

Local Food Family Feud

Maine Learning Results: Science:M.4, M.6; Social Studies:C1, D1

Purpose: This is a great activity for reinforcing lessons about local food, about gardening, or any other subject, depending how you design the questions.

Activity: This game is played similarly to the old game show family feud, with two teams competing to get the most correct answers. You will need two buzzers, or a neutral volunteer to serve as a buzzer. The teams line up on either side of the buzzer/s, and as the question is asked, the first person in line slaps the buzzer (or the outstretched hand closest to them of the person the is serving as buzzer.) Whomever slaps the buzzer first gets to answer the question. Once they slap the buzzer, they must answer the question correctly to get the points. If they answer incorrectly, the other team gets a chance. Each person must answer by themselves, but the points won go to the team. Once someone has a chance to answer a question, they go to the back of the line so that the next person gets a chance to answer.

Here is a sample list of questions:

In what month of the year in Maine do you plant tomatoes outdoors? (answer: June. Late May is ok too)

How far does the average bite of food travel in the US today? (answer: 1500 to 2500 miles)

How much money would enter the Maine economy if every family spent \$10 a week on local foods, \$100, \$10,000, \$100 million?(answer:\$100 million)

What does it mean to grow something organically? (answer: without chemical fertilizer, or pesticides)

What is one drawback of chemical pesticides? (answer: they are most dangerous to the person applying them, they often contain chemicals that cause cancer and many other health problems)

What is one drawback of chemical fertilizers? (answer: they can runoff the fields and pollute nearby waterways. Also, they require a lot of energy in the form of fossil fuels to create them)

Name one organic fertilizer (answer: manure, compost, fish emulsion, alfalfa meal, bone meal)

What is the biggest supermarket chain in the US, Walmart, Hannaford or Wild Oats? (answer: Walmart)

Name one place where you can buy local apples. (answer: orchards, farmer's markets, Hannafords)

All bugs are bad in the garden, True or False? (answer: false)

Name three vegetables that grow in Maine.(answer: there are too many to list here)

What is local food? (answer: it is food that is grown nearby)

Name three reasons for buying local food. (answer: it is good for the local economy, it's fresher and therefore healthier, and it tastes better)

Name two places where you can buy local foods. (answer: farmer's markets, vegetable stands, Hannafords, look for local markets in your area to interject here)

Why is buying local foods good for farmers? (answer: farmers receive more profit from the food sold locally because there are less middle men and expenses)

What are two things that we have done in our garden so far? (answer is of course dependant on your garden and what time of year it is)

What does GMO stand for? (answer: genetically modified organism)

Can GMO's be organic? (answer: no, organic certification won't allow GMO plants to be certified)