



## What are you having for lunch?

I bet it will be something good. And if it is hamburger, chicken, potatoes, peas or even apple pie, it's a good bet that your food was grown not too far from where you live.

Washington farmers and ranchers raise over 300 kinds of crops and farm animals. Some you are familiar with, like apples, cows and wheat, but did you know Washington farmers also grow tulips, mushrooms, cranberries, lentils, cabbage seed, potatoes, soy beans, canola, hops, wine grapes, and many different kinds of grass and flower seeds? Washington is a growing place!

Agriculture is the heart of Washington's economy and provides more jobs than any other industry in the state. We are lucky to have good soil and plenty of water and sunshine for growing food in our state. And through our local conservation efforts, the Farm Service Agency is working with farmers and ranchers to keep it that way.

I hope you will have fun with this activity book, and that you discover something new about Washington agriculture, and the farmers and ranchers who help keep our plates full of delicious things to eat.

So, what are you having for lunch? I bet it will be something grown in Washington. Washington farmers make our lives delicious!

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