Mathon the Farm

Kansas Farm Bureau encourages students to learn mathematical content and skills that are used to solve a variety of problems. Their intent is to combine the use of mathematical problems with problems that pertain to agriculture in order to help students better see the importance farming and ranching has on their everyday lives.

Some content revised from Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom lesson plan.

Materials Included:

-Cow-Calf Pairs worksheet -Fence Building worksheet -Growing A Crop worksheet -Our World With Wheat worksheet -The Mighty Egg worksheet

Instructions:

These worksheets can be used to incorporate math and agriculture together in the lesson plan.

Directions for each worksheet are listed at the top of each page.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will be expected to apply basic addition, multiplication, and division skills to problems that relate to agriculture activities. In doing so, the students visually interpret and display numerical (whole numbers) and non-numerical data sets including the use of concrete objects in a variety of situations.

Students will use concepts and procedures of data analysis to apply agriculture to numerical computations.



Level: 3rd-4th Grade

Subject: Math

<u>Standard 1:</u> Number and Computation– The student uses numerical and computational concepts and procedures in a variety of situations.

Benchmark 4: Computation – The student models, performs, and explains computation with whole numbers.

Indicators:

M.3.1.4.K7, M.3.1.1.K3ac, M.4.1.4.K6a-d -Multiplication using the basic facts through the 5s and the multiplication facts of the 10s -Student shows the relationship between these operations with the basic fact families including the use of mathematical models

b. addition and multiplicationc. multiplication and division

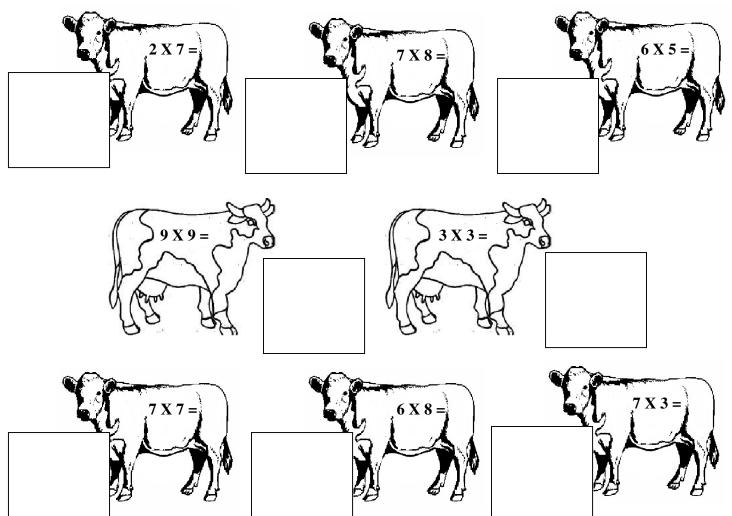


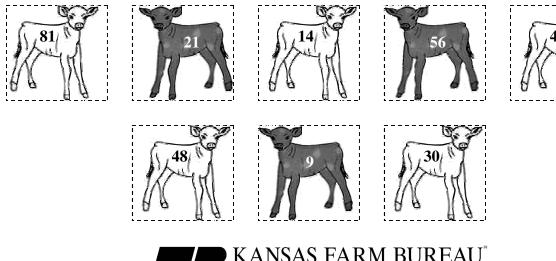
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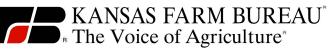
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Help the calf find his mom by cutting and gluing each calf to the matching cow.





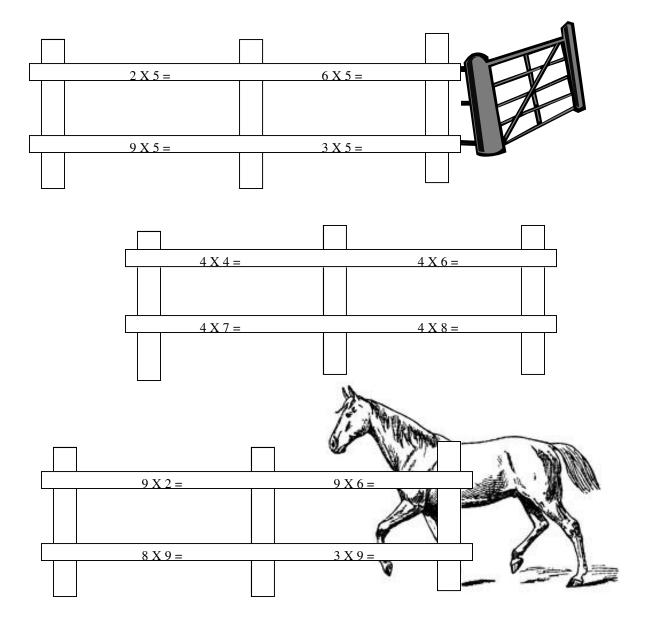


Fence Building

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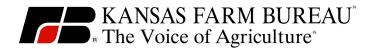
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The rancher will need 200 total feet of fencing materials to build a pen for his horse. Do the math problems then add up all their products to find the total feet of material he has. Decide if the rancher has enough material to build his pen.



