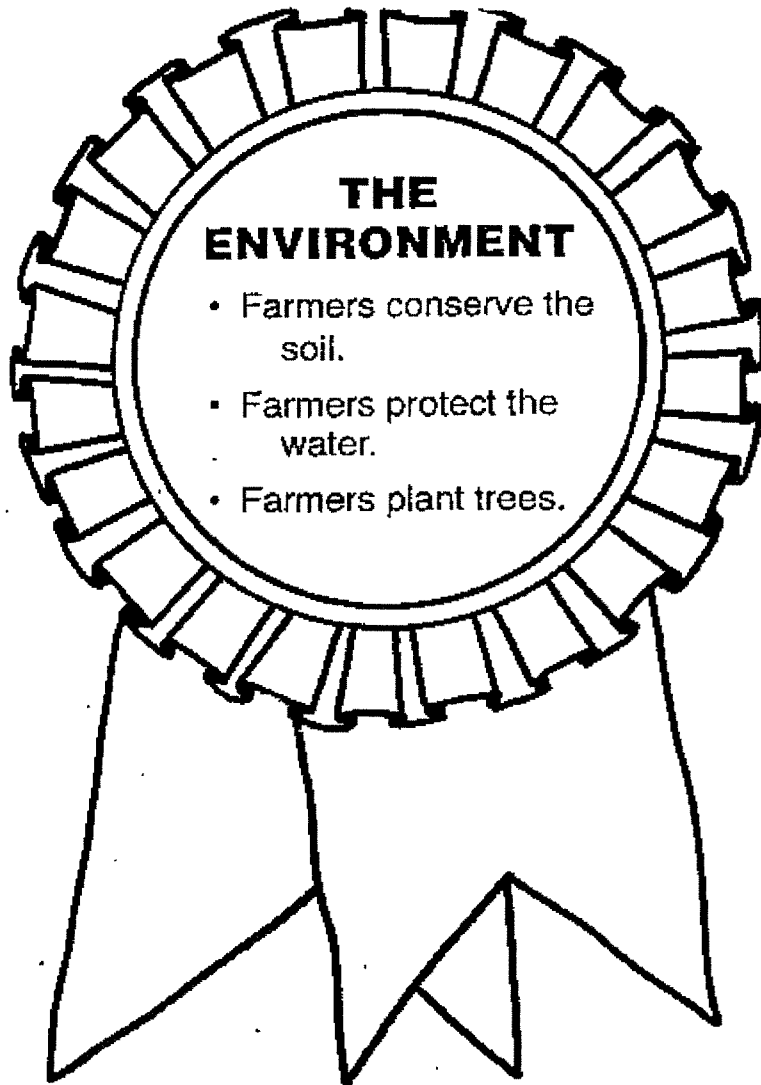


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dairy

E

is for **environment**. New Mexico farmers win a blue ribbon for protecting the environment. U.S. farmers plant 9 billion trees each year and maintain 170,000 miles of windbreaks.

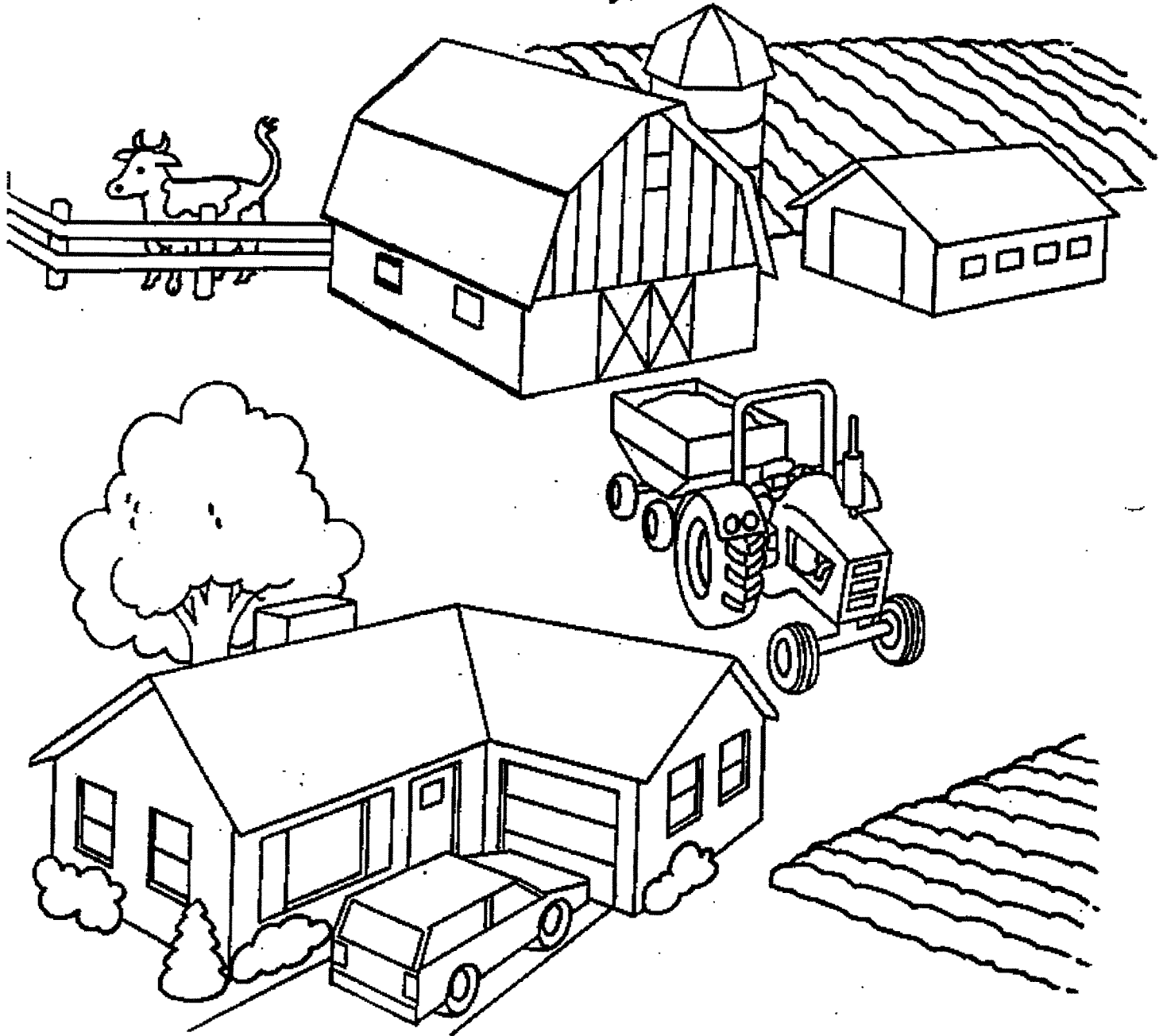


Read the word below. Then print the word.

environment

F

is for **farm**. A **farm** is the place where things are "grown" or "raised" to feed and clothe people. It is the place where the family has their house, barns for their animals, storage for grain and machinery, and fields.



Read the word below. Then print the word.

farm

G

is for **grocery** store. A **grocery** store is where your family buys food. Good food starts on the farm, but many other businesses do their part to bring food to your **grocery** store.

