



The strawberry is
the state fruit of
Oklahoma.



On average, there
are 200 seeds on
a strawberry.



PUMPKIN



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Native Americans
called pumpkins
“isqoutm,” which
is their word
for squash.



Pumpkins,
cucumbers,
squash, melons,
and gourds are
all cucurbits.



WATERMELON



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Watermelon is 92% water. Early explorers used them as canteens.



Most watermelons weigh from 5-50 pounds, but some weigh as much as 100 pounds.



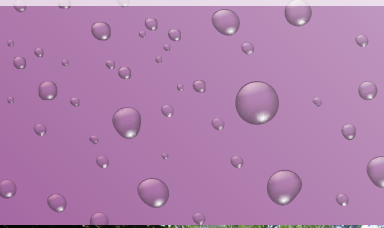
HAY



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Oklahoma has excellent conditions for growing hay. Alfalfa, wild and prairie grasses, and bermuda are some of the main plants used for hay in Oklahoma.



DAIRY



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It takes about 10 pounds of milk to make one pound of cheese.



Milk comes from a cow's udder. It is produced after the cow gives birth to her first calf.



PECANS



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**Astronauts took
pecans to the
moon on two
Apollo space
missions.**



**Pecan trees are
prized for their
lumber, which
makes beautiful
furniture, flooring
and paneling.**



WHEAT



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**Wheat is the
number one crop
grown in Oklahoma.**



**A bushel of wheat
yields about 42
pounds of white
flour or 60
pounds of whole
wheat flour.**



SWEET POTATOES



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**Native Americans
were growing sweet
potatoes in the
New World when
Columbus arrived
in 1492.**



**Sweet potatoes
are high in beta
carotene which
gives them a bright
orange color.**



BEEF CATTLE



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**Beef is one of the
most important
dietary sources
of iron.**



**The beef industry
generates more
income than any
other agricultural
enterprise in
Oklahoma.**



POULTRY



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**Poultry is the
second most
widely eaten
meat in the world.
Pork is first.**



**With 25 billion
chickens in the
world, there are
more of them
than any other
bird species.**



CORN



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Oklahoma corn is harvested for either grain or silage. Most of the grain goes to dairies, feedlots, and poultry operations.



Corn is measured in bushels. A bushel is about 72,800 kernels of corn.



COTTON



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**215 pairs of jeans
or 1,217 T-shirts
can be made from
a bale of cotton.**



**Cotton is a soft
fiber that grows
around the seeds
of cotton plants.**



NURSERY



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**A plant nursery
is designed for
the propagation
and care of young
plants.**



**Nurseries grow
plants in open
fields, on container
fields, in tunnels or
greenhouses.**



FORESTRY



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There are more
than 300 native
species of trees
in Oklahoma.



28% of Oklahoma
is covered with
forests.



SOYBEANS



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One acre of
soybeans can
produce 82,368
crayons.



US farmers first
grew soybeans as
cattle feed.



HORSES



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**There is one
horse for every
10 people
in Oklahoma.**



**Life would have
been more difficult
for early settlers
without horses.
People had to ride
long distances just
to find water.**



PIGS



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**Pig heart valves
have been used to
replace damaged
human heart valves.**



**Pigs cannot sweat
so they roll in the
mud to keep cool.**



GOATS & SHEEP



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Sheep are very gentle animals and are easily frightened.



The Boer is the most popular breed of goat in Oklahoma.



PEACHES



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Peaches are sometimes called stone fruits because of their pits.



Most peaches grown in Oklahoma are consumed within the state and are hand harvested.



HONEY



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Bees make honey
from nectar.

Nectar is a sweet
liquid found inside
flower blossoms.



Did you know
honey is the only
food that does
not spoil?





The US is the 2nd largest producer of mushrooms, following China.



A mushroom is not a true vegetable, since it has no leaves, roots, or seeds and doesn't need light to grow.



BERRIES



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Blackberries and raspberries are members of the rose family.



Blueberries, strawberries, and blackberries are high in fiber and vitamin C.



CARROTS



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A serving of
carrots provide
30% of the daily
vitamin A needed.



Carrots are a
taproot. A taproot
is a root which
grows down into
the soil and swells.



GRAPES



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The climate and soils of Oklahoma are favorable for grapes. Several species are native.



Purple grapes grew wild across North America and were a part of the diet of many Native American tribes.



SESAME



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Sesame seed is considered to be the oldest oilseed crop on Earth.



Sesame seeds are a good source of fiber.