Total feet of fencing material

Is it enough to build the rancher's horse pen?



Growing A Crop

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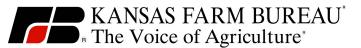
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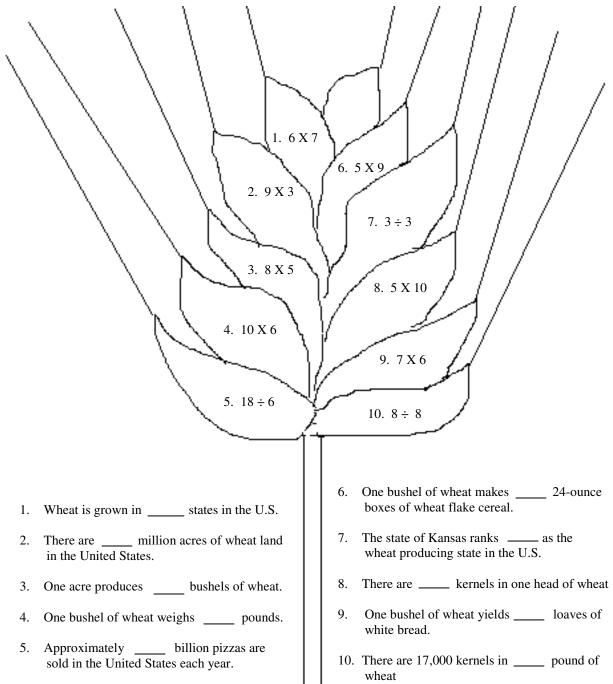


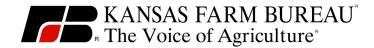
Our World With Wheat

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Wheat is an important crop that is the main ingredient for bread, pasta, and cereal. A farmer will plant, harvest, and sell his crop of wheat to provide the world with safe, healthy food.

Fill in the blanks to complete the wheat facts. Mathematical clues can be found in the wheat head to help find the correct answers.





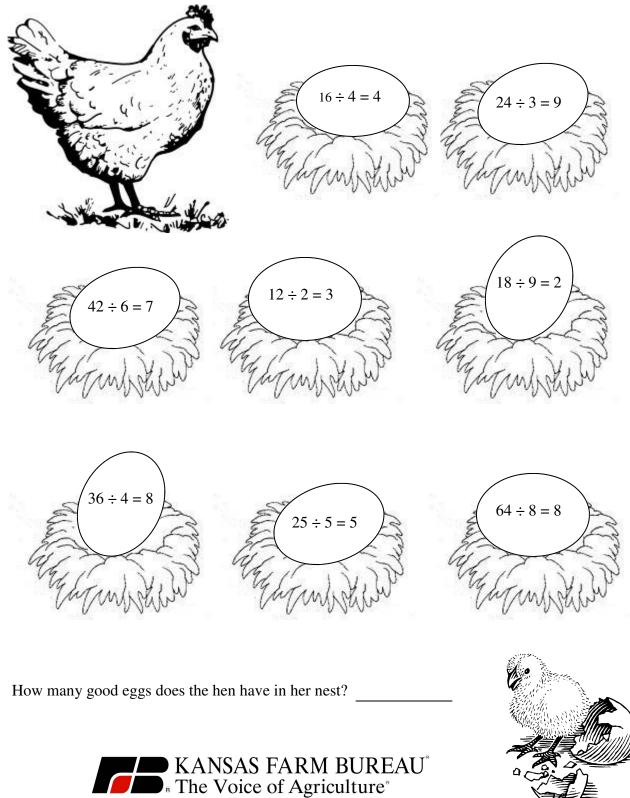
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The Mighty Egg

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Eggs are an excellent source of protein and can be eaten to maintain a healthy diet.

