

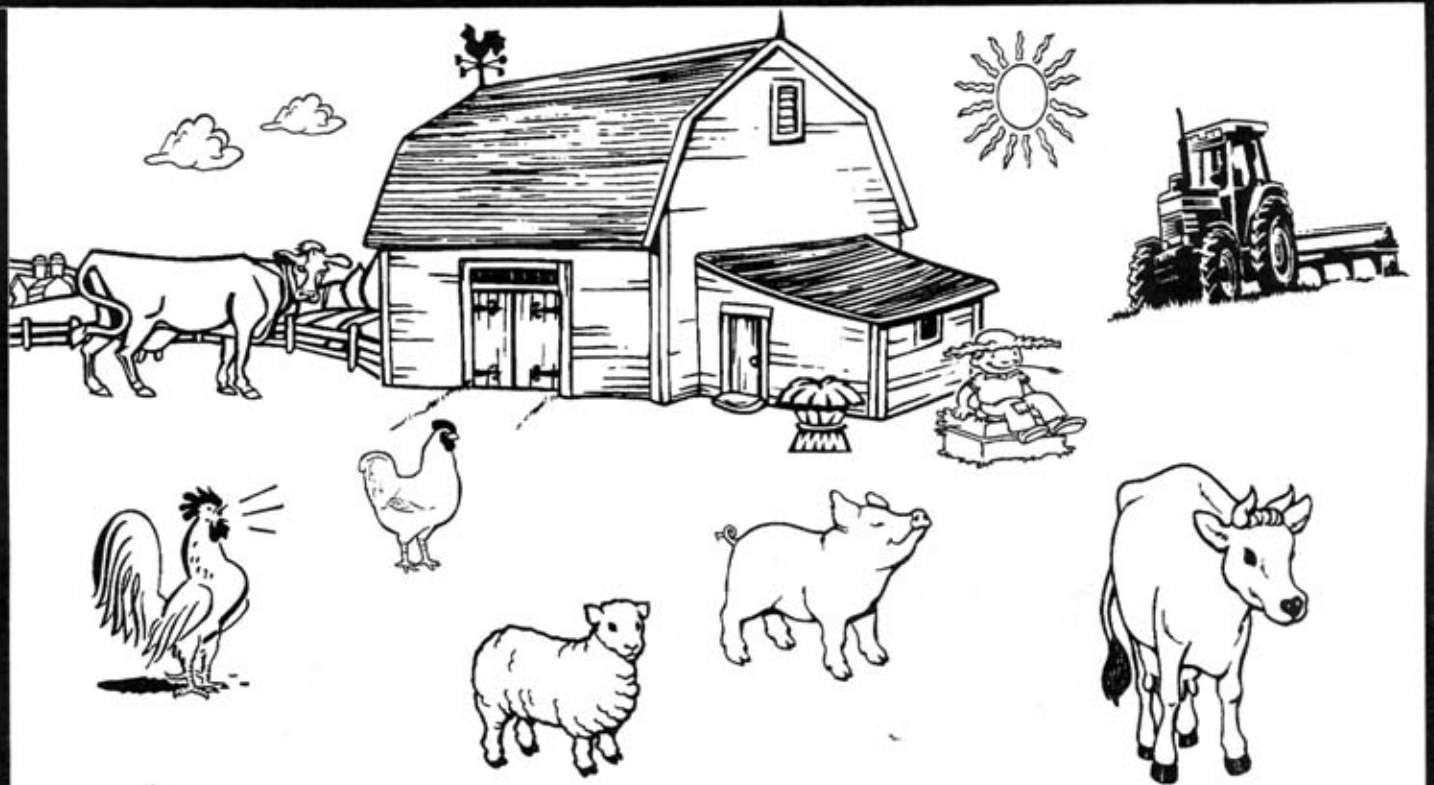
Everyday is Earth Day




On the Farm or Ranch



Coloring and Activity Book

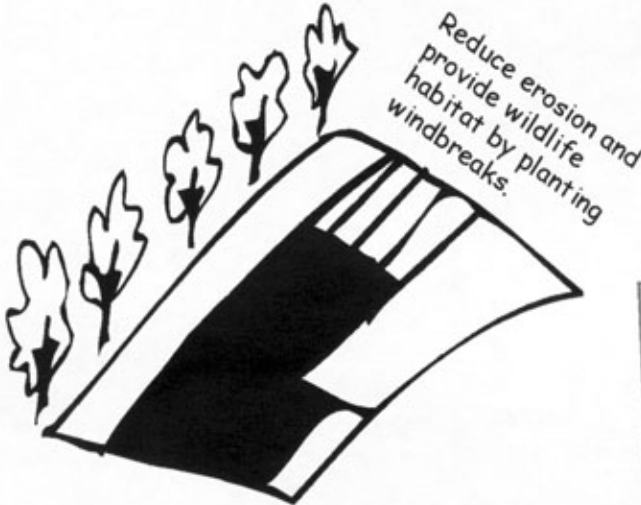


 The Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are agencies under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). These two agencies help Montana farmers and ranchers reduce soil erosion, improve Montana's air and water quality and provide food and shelter for wildlife.

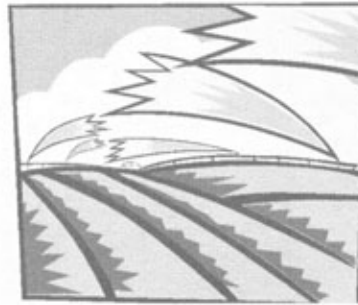


FSA and NRCS help farmers and ranchers take care of their land at all times. Sometimes there is plenty of water for the plants and crops to grow, but sometimes there isn't enough water and the sun is too hot. When there is not enough water it is called a drought. This not only affects crops and plants but also the amount of water available for use in your home.

Farmers Can:



Protect the soil from erosion by plowing less often which keeps plant matter on the soil surface.



Reduce the amount of water used for irrigation by installing efficient irrigation systems.

You Can:

Turn the water off while brushing your teeth.



Have your parents water their lawn in the early morning or evening when it is cooler. When it is cooler, less water evaporates, and more water goes into the ground.

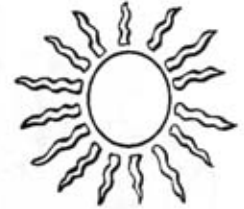
WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble these farming conservation words and then match the scrambled words on the left with the correct spelling on the right.



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porcs
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water
buffers
windbreaks
trees
crops
erosion
planting
farmland
conserve
shelter belts
streams
seeds
soil
harvest
habitat
grass
wetlands
livestock
wildlife



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WORD SEARCH



See if you can find these farming conservation words below.
Words may be up, down, diagonal and backwards.



CONSERVATION
TRACTOR
CROPS
SOIL
AGRICULTURE
WINDBREAKS
SHELTER BELTS

WILDLIFE
GRASS
HARVEST
WATER
MOISTURE
FARMER
FIELDS

EARTHDAY
LIVESTOCK
IRRIGATION
HABITAT
DROUGHT
TREE
WIND

W	E	D	C	O	N	S	E	R	V	A	T	I	O	N	L	J	L
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Youth for Wildlife

Farmers Can:

Farmers and ranchers plant trees and grasses which provide food and shelter for a variety of wildlife.

You Can:

Make a difference while improving wildlife habitat by joining "Youth for Wildlife". Visit the NRCS webpage at <http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov> for more information.

