

ILLINOIS

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A Farm for All Seasons

In Illinois we see all
kinds of weather.
Discover how farmers,
plants, and animals
change throughout
the year!

Winter

Spring

Summer

Fall

MEET THE SEASONS IN ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE

SPRING

In the spring, farmers get fields ready to plant crops like corn, soybeans, wheat and other grains. The rain and warmer weather helps the planted crops grow.



Farmer planting the field with tractor and planter.



Soybean plant growing.

SUMMER

Crops grow the most in summer. Farmers take care of the crops to make sure they are healthy. State and county fairs take place in the summer to celebrate all the farmers' hard work.



Hay bales are ready to go to the farm.



Drones and other technology help keep fields healthy.

FALL

In the fall, crops are done growing. Farmers begin to harvest grain when it's dry. Once harvested, farmers store it in grain bins. Other crops like apples and pumpkins are also harvested in the fall.



The combine moves harvested grain to the grain cart.



Pumpkins are ready to be picked.

WINTER

Farmers repair trucks, tractors and other equipment, pay bills and plan in the winter. They also care for the animals and make sure they have hay to eat when the ground is covered in snow.



Farm animals eat hay in the winter.



Farmers repair equipment.

ANIMALS THROUGH THE SEASONS

Animals experience the seasons just like we do! Farmers must change how they care for animals as the weather changes. No matter the season, farmers are always caring for their animals.



Many farm animals have babies. Sheep are sheared in time for the warm weather.



Animals need plenty of fresh water and places to stay cool.



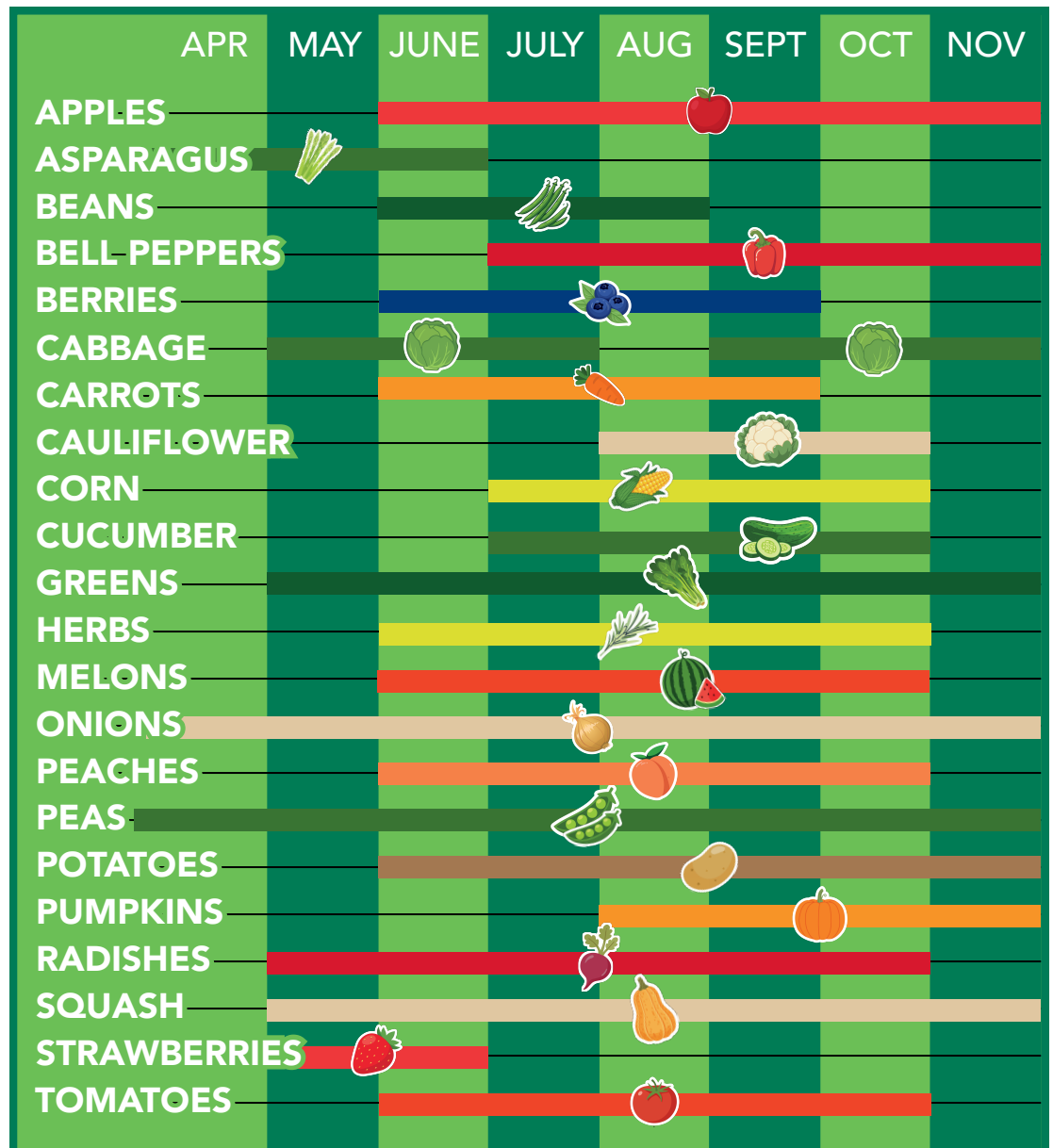
Farmers prepare animals and their homes for colder weather.



