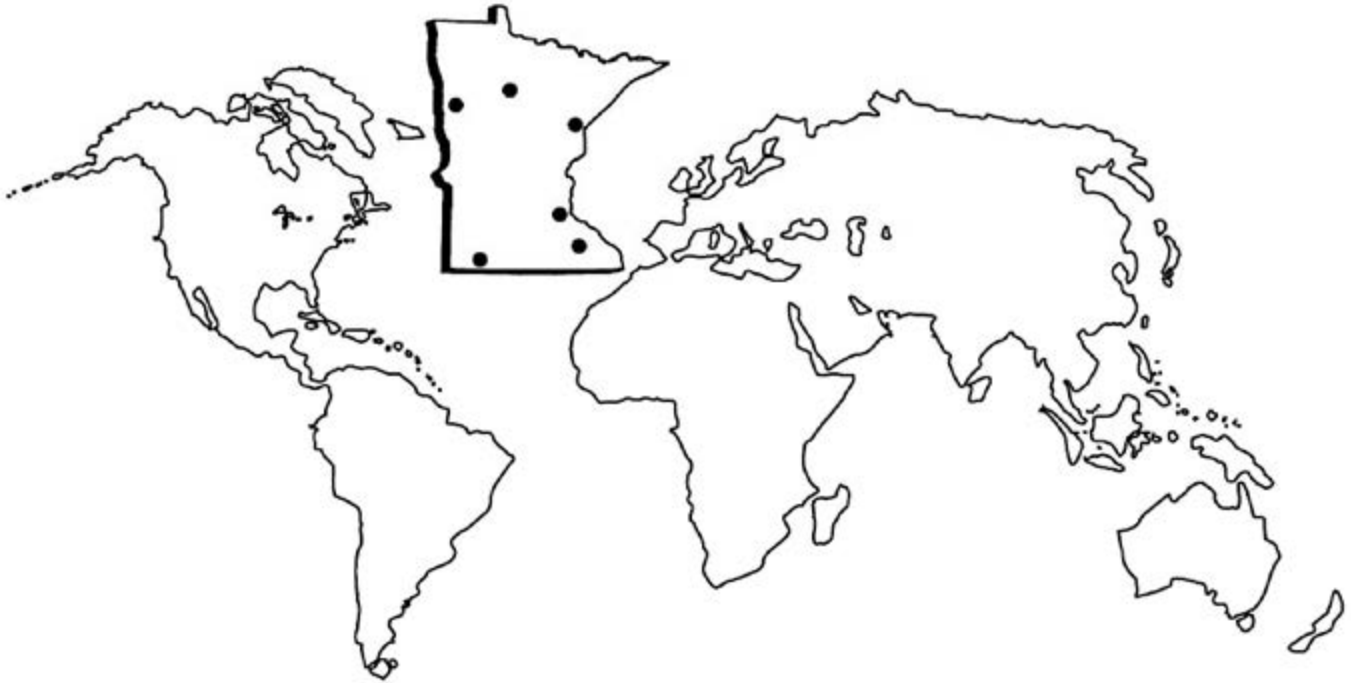


Minnesota Connections: Imports are Everywhere!

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Millions of imports come into Minnesota each year. They bring variety into our lives because we have and use things that are not produced in Minnesota. They also make it possible for us to take advantage of more tropical growing seasons. We can enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables during the long, cold winter months when our gardens, fields, and orchards are not producing.

Use the Minnesota Connections Map for this activity. The dots on your MN map represent the cities named below. How many of the cities are you familiar with before you look at the MN map?

Directions: Draw a line from the import country to the city in Minnesota where the product is used. (Create a scale on a map that students could use to calculate the miles that the products must travel to arrive at its destination.)

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| A. Fresh strawberries from Mexico end up in your strawberry sundae in Duluth. | E. Apples from New Zealand are sold in a grocery store in Waukegan when the weather is too cold to grow our own. |
| B. Coffee from Columbia, South America, is served at a restaurant in Bemidji. | F. Cotton from China is sold at a fabric store in Moorhead. |
| C. Wool from Australia is blended into blankets sold in Rochester. | G. Your family is building a new garage with wood that is from Canada. |
| D. Olive Oil from Spain is used in salad dressing in Minneapolis. | |
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These are just a few of the many products that are imported into our state. And while imports are coming in, what's happening to our crops? They are being exported to other countries around the world!