Activity Five: California Grown at Home

Did You Know?

You learned about the many industries and workers it takes to produce California items. Now you are going to think about your role as a consumer – or someone who buys and eats different products. Did you know that when you buy California products, you help local businesses grow strong and you help give jobs to Californians? California businesses and workers support the state’s economy and the state supports schools like yours. By supporting California products, you are actually helping yourself.

Let’s Get Ready

For one week you will keep track of the food you eat and the products you use on a daily basis. Do your best to keep track of as many items that you can by writing them in the space below.

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During the week, think about the items you use. Do you use items from California? Do you remember where the items come from in California?

Get Busy

You have already listed your food and product use for one week. Look over your list and answer the following questions:

Do you actually use California products?

Why do you think it is important to use California products?

Which California grown products do you use the most?

Keep Going

Make a shopping list with your parents and make sure they choose California goods.

Spread the word! Tell your friends and neighbors how easy it is to eat and use California products.

Make a list of what is in your cupboards at home. How many California products do you have?

Track your school lunches from the cafeteria. Are there any California grown products at your school?

Related Websites:
www.californiagrown.org
www.cfaitc.org
www.mypyramid.gov