

Activity Six: California Grown - More Than Just Food

Did You Know?

In the other activities most of you have worked with and thought about different food products; today you are going to learn about the California forest industry. The forest business grows pine, fir, redwood, and cedar trees and makes lumber, paneling, windows and doors. About 100,000 people work in this industry. In addition to creating wood products, the forest industry also works to protect California's forests.

What are some products made from wood?

Who uses products made from wood?

Let's Get Ready

Local artists, lumber companies, and furniture designers will be more likely to use California wood if they know why it is good. You will work with a small group to create a billboard telling about the California forest industry to local companies/artists.

Get Busy

Your billboard should include pictures and facts about the California forest industry. Before you create your billboard use the space to the right to plan it. You will need a title/heading, facts about the California forest industry, reasons to use California wood, drawings, and someone to show. With your group, think of at least 2 reasons why people should use California wood.

When you are done planning with your group, your teacher will give you large poster paper to create your billboard.

Keep Going

Take your billboard to a local artist or lumber company to see if they would like to display your artwork in their shop.

Become an artist – get some local wood and try making a sculpture or craft.

Visit a lumberyard and ask questions about the wood that is used.

TITLE- _____

FACTS- _____

REASONS- _____

POSSIBLE DRAWINGS- _____

TARGET AUDIENCE- _____

Related Websites:

- www.calforests.org
- www.californiagrown.org
- www.cfaitc.org

