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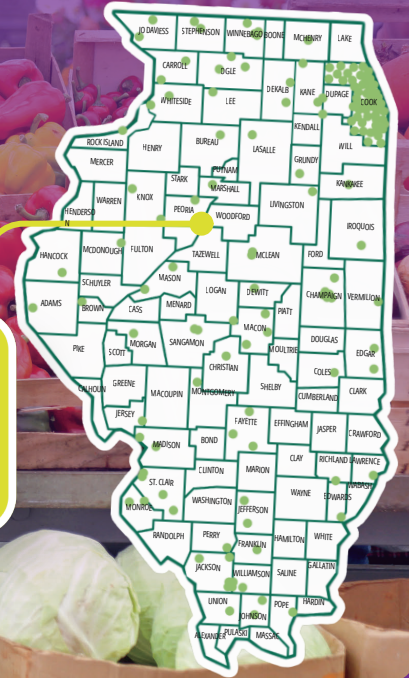
From Farm to Market

There are over 300 Farmers Markets in Illinois. Discover the who, what, where and when of farmers markets!

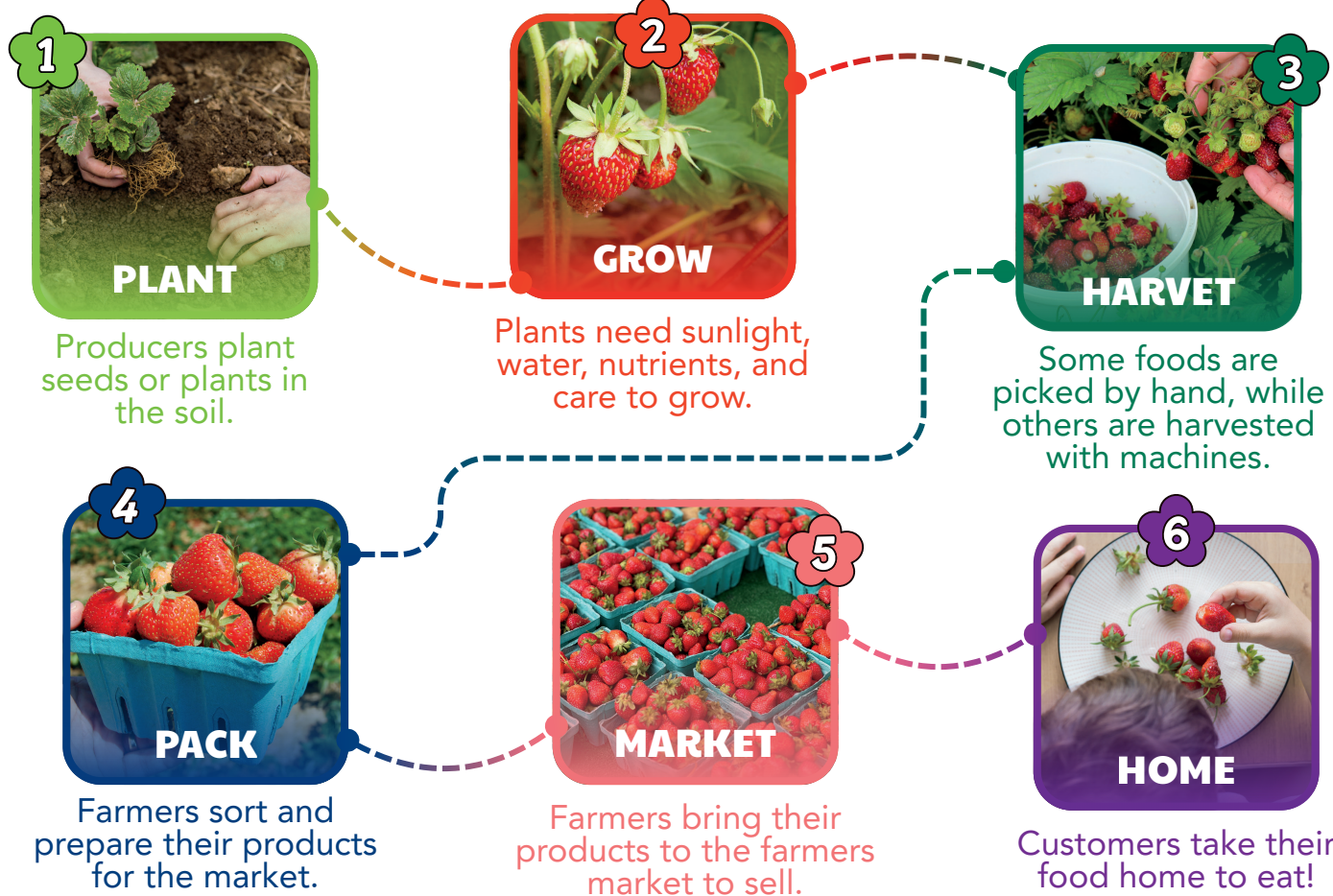
WHERE FARM MEETS COMMUNITY

A farmers market is a place where farmers and other local food producers sell their products directly to people. Farmers bring foods they grow or raise on their farms, such as fruits, vegetables, meat, eggs, honey, and flowers. There are more than 300 Farmers Markets in Illinois.

Illinois Farmers Markets are all around the state. See this map of all the active ones in Illinois today!



FOLLOW THE FOOD



WHAT'S IN YOUR BASKET?

FRUITS

Apples, peaches, strawberries, melons and more!



VEGETABLES

Carrots, tomatoes, sweet corn, peppers, zucchini, and more!



FLOWERS

Farmers grow flowers to sell as fresh bouquets or plants!



ANIMAL PRODUCTS

Eggs, meat, cheese, milk, honey, and butter!



WHO'S AT THE MARKET?

Like many, Maya Anderson's favorite part of the farmers market is meeting new people! Maya assists in the operations of a flower farm in Kankakee County, Illinois.

Farmers markets give Maya a chance to connect with other producers and talk with people who enjoy buying locally grown products. For Maya, the farmers market is about more than selling flowers, it is a place to build community!



MARKET SEASON

Many markets are busiest during the spring, summer, and fall, when Illinois farms have fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, and other products to sell.

The exact market season depends on the location. Some Illinois farmers markets open in the spring and close in the fall, while others operate year-round. Summer and fall are especially busy times for Illinois markets because many crops are ready to harvest.

BUILD YOUR BASKET

Identify the following as fruits, vegetables, or animal products.



Pick 2
fruits, 2
vegetables
and 2
other
products
for your
basket.

Draw and
color them
in the
basket.