Animals need shelter, food, and protection from cold, wind, and snow.

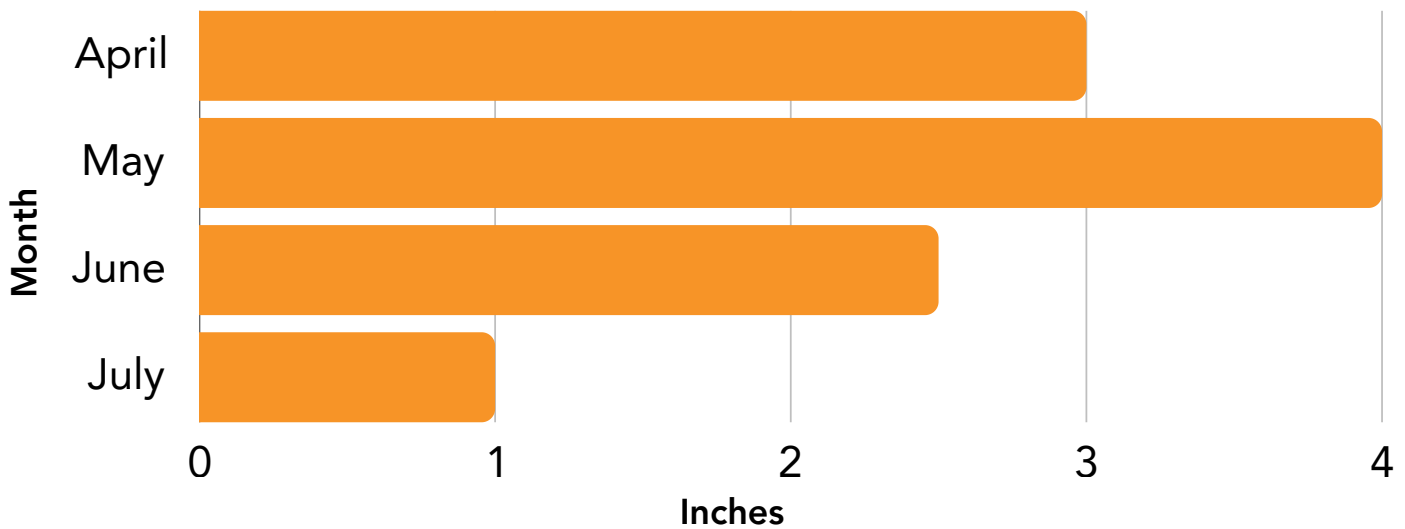
WHAT'S IN SEASON?

Have you ever noticed that different fruits and vegetables are available at different times of the year? That's because plants grow best in certain seasons. In Illinois, the outdoor growing season usually lasts from April through November.

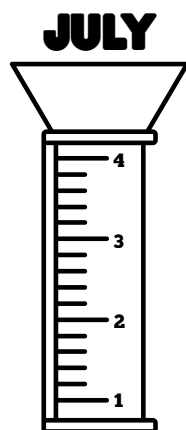
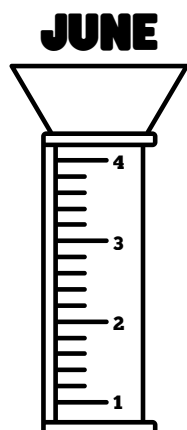
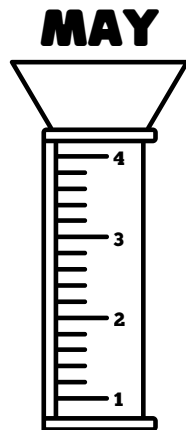
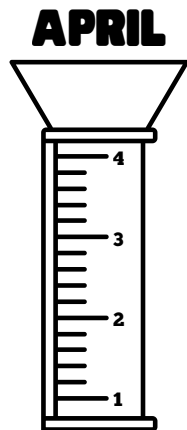


RAIN, RAIN, GRAPH AWAY!

Using the graph below answer the questions and fill in the rain gauges.



1. Fill in the rain gauges to match the graph.



2. Which month had the least rain?

3. How many inches fell in April and May combined?

4. How much more rain fell in July than June?

5. How much total rain fell from April to July?