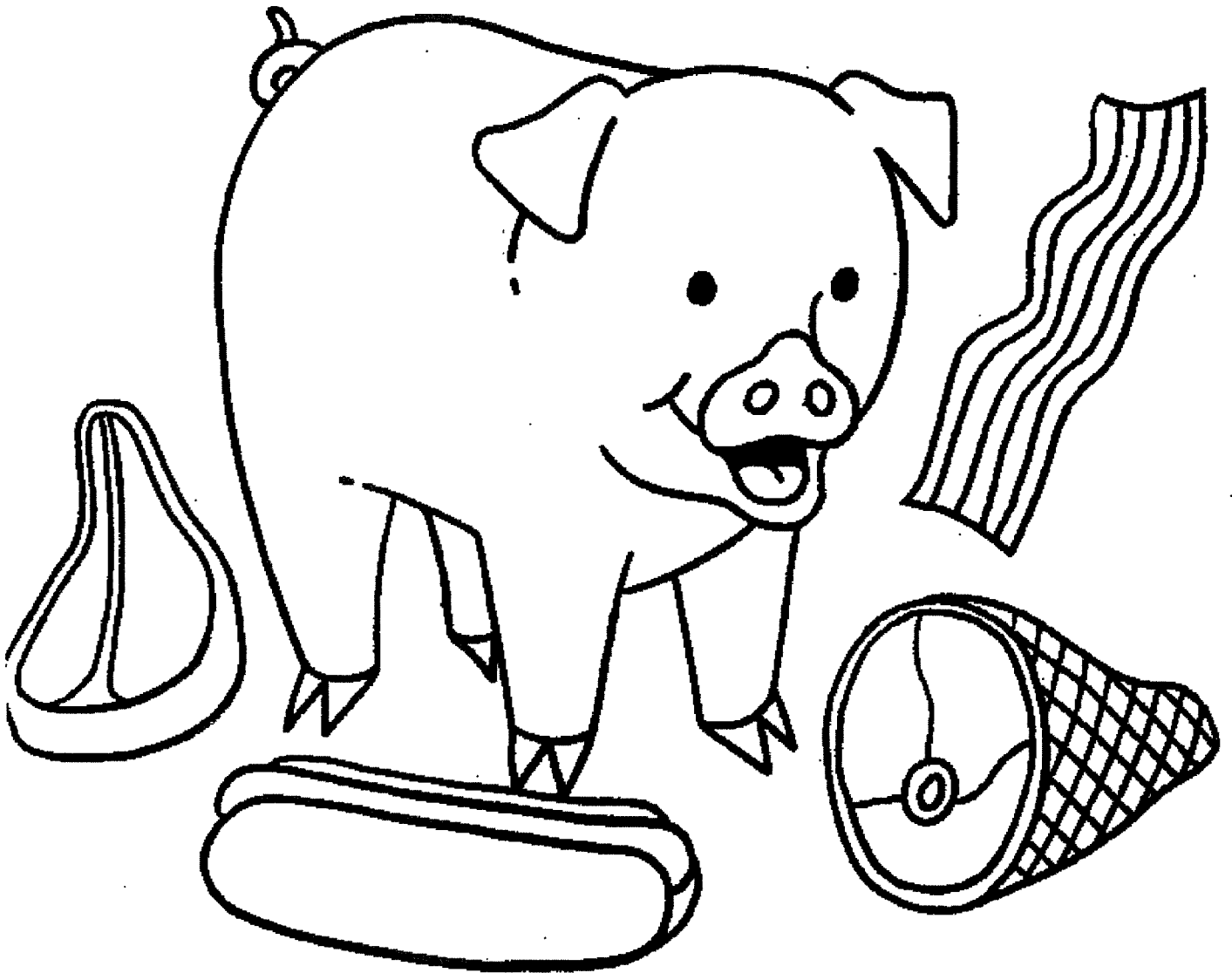


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grocery

H

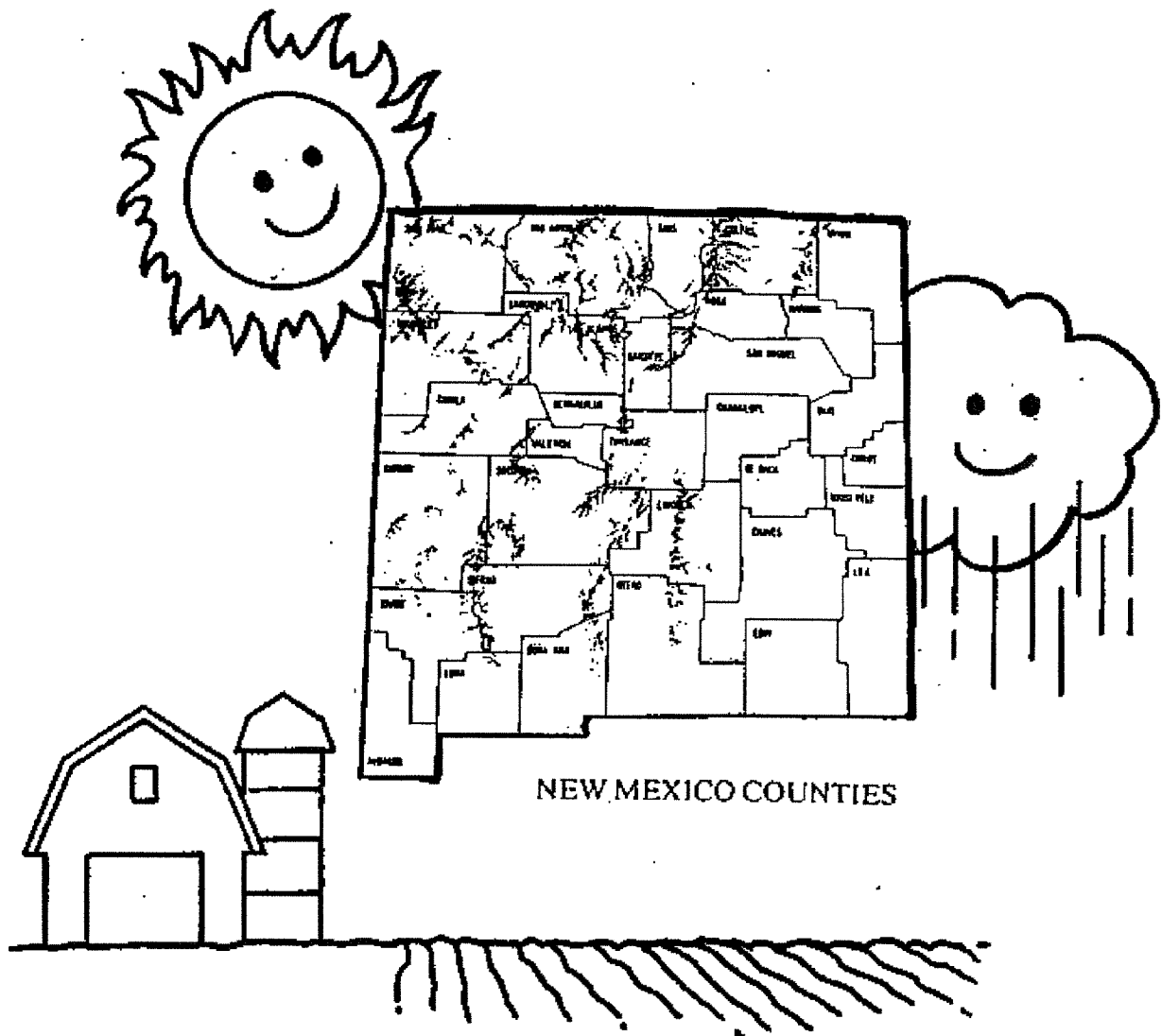
is for hog. Can you name the meat products from **hogs** in the picture? Other things like medicines are also made from **hogs**. Farmers work hard to care for their animals and keep them healthy.



Read the word below. Then print the word.

hog

is for **industry**. Agriculture is a billion dollar **industry** in New Mexico. The soil and weather in New Mexico make it a good place to grow crops and livestock for food. Draw a picture of the number one agriculture product grown in your county.



Read the word below. Then print the word.

industry

J

is for **job**. When you grow up, you may have a **job** related to agriculture. Color the picture of the **job** you would like to do.