Help the hen sort out the bad eggs from the good eggs, and put a crack in the eggs with incorrect problems

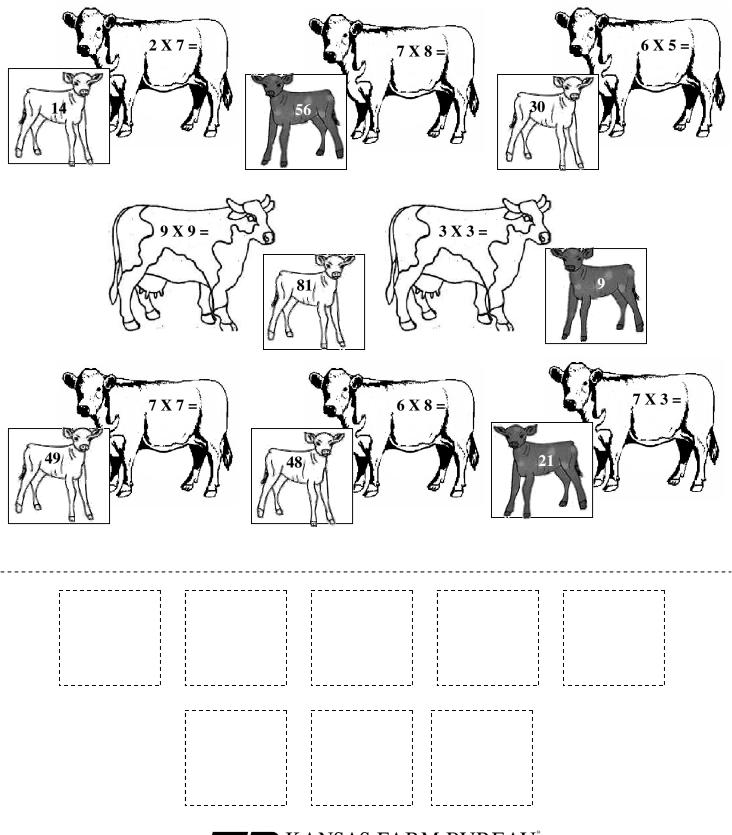


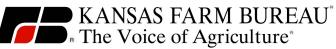
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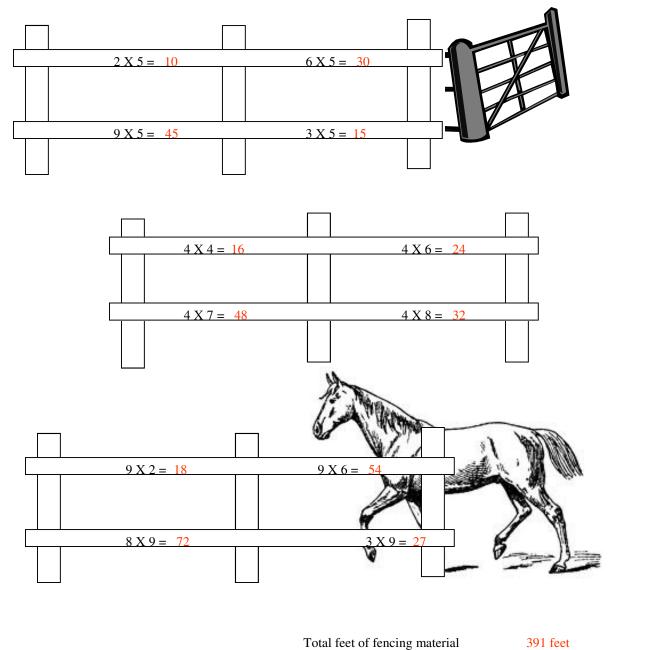


