

During the week of March 16-22, Americans celebrate National Ag Week. The purpose of this week is to increase the awareness of the importance of agriculture in the lives of the American people. As you join the celebration, you may have fun sharing some of the following trivia about agricultural commodities raised in North Carolina. First, you will need to do the math in order to have all the facts correct. 'Betcha there are some facts here that even your teacher doesn't know!

1. Americans are eating about **(2 X 7)** pounds of turkey a each year, more than double the rate eaten **(12 + 8)** years ago. _____
2. Each day, a cow spends **(12 + 2)** hours eating and **(4 + 4)** hours chewing its cud. _____
3. Each of us eats more than **(103 - 84)** pounds of apples annually. _____
4. Grapes are one of the oldest cultivated fruits. They have been around for more than **(7356 + 644)** years. _____
5. Americans eat about **(5 X 25)** pounds of potatoes a year, about half from fresh potatoes and half in processed foods. _____
6. One cowhide can produce enough leather to make **(100 + 5)** footballs or **(6 + 12)** soccer balls or **(3 X 6)** volleyballs or **(20 - 8)** basketballs. _____
7. It takes 24 to 26 hours for a hen to produce an egg; there are **(2 X 5 X 3)** minutes between each egg-producing cycle. _____
8. There are **(450 - 300)** yards [**(150 X 3)** feet] of wool yarn in a baseball. _____
9. One bushel of corn will sweeten more than **(956 - 556)** cans of soft drinks. _____
10. One acre of soybeans can produce **(329,472 + 4)** crayons. _____
11. Farmers receive approximately **(\$.83 - \$.78)** (or less) from each loaf of bread sold. One bushel of wheat will produce **(21 + 52)** one-pound loaves of bread. _____
12. A baby pig, or piglet, weighs about **(1 ¼ + 2 ¼)** pounds at birth and will double its weight in just **(21 + 3)** days. _____
13. The average U.S. dairy cow produces **(13.7 + 8.8)** quarts of milk each day. That's about **(24,000 - 8,000)** glasses of milk per year – enough for about **[(9 X 5) - 5]** people. One cow can give **(25,000 X 8)** glasses of milk in a lifetime. _____
14. In one day, a honey bee can fly **(528,000 + 44,000)** miles and pollinate up to **(2 X 10 X 20 X 25)** flowers. Honeybee workers must visit **(1 billion - 998 million)** flowers to make one pound of honey. _____

Source: Ag Day website - <http://www.agday.org>

Answer Key –

1. 14; 20
2. 6; 8
3. 19
4. 8,000
5. 125
6. 20; 18; 18; 12
7. 30
8. 150; 450
9. 400
10. 82,368
11. \$.05; 73
12. $3\frac{1}{2}$; 7
13. 22.5 ; 16,000; 40; 200,000
14. 12; 10,000; 2,000,000 (2 million)