Cashier



Butcher



Farmer



Chef



Veterinarian



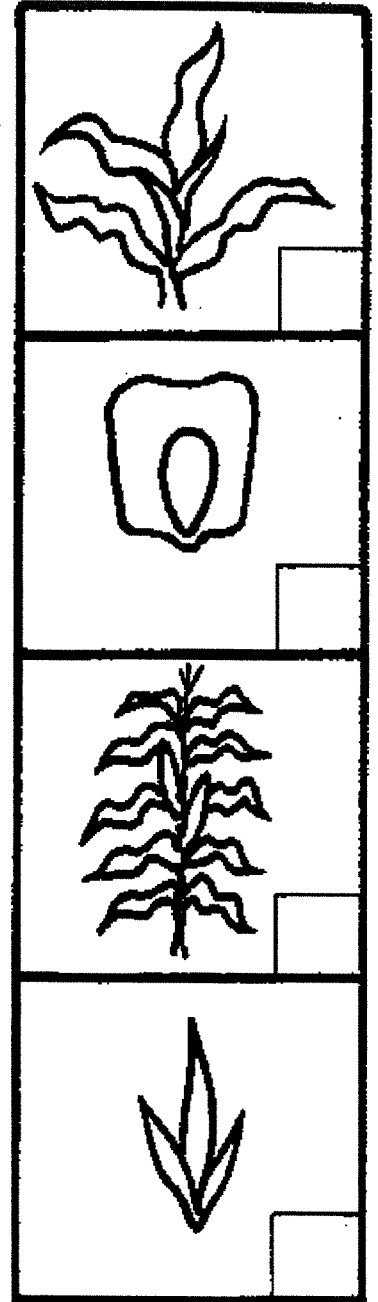
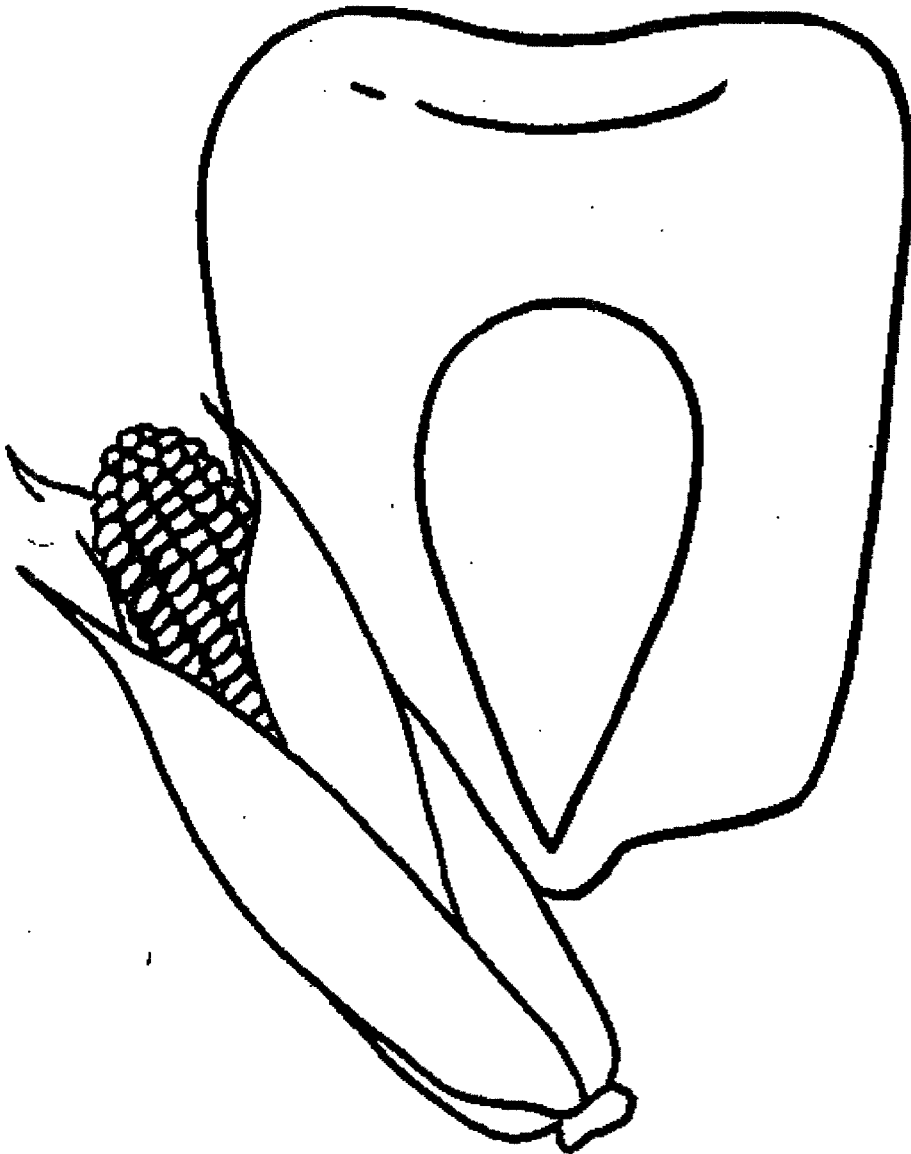
Truck Driver

Read the word below. Then print the word.

job

K

is for **kernel**. A **kernel** is a seed that sprouts and grows into a plant like corn. Each corn plant produces 1 to 3 ears of corn with many **kernels** on each ear. Can you number the pictures in the order that a **kernel** grows in its life?

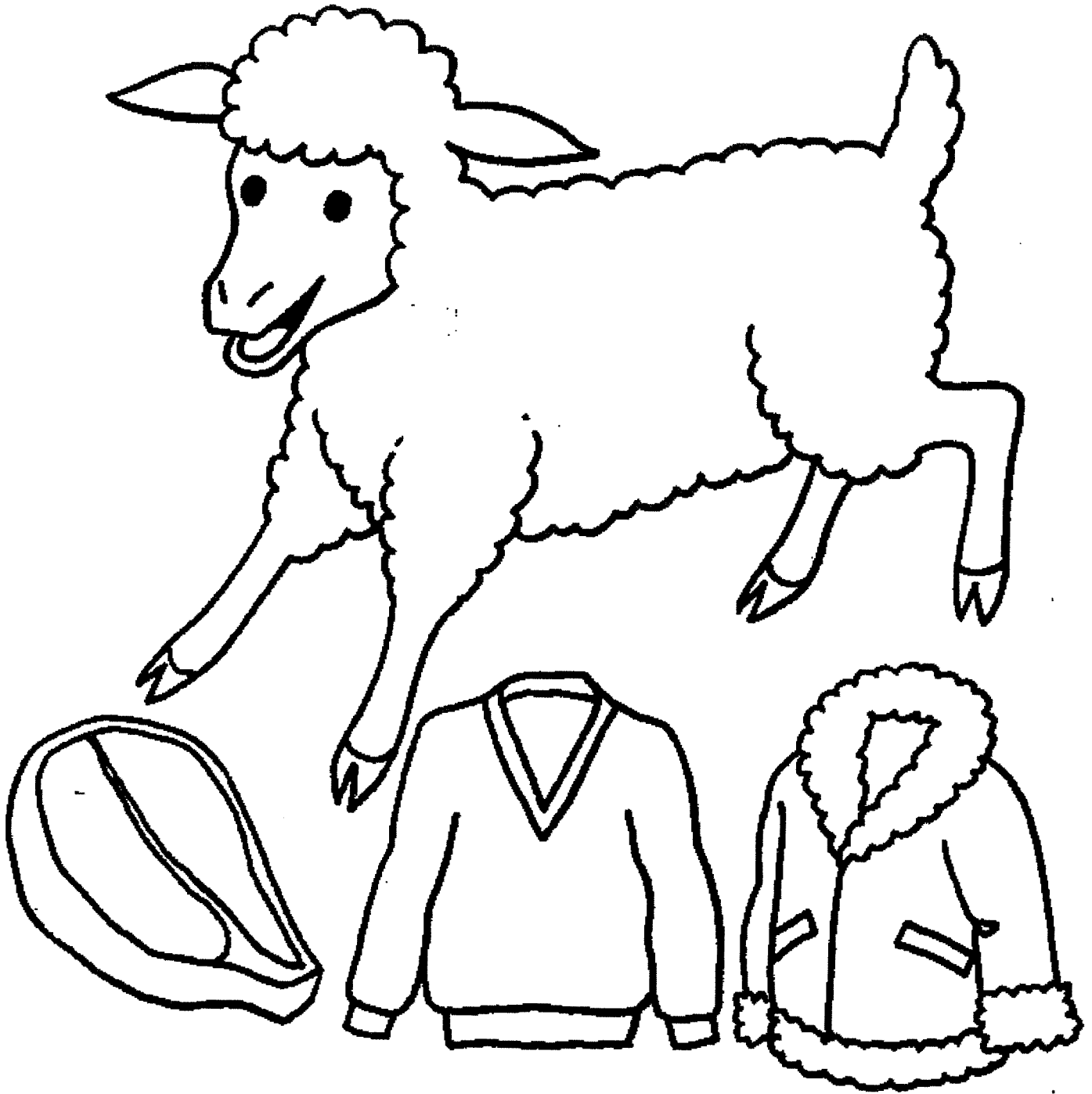


Read the word below. Then print the word.

kernel

L

is for **lamb**. A **lamb** grows up to be a sheep. Sheep produce wool that is made into warm coats and sweaters. Sheep also provide **lamb** chops to eat and hand lotion.

