

Harvest Time!

Talk to the students a little bit about harvesting crops after they have been in the fields growing all summer. Take some toy harvest equipment (combine, tractors with wagons, semi trailer and truck). Talk about how the combine harvest the crop and the wagons/trailers haul the crop to the bins and elevators.

Ask the following questions:

1. Can you name the piece of equipment used to harvest a crop?
2. To harvest a crop what head on that piece of equipment do you need to pick
Soybeans?
Corn?
Wheat?
3. Name some products made from corn.
4. Name some products made from soybeans.
5. Name some products made from wheat.

Answers:

1. Combine
2. Grain head, Corn head, Grain head
3. Breakfast cereals, Corn chips, Corn meal, Corn oil, Flour, Livestock feed, and many more products actually contain corn products such as adhesives, batteries, ink, instant coffee and tea, margarine, mayonnaise, rubber, soaps and cleaners.
4. Bread, candy, soy milk, soy sauce, tofu, soybean oil. Soybean hulls for livestock feed.
5. Bread, crackers, pretzels, cookies, noodles.