

KidsPrint



You Grow **WHAT?**



Many of you live on farms. But many of you don't, and when you think of a farm, you think JUST of cows and cornfields. But farmers raise all kinds of animals such as horses, llamas, pigs, or turkeys. And they grow many different crops such as apples, cotton, soybeans, tomatoes, roses ... almonds.

ALMONDS?

In fact, Awana missionaries, Tom and Marti Chance, live on an almond farm — it's a family business, and Tom has lived there since he was a little kid.

Here are some almond farm facts that I learned from them.

1. Almost 80 percent of almonds are grown in the valley between Bakersfield and Chico, California.
2. Almonds need 200 hours of “winter chilling” to produce the best crop — but they can't be TOO cold.
3. Almond trees are cross-pollinated by honeybees. (Did you know that honeybees are dying off and many farmers are concerned about this — including almond farmers?) Can you imagine? California almond farmers need 1.2 million beehives to pollinate their trees. If you'd like to buy some bees for your orchards — a box of bees costs about \$150.00.
4. Bees don't fly in the dark. They don't fly on windy or rainy days either, or when the temperature is below 55 degrees. So the weather has to be JUST RIGHT.

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Why did the skeleton
go to the BBQ?
(Erin, age 11)
To get some ribs.

The kids from Grace Community
Church in Madera, California,
sent in some funny riddles —
here they are!

Why is Cinderella
bad at baseball?
(Sierra, age 11)
*She always runs
away from the ball.*

What did one eye say
to the other eye?
(Courtney, age 12)
*There's something
between us that smells.*

Ha! Ha! Ha!

Why did the
ballerina quit ballet?
(Lilly, age 11)
*It was just not her
part.*

What does Daisy Duck say
when she buys lipstick?
(Carla, age 11)
Just put it on my bill!



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- Forty percent of almonds are used by chocolate companies. (Think Almond Joy.) But this number is changing because more and more people are eating raw almonds because they're so good for you!
- Almond trees bloom in February (white blossoms), and the almonds are harvested from mid-August through October.
- Almonds are actually "stone fruits" in the same family as peaches and plums.
- Almonds come in many varieties — the most common are nonpareil, mission, and California.
- The land in central California is similar to that in Israel — that's why farmers from California and farmers in Israel get together every once in awhile to discuss farming methods.
- Orchard owners get between 15-25 pounds of almonds per tree.

Did you know the apostle Paul (in the Bible) uses the word picture of a farmer to describe our Christian life? (Look at 2 Timothy 2:6.)

The farmer works hard before he sees results — and sometimes storms and bugs and other bad things mess up his crop. He needs to persevere (keep on going) no matter what.

The Christian life can be difficult too. Sometimes you might get discouraged because you're getting bad grades in school — because you don't work hard enough. Or you might struggle to get through your T&T handbook. Or maybe you have a problem with anger or lying, and you want to do better, you really do.

Like the farmer — you need to keep on going. Depend on the Lord to help you. The end result is worth it all.

The Time of Year



We're at the beginning of the club year. If you would like your club to participate in KidsPrint by answering a question or sharing favorite riddles, write to us at KidsPrint@awana.org.

We are ALWAYS looking for kids we can highlight in KidsPrint. Do you know a clubber who has an interesting hobby, has won an award for something unusual, is involved in a unique sport or has served the Lord in a special way? Or you may know a child who has had a fun or crazy experience. Again, write to KidsPrint@awana.org. Tell us what the child does and give us the contact information. We don't promise to use every recommendation, but we'll consider each and every one we receive.



BRAIN DRAIN

(multiple choice)

1. You can read about almonds in the Bible book of

- a. Revelation
- b. Acts
- c. Numbers

2. The world has more chickens than it has

- a. Mosquitos
- b. People
- c. Cows

3. How many bees does it take to produce a tablespoon of honey?

- a. 2
- b. 12
- c. 20

4. How many eggs does the US produce every year?

- a. 105 thousand
- b. 23 million
- c. 87 million

5. How many cows live in the United States?

- a. 2.2 million
- b. 4.2 million
- c. 87.7 million

6. How much water does a cow need to drink every day?

- a. Pitcher full
- b. Bathtub full
- c. Swimming pool full

7. In 2 Timothy 2, the apostle Paul wrote that farmers should be the first to get what?

- a. Money
- b. Crops
- c. Praise

8. Which Bible author was a farmer?

- a. Luke
- b. John
- c. Amos

Answers: Numbers, People, 12, 87 million, 87.7 million, Bathtub full, Crops, Amos

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CLUB NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATE OCTOBER!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- National Caramel Month
- National Pickled Peppers Month
- 3 - Soft Taco Day
- 8 - National Children's Day
- 16 - Dictionary Day
- 25 - World Pasta Day
- 27 - Navy Day