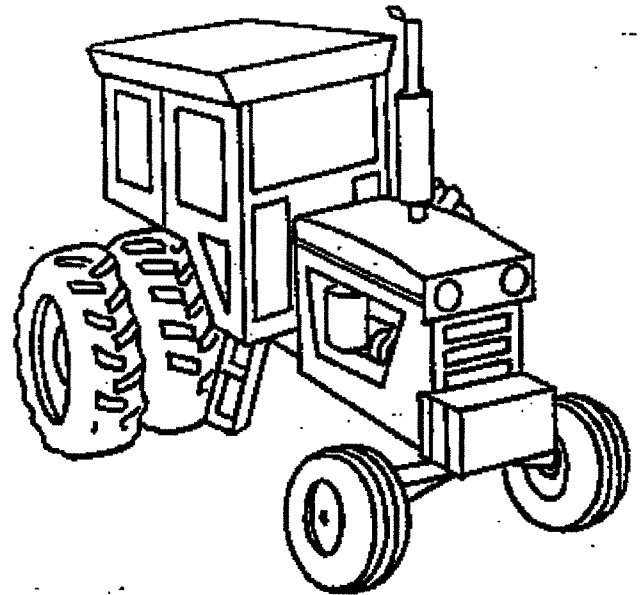
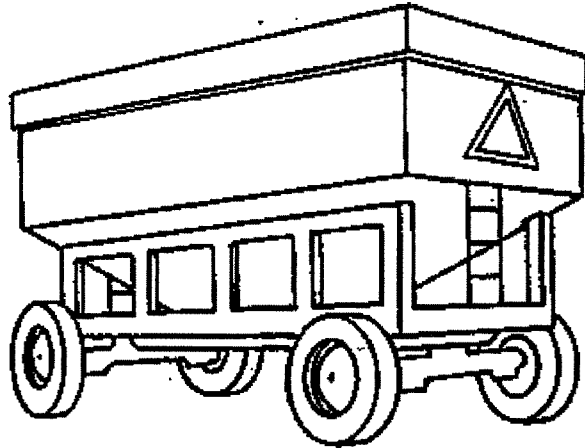


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lamb

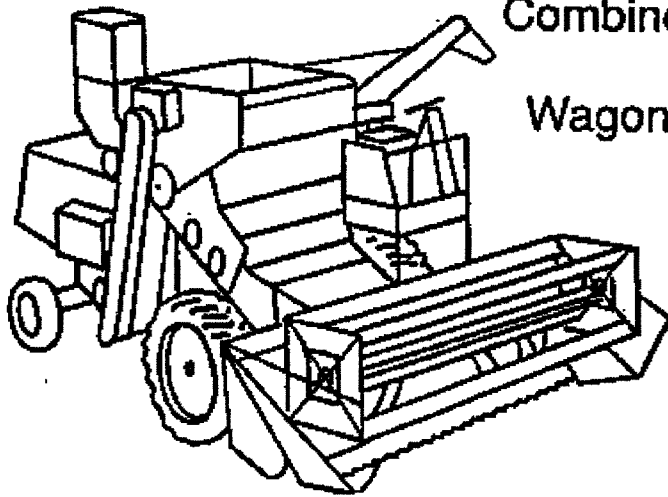
M

is for **machine**. A farmer uses many kinds of **machines** to grow corn, alfalfa, chile, pinons, and wheat. Draw a line to match the name of each **machine** with what it does.



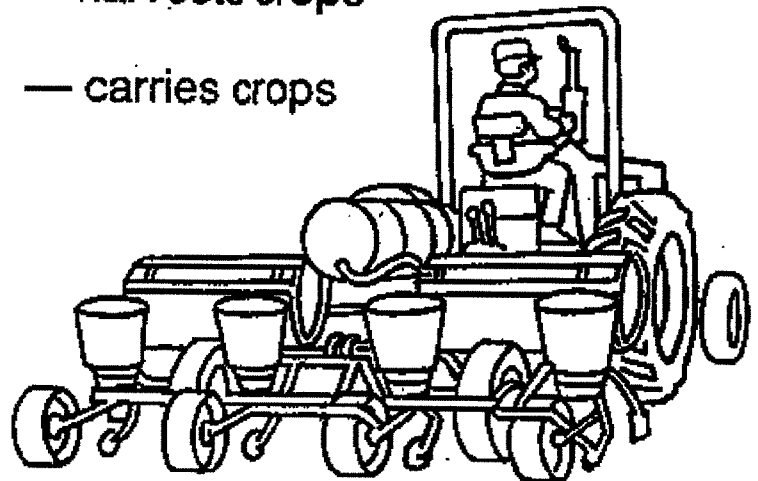
Tractor — pulls other **machines**

Planter — plants seed into the soil



Combine — harvests crops

Wagon — carries crops

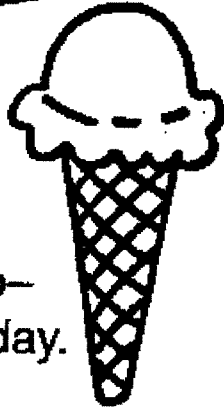
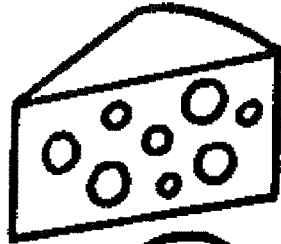


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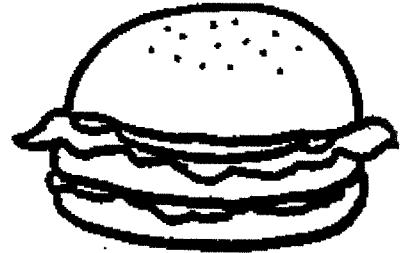
machine

N

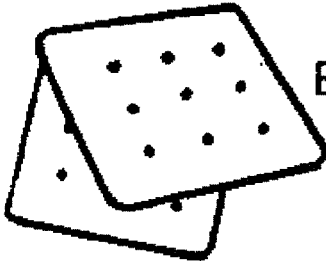
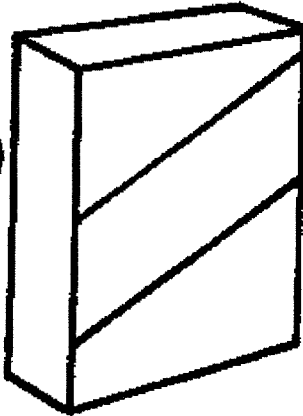
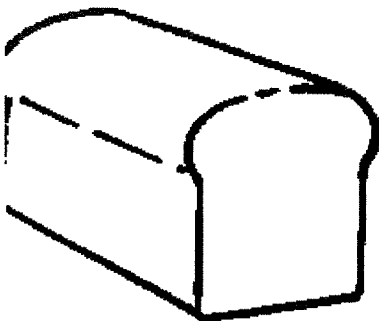
is for **nutrition**. Good **nutrition** is important for your health. To grow and be healthy, eat food from the four food groups every day.



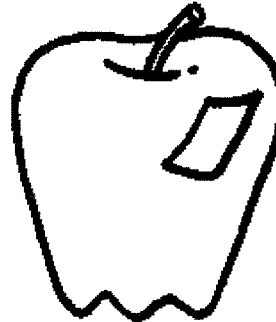
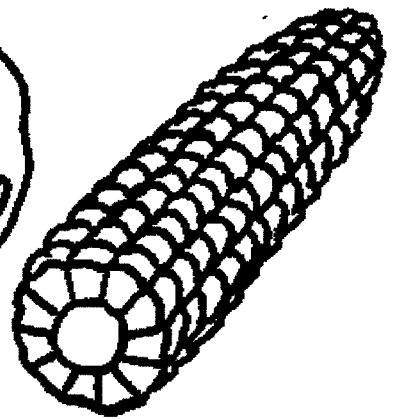
Milk group - eat two-three servings each day.



Meat group - eat two servings each day.



Breads and cereals group - eat four servings each day.



Fruits and vegetables group - eat four servings each day.

Read the word below. Then print the word.

nutrition

O

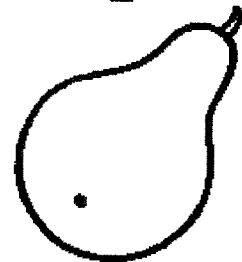
is for **orchard**. An **orchard** has many trees that produce fruits and nuts. Match the name of the tree with the fruit or nut it produces.

