

# Activity Three: Who Makes Our Stuff?

## Did You Know?

Now you know about the many different products that come from California but do you know who is responsible for actually making the products and getting them to the stores? You know you can buy food at grocery stores, wood from hardware stores, and flowers from florists, but how do those products get to those stores? Fishermen, farmers, and foresters are among the many people who bring products to your local stores. Fruits, vegetables, flowers, and poultry grow on farms and orchards, fish start in oceans, lakes, and rivers, and wood comes from forests. Items that are canned, like olives, start on a farm and then are put into cans at a cannery.



## Let's Get Ready

Today you are going to create a matching game for the class. You and a partner will choose a California grown product from the following list: **garlic, olives, nectarines, cherries, salmon, flowers, wooden chair, roast turkey, grapes, kiwifruit.** One of you will draw a picture of the object on an index card. Your partner will draw the area/region where this product comes from on another index card. When you are finished, below are some fun facts for you to write on the back of your index cards. Or, if the Internet is available, research other fun facts about your product online.

- Most of America's garlic is grown in California.
- The male turkey is called a Tom.
- Cherries grow on trees.
- Chinook Salmon are called kings because they are the largest species of Pacific Salmon.

- California grapes are eaten in 27 countries.
- Kiwifruit is packed full of vitamin C.
- Nectarines are like peaches, but they are not fuzzy on the outside.

- California forests grow enough lumber each year to build 120,000 houses.
- California flowers are sold in 30,000 flower shops nationwide.
- Olives will stay fresh in a can for 4 years.

## Get Busy

Now, with your partner, choose a product and make your cards.

When everyone is finished, your class can play the matching game together.

What was the most interesting fun fact you learned?

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What was the most surprising fun fact?

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## Keep Going

Make your own cards at home featuring different California products. You can find fun facts on the "California Grown" website [www.californiagrown.org](http://www.californiagrown.org).

Instead of writing facts on the back, write down your favorite food/snacks for each of the products. For example, on the back of the card, in stead of the fun fact, draw or write down your favorite California grown food.

Next time you buy a product, try to name the businesses and workers that helped get it to the store. You may even think of a fun fact about the item.

## Related Websites:

- [www.calcherry.com](http://www.calcherry.com)
- [www.calforests.org](http://www.calforests.org)
- [www.californiagrown.org](http://www.californiagrown.org)
- [www.calkingsalmon.org](http://www.calkingsalmon.org)
- [www.calolive.org](http://www.calolive.org)
- [www.cfaitc.org](http://www.cfaitc.org)
- [www.cpif.org](http://www.cpif.org)
- [www.eatcaliforniafruit.com](http://www.eatcaliforniafruit.com)
- [www.freshcaliforniagrapes.com](http://www.freshcaliforniagrapes.com)
- [www.kiwifruit.org](http://www.kiwifruit.org)

