HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT AGRICULTURE IN VIRGINIA

March 15 – 21, 2015 is Virginia Agriculture Week and Virginia Agriculture Literacy Week. See how much you know about Virginia agriculture.

1. How many farms are there in Virginia:
   - More than 46,000
   - About 12,000
   - A million

2. How many dairy cows live on Virginia dairy farms:
   - 72,000
   - 95,000
   - 115,000

3. Which line below contains a product not grown or produced in Virginia:
   - Beef, cotton, peanuts
   - Dairy products, Christmas trees, lambs
   - Cotton, oranges, apples
   - Pork, apples, potatoes

4. What is Virginia’s number one agricultural product:
   - Ham
   - Apples
   - Chickens
   - Corn

5. How much of Virginia’s land is covered by farms:
   - About 10 percent
   - Nearly a third
   - Half of it
   - Everything except Richmond, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Charlottesville, Roanoke and the cities in northern Virginia

6. What is Virginia’s state soil:
   - Pamunkey soil
   - Virginia Beach soil
   - Pocahontas soil
   - Clay soil

7. Which of the following are Virginia agricultural products:
   - Eggs
   - Christmas trees
   - Pumpkins
   - Striped bass
8. What do plants need to grow:
   - Water, air, food and sunlight
   - Food, air, plant stakes and bug killer
   - Soil, heat or air conditioning and water
   - Sunlight, the ground, water and mulch

Answers to quiz:
1. There are 46,000 farms in Virginia.
2. We have 95,000 dairy cows in the state.
3. Cotton, oranges, apples – oranges are not grown commercially in Virginia.
4. Chickens are our #1 agricultural product.
5. Nearly a third – 32 percent – of Virginia is covered with farms.
6. The state soil is Pamunkey soil. For a lot of information on Pamunkey soil, see https://soilseries.sc.egov.usda.