An apple tree produces _____



A

A peach tree produces _____



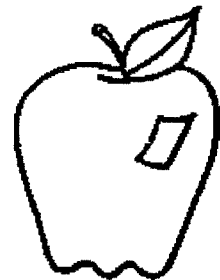
B

A pecan tree produces _____



C

A cherry tree produces _____



D

A pear tree produces _____



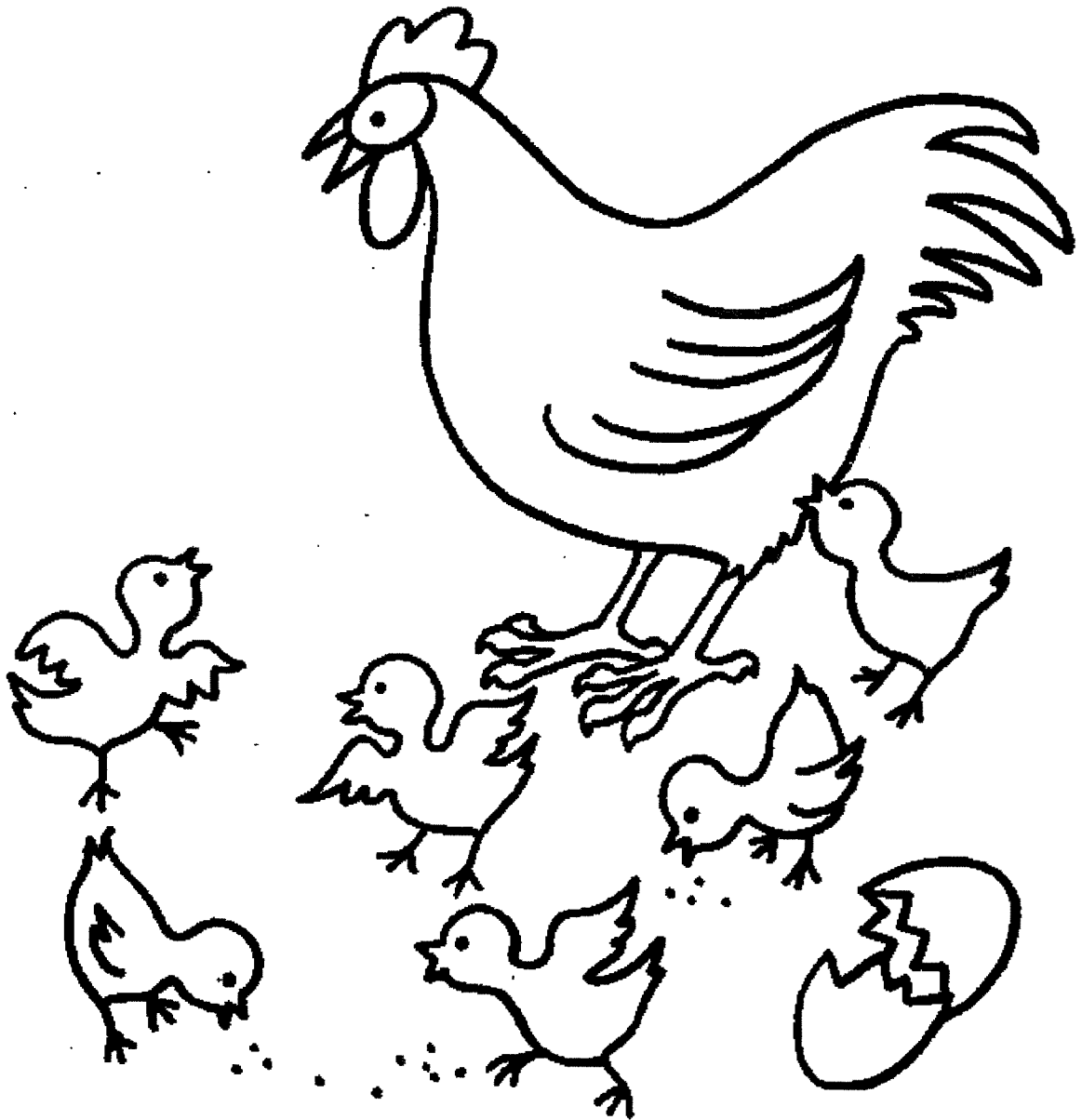
E

Read the word below. Then print the word.

orchard

P

is for **poultry**. Chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese are kinds of **poultry**. **Poultry** produce eggs. Some eggs are used for food. Some eggs produce babies. Count the number of baby chicks hatched from this chicken's eggs.

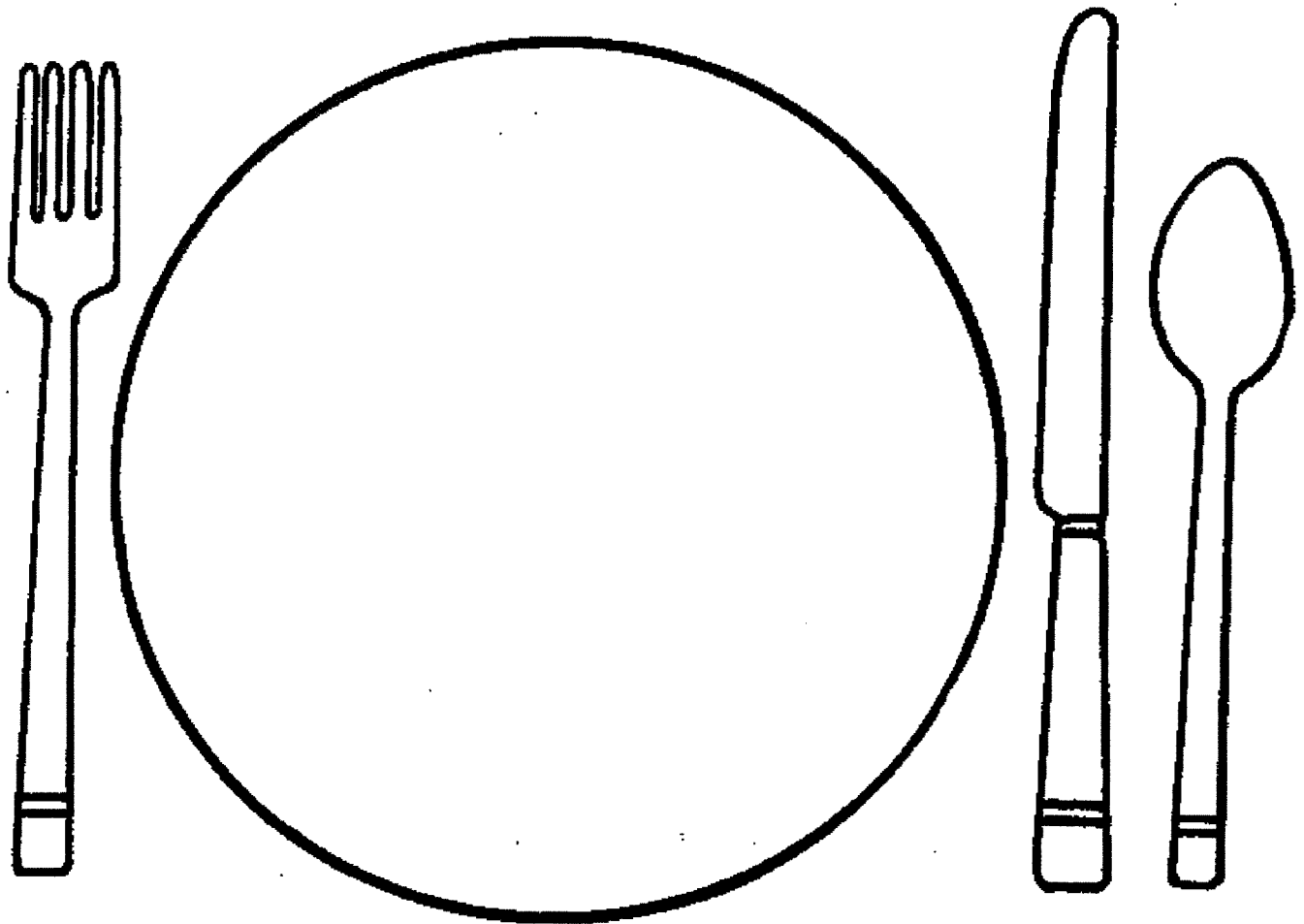


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poultry

Q

is for **question**. Answer this **question** —
What are your favorite foods? On the plate,
draw a picture of the food you like best.