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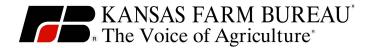
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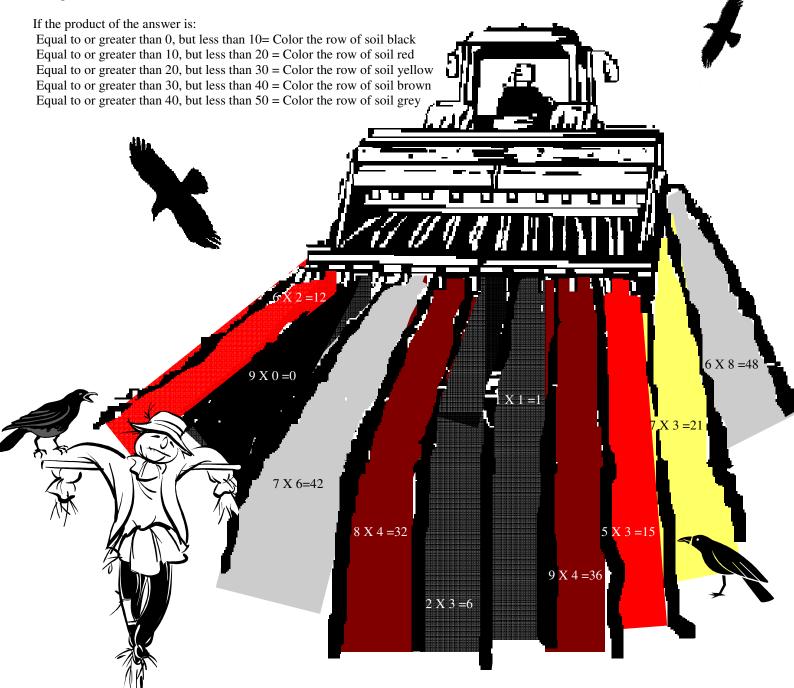


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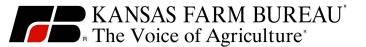
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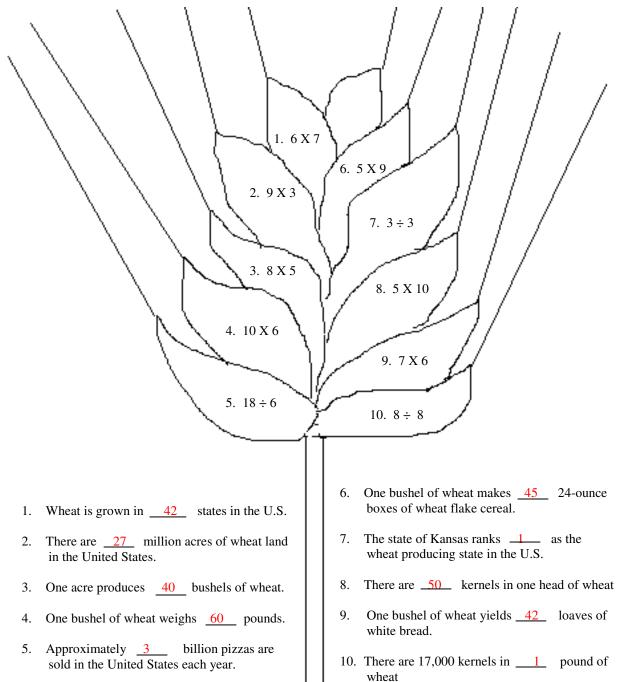


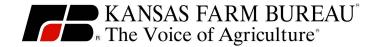
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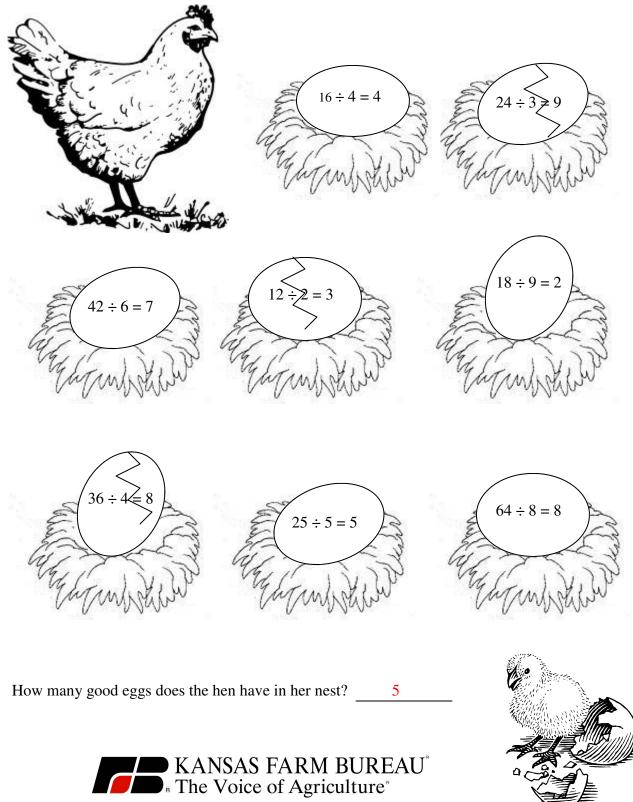


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