



Mint Worksheet

Objective(s):

Apply critical thinking to crack a code of symbols and guess what the product is from the clues.

Indiana Academic Standards:

Social Studies: Grade 3

Economics

3.4.2 - Give examples of goods and services provided by local business and industry.

National Agricultural Literacy Outcomes

Agriculture and the Environment Outcomes

T1.3-5e. Recognize the natural resources used in agricultural practices to produce food, feed, clothing, landscaping plants, and fuel.

Materials:

- Writing utensil
- Student worksheet

INDIANA AG ESCAPE

Name: _____

MYSTERY CROP

Each of these symbols stands for a different letter. Use the code to help crack these clues and guess the crop! (Hint: It might not be a typical crop you think of.)

1. This crop's main use is its _____



2. This crop is used to make many types of _____



3. This crop is a _____

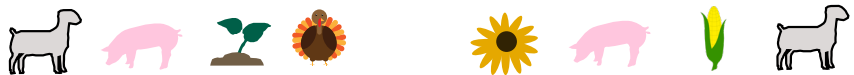


4. When this crop is harvested, it is laid into piles to dry.

The piles are called _____



5. This crop was used as a _____



6. This crop has a _____



scent and is used in

products like gum and toothpaste.

WHAT IS IT? _____

THE SECRET CODE





Teacher Answer Key

The correct answers for the puzzle are as follows

1. oil
2. tea
3. perennial
4. windrows
5. gift, king
6. fresh

Mystery crop = mint

Supplemental Information

- Indiana is an important mint producing state. Every year there are over 25,000 acres of mint produced in Indiana each year.
- District 1 produces the most mint in the state. St. Joseph and Starke counties have the largest productions.
- Indiana mint can be used for mint gum, mint candies, toothpaste, mint chocolate chip ice cream, etc.
- Mint is a perennial plant which means it lives more than one lifecycle.
- Mint is harvested between mid-June and late September.
- When mint is harvested, it is piled into "windrows". These are lines of piled mint that allow it to dry.
- One acre of mint = 76 pounds of mint oil.