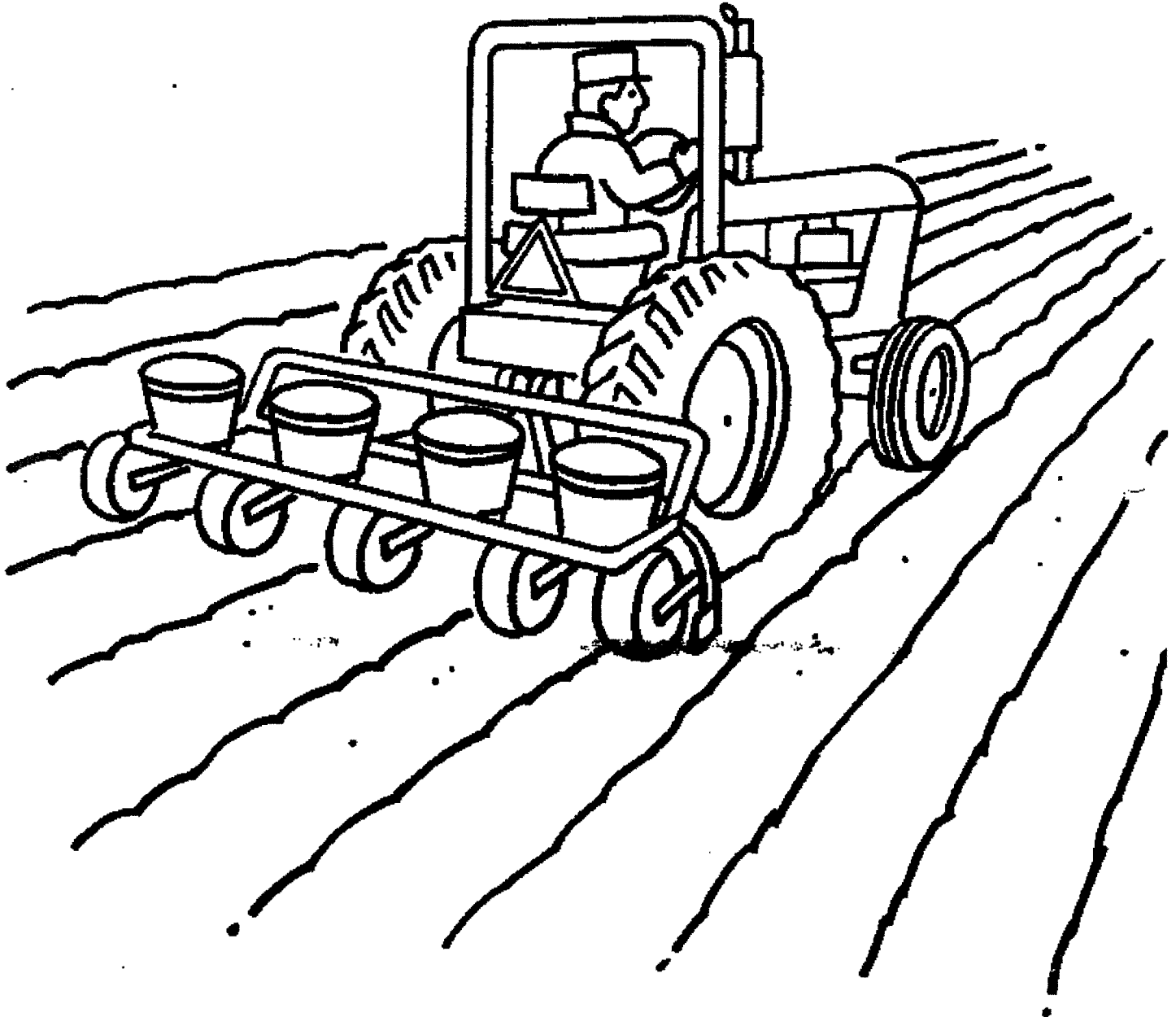


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question

R

is for row. Each spring, farmers plant many rows of chile and onions. How many rows do you see in this picture?

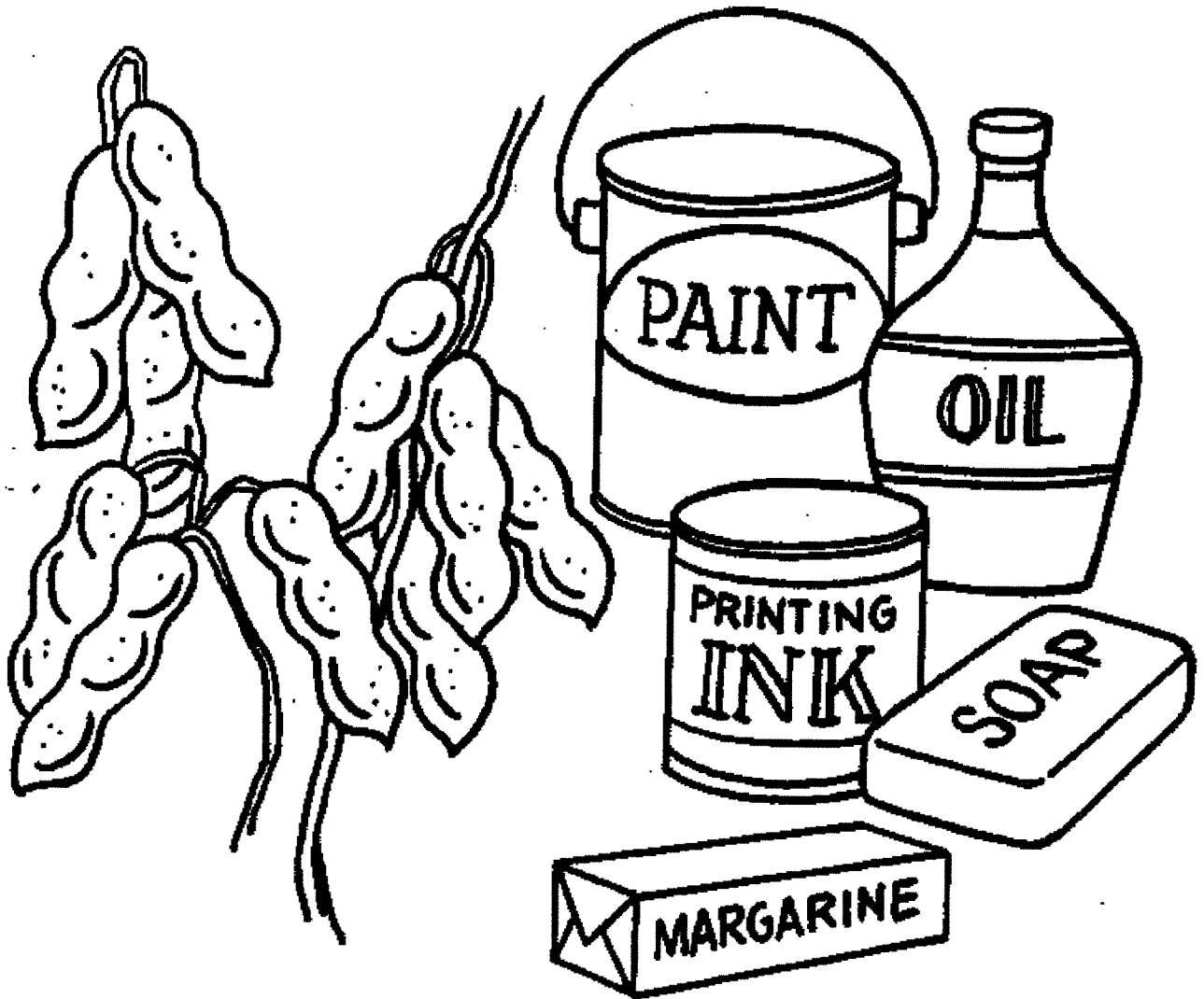


Read the word below. Then print the word.

ROW

S

is for soybean. A soybean is a seed that grows in a pod on a soybean plant. Soybeans are made into foods like cooking oil and donuts. Soybeans are also used to make printing ink, soap, paint, and medicine. Many books are printed with ink made from soybeans.

