Pumpkins
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Pumpkins

**Step 1:** Research the top 5 states that produce pumpkins in the United States. Color the state in red and label it with the rank (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) on the map found on the other side of this handout.

**Step 2:** Research the crop and answer the following questions:

1. What climate and growing conditions do pumpkins require?

2. How long does it take from the time a pumpkin seed is planted until it is harvested?

3. What part of the plant is a pumpkin?

4. How are pumpkins harvested?

5. How are pumpkins processed to prepare them for shipping and purchasing by a consumer?

6. How can pumpkins be prepared for Thanksgiving Dinner?
Turkey
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Turkey

**Step 1:** Research the top 5 states that produce turkeys in the United States. Color the state in red and label it with the rank (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) on the map found on the other side of this handout.

**Step 2:** Research the commodity and answer the following questions:

1. What climate can turkeys be raised in?

2. How long does it take from the time a turkey is hatched until it is harvested?

3. What are the names for a male turkey and female turkey?

4. What do turkeys eat?

5. What is the term used to describe a group of turkeys?

6. How can turkey be prepared for Thanksgiving Dinner?
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Cranberries

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Step 2: Research the crop and answer the following questions:

1. What climate and growing conditions do cranberries require?

2. Describe what happens in each season on a cranberry farm.

3. What type of plant do cranberries grow on?

4. How are cranberries harvested?

5. How are cranberries processed to prepare them for shipping and purchasing by a consumer?

6. What Thanksgiving dishes use cranberries?
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Flour

**Step 1:** Research the top 5 states that produce wheat in the United States. Color the state in red and label it with the rank (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) on the map found on the other side of this handout.

**Step 2:** Research the crop and answer the following questions:

1. What climate and growing conditions does wheat require?

2. How long does it take from the time wheat is planted until it is harvested?

3. Which part of the wheat plant is ground to make flour?

4. How is wheat harvested?

5. How is wheat processed into flour?

6. What Thanksgiving dishes require flour?
Eggs
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Eggs

**Step 1:** Research the top 5 states that produce eggs in the United States. Color the state in red and label it with the rank (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) on the map found on the other side of this handout.

**Step 2:** Research the commodity and answer the following questions:

1. What climate can hens be raised in?

2. How long does it take from the time a female chick hatches until she begins laying eggs?

3. How many eggs does a hen lay per day?

4. Is there a nutritional difference between an egg with a brown shell and an egg with a white shell?

5. How are eggs processed to prepare them for shipping and purchasing by a consumer?

6. What Thanksgiving dishes require eggs?
Milk
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Milk

**Step 1:** Research the top 5 states that produce milk in the United States. Color the state in red and label it with the rank (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) on the map found on the other side of this handout.

**Step 2:** Research the commodity and answer the following questions:

1. What climate can dairy cows be raised in?

2. How long does it take from the time a calf is born until a female can produce milk?

3. How much milk does the average cow produce each day?

4. What dairy products is milk used to make?

5. How is cheese made?

6. What Thanksgiving dishes require milk, cheese, butter or other dairy products?
Sugar
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Sugar

**Step 1:** Research the top 5 states that produce sugar beets and sugar cane in the United States. Color the sugar beet states in red and sugar cane states in blue. Label each state with the rank (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) on the map found on the other side of this handout.

**Step 2:** Research the crop and answer the following questions:

1. What climate and growing conditions do sugar beets and sugar cane require? (research separately)

2. How long does it take from the time sugar beets/cane is planted until it is harvested?

3. Which part of the plant is sugar cane and sugar beet?

4. How are sugar cane/beets harvested?

5. How is sugar processed from sugar cane and sugar beets?

6. What Thanksgiving dishes is sugar used in?
Yams
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Yams

Step 1: Research the top 5 states that produce yams in the United States. Color the state in red and label it with the rank (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) on the map found on the other side of this handout.

Step 2: Research the crop and answer the following questions:

1. What climate and growing conditions do yams require?

2. How long does it take from the time yams are planted until they are harvested?

3. Which part of the plant is the yam?

4. How are yams harvested?

5. How are yams processed to prepare them for shipping and purchasing by a consumer?

6. How can yams be prepared for Thanksgiving Dinner?
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Beans

**Step 1:** Research the top 5 states that produce beans in the United States. Color the state in red and label it with the rank (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) on the map found on the other side of this handout.

**Step 2:** Research the crop and answer the following questions:

1. What climate and growing conditions do beans require?

2. How long does it take from the time beans are planted until they are harvested?

3. Which part of the plant produces the bean?

4. How are beans harvested?

5. How are beans processed to prepare them for shipping and purchasing by a consumer?

6. How can beans be prepared for Thanksgiving Dinner?
Corn
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Corn

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**Step 2:** Research the crop and answer the following questions:

1. What climate and growing conditions does corn require?

2. How long does it take from the time corn is planted until it is harvested?

3. Which part of the plant is the corn?

4. How is corn harvested?

5. How is corn processed to prepare it for shipping and purchasing by a consumer?

6. How can corn be prepared for Thanksgiving Dinner?
Potatoes
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Potatoes

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**Step 2:** Research the crop and answer the following questions:

1. What climate and growing conditions do potatoes require?

2. How long does it take from the time potatoes are planted until they are harvested?

3. Which part of the plant is the potato?

4. How are potatoes harvested?

5. How are potatoes processed to prepare them for shipping and purchasing by a consumer?

6. How can potatoes be prepared for Thanksgiving Dinner?
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Carrots

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Step 2: Research the crop and answer the following questions:

1. What climate and growing conditions do carrots require?

2. How long does it take from the time carrots are planted until they are harvested?

3. Which part of the plant is the carrot?

4. How are carrots harvested?

5. How are carrots processed to prepare them for shipping and purchasing by a consumer?

6. How can carrots be prepared for Thanksgiving Dinner?