

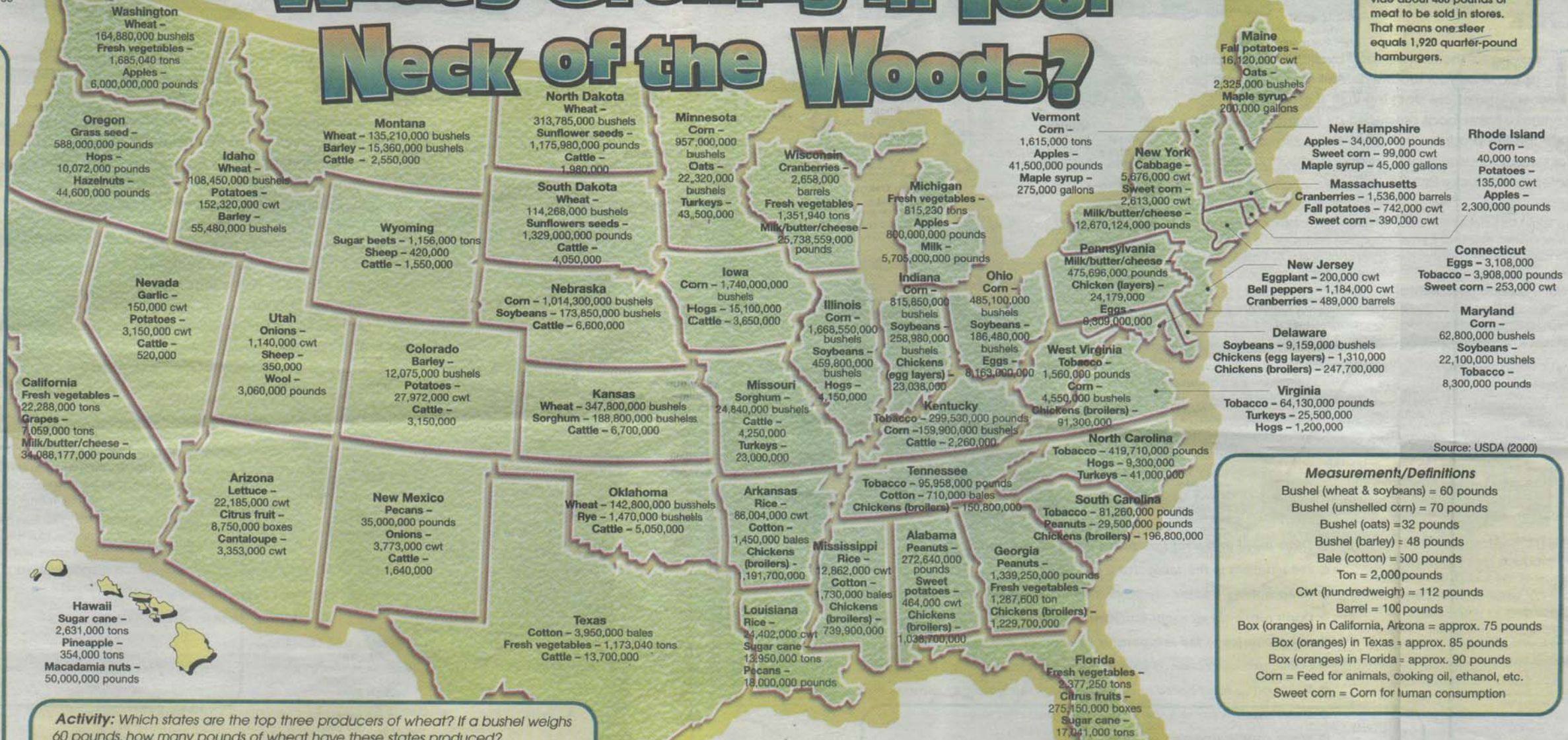
What's Growing in Your Neck of the Woods?

Alaska
Timber - 1,200,000,000 square feet
Milk - 13,050,000 pounds
Reindeer - 1,700

Did you know?
 A 1,200 pound steer will provide about 480 pounds of meat to be sold in stores. That means one steer equals 1,920 quarter-pound hamburgers.

TOP PRODUCERS

- Apples**
- Washington - 6,000,000,000 pounds
- New York** - 995,000,000 pounds
- Michigan - 800,000,000 pounds
- Fresh vegetables**
- California - 22,288,010 tons
- Washington - 1,685,040 tons
- Wisconsin - 1,351,940 tons
- Dairy products**
- California - 34,088,177,000 pounds
- Wisconsin - 25,738,559,000 pounds
- New York - 12,670,124,000 pounds
- Eggs**
- Ohio - 8,163,000,000
- Iowa - 7,554,000,000
- Pennsylvania - 6,309,000,000
- Oranges**
- Florida - 223,300,000 boxes
- California - 59,000,000 boxes
- Texas - 2,235,000 boxes
- Corn**
- Iowa - 1,740,000,000 bushels
- Illinois - 1,668,550,000 bushels
- Nebraska - 1,014,300,000 bushels
- Wheat**
- Kansas - 347,800,000 bushels
- North Dakota - 313,785,000 bushels
- Washington - 164,880,000 bushels
- Chickens (broilers)**
- Georgia - 1,229,700,000
- Arkansas - 1,191,700,000
- Alabama - 1,038,700,000
- Cattle**
- Texas - 13,700,000
- Kansas - 6,700,000
- Nebraska - 6,600,000
- Hogs**
- Iowa - 15,100,000
- North Carolina - 9,300,000
- Minnesota - 5,800,000



Source: USDA (2000)

Measurements/Definitions

- Bushel (wheat & soybeans) = 60 pounds
- Bushel (unshelled corn) = 70 pounds
- Bushel (oats) = 32 pounds
- Bushel (barley) = 48 pounds
- Bale (cotton) = 500 pounds
- Ton = 2,000 pounds
- Cwt (hundredweight) = 112 pounds
- Barrel = 100 pounds
- Box (oranges) in California, Arizona = approx. 75 pounds
- Box (oranges) in Texas = approx. 85 pounds
- Box (oranges) in Florida = approx. 90 pounds
- Corn = Feed for animals, cooking oil, ethanol, etc.
- Sweet corn = Corn for human consumption

Activity: Which states are the top three producers of wheat? If a bushel weighs 60 pounds, how many pounds of wheat have these states produced?

Activity: Which state raises the most hogs? Which state raises the most cattle? What is the difference between the top producing state and the second producing state for each of these livestock? What is the percentage difference?

Activity: Which three states top the nation in fresh vegetables? What vegetables do you think are included? How many pounds of vegetables do each of these top three states produce?

Activity: Divide into groups of three. Using the grocery ads or recipes in your newspaper, plan a menu for one day of eating. Be sure to include breakfast! Write down the menu and all the food needed to make the three meals. Now, figure out which state most likely provided the food for each meal. For example, a lunch that includes a ham sandwich, apple, cookies, and milk. The ham sandwich would have bread made of wheat from Kansas, ham from Iowa, cheese from Wisconsin, lettuce from California, and a tomato from Florida. The apple most likely would come from Washington, the flour for the cookies from Minnesota, and the milk from Wisconsin. You will be amazed at how many states contribute to one day's meals.