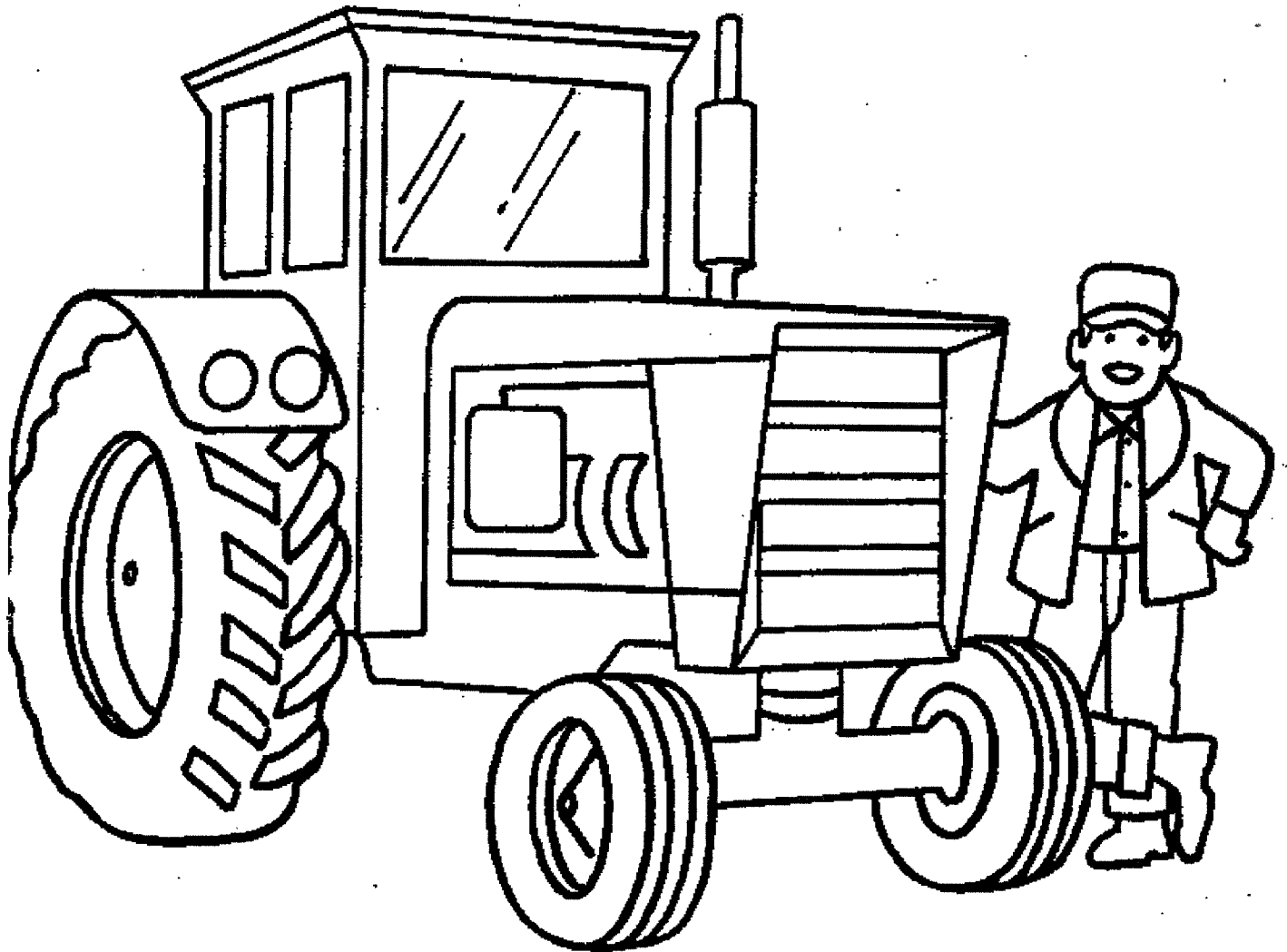


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soybeans

T

is for **tractor**. A **tractor** is the most important machine a farmer uses. It is very expensive to buy. A **tractor** can be green, red, blue, yellow, and other colors. What color will you make this **tractor**?

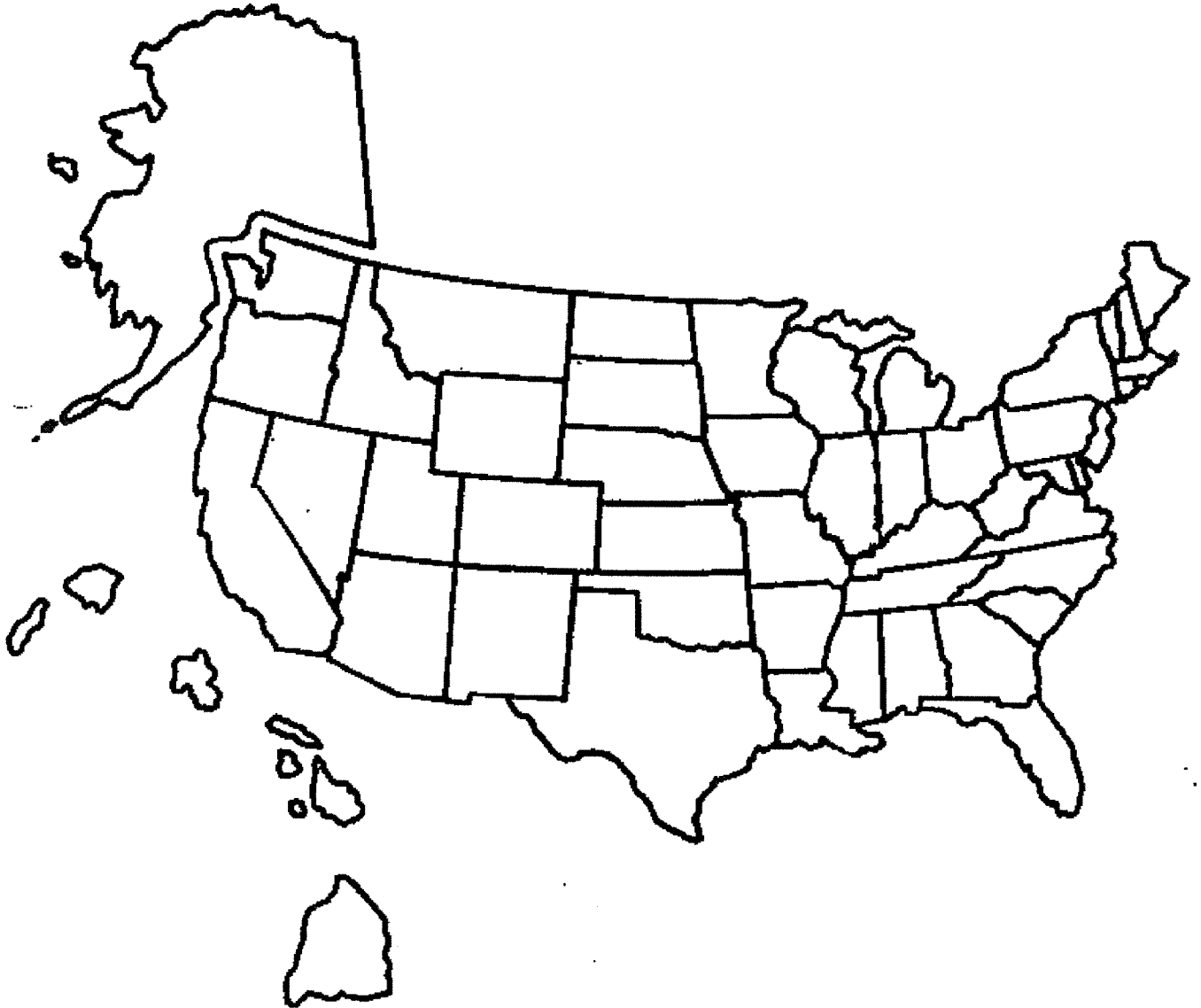


Read the word below. Then print the word.

tractor

U

is for **United States**. The **United States** is made up of 50 states. Farmers in each state grow many animals, grains, and other foods that your family eats. Since you live in New Mexico, draw a picture of a beef cow on New Mexico, the number one agriculture commodity in our state.

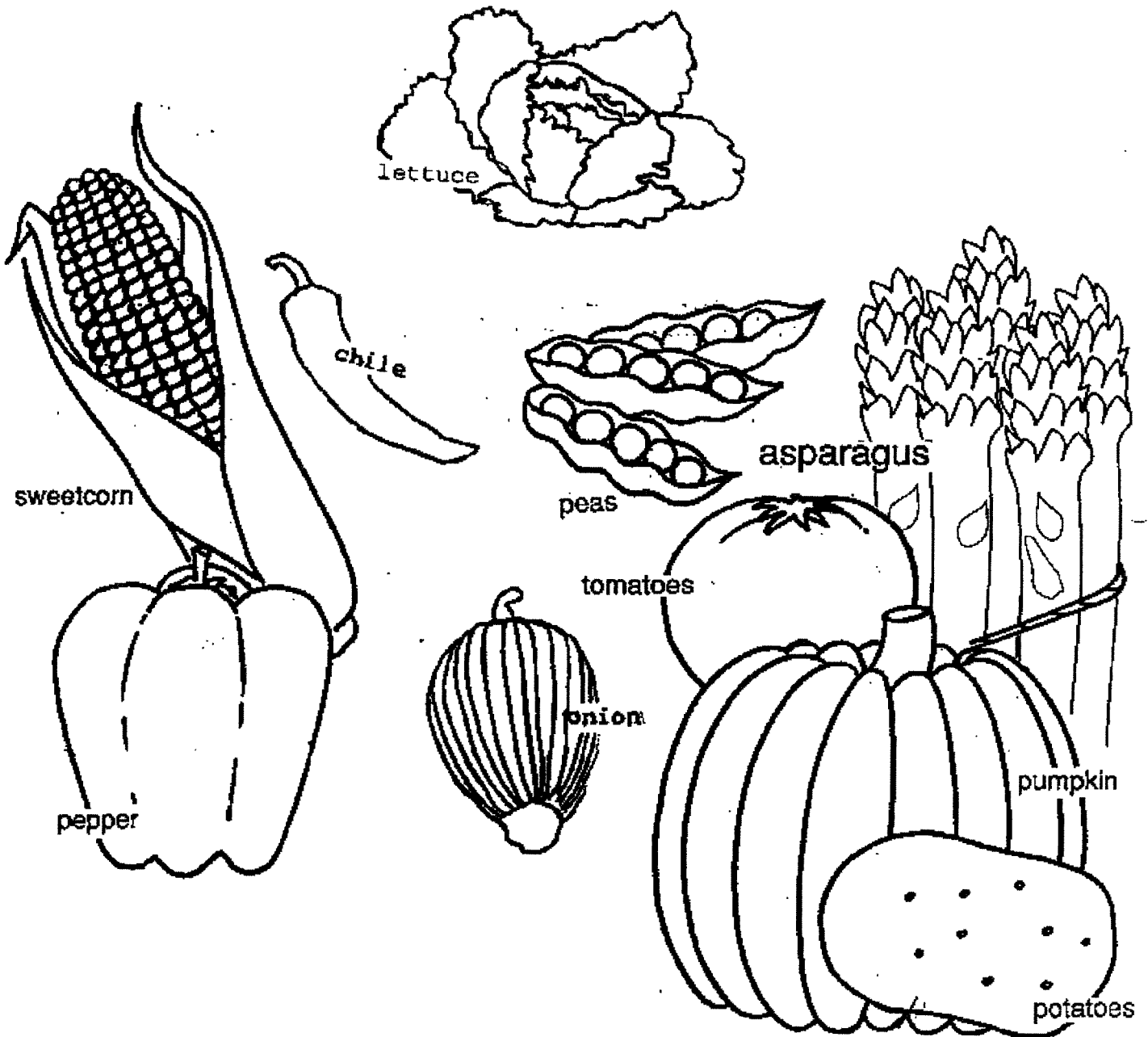


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United States

V

is for vegetables. New Mexico farmers raise many vegetables on their farms and in gardens. Color each vegetable, then circle the ones you like to eat.

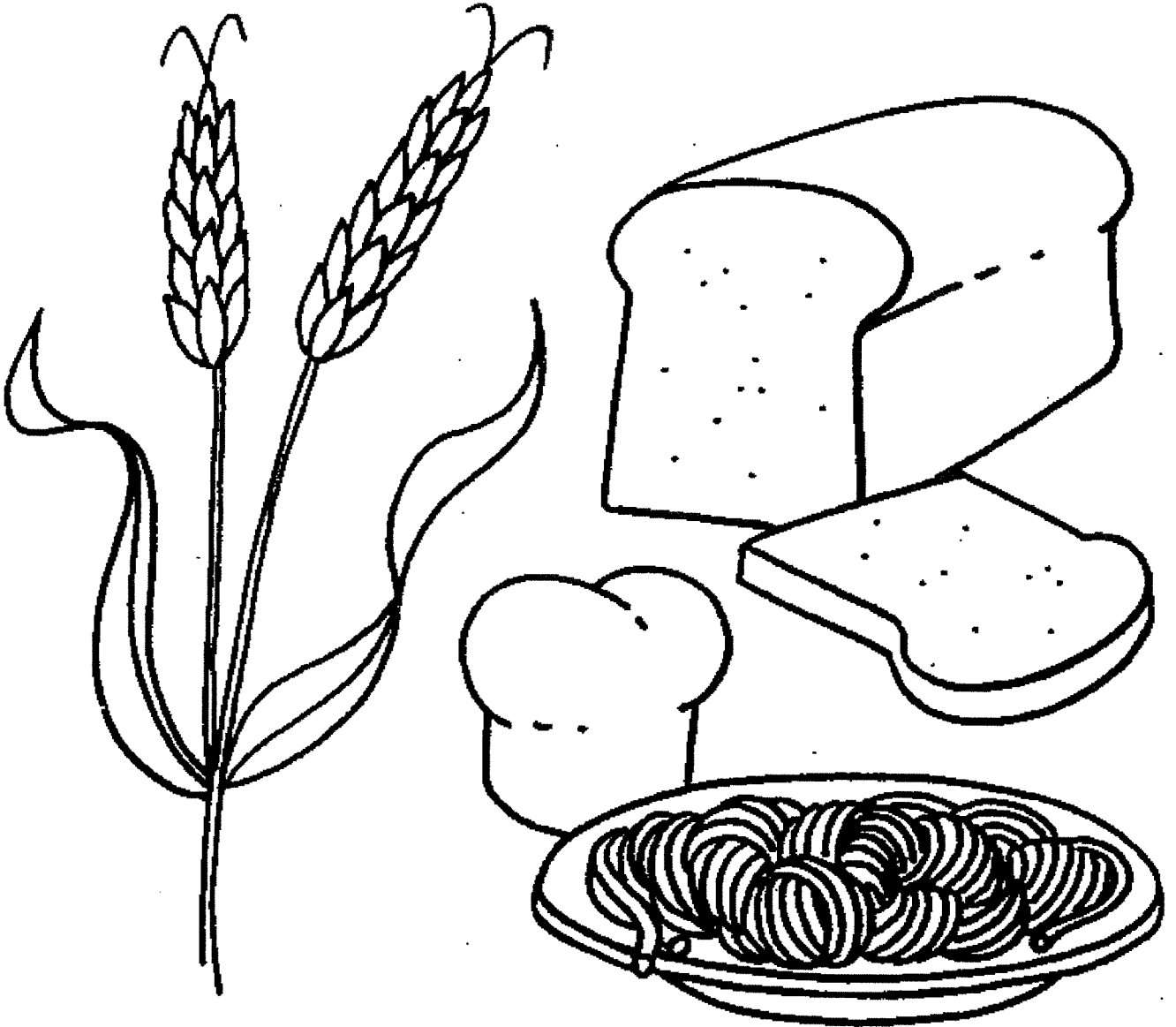


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vegetables

W

is for **wheat**. New Mexico farmers grow wheat in their fields. **Wheat** is made into flour. Flour is made into foods like bread, cakes, pancakes, muffins, and spaghetti.



Read the word below. Then print the word.

wheat

XYZ

(activity pages)

Word Search

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P L A V W F T J K O G R T M

Agriculture

Beef

Com

Cow

Crop

Dairy

Farm

Grocery Store

Hog

Kemel

Lamb

Machine

Orchard

Soybean

Tractor

Wheat

Can you find the words hidden in the word search above? The first one should be easy! Words read both across and up and down. There are no backwards or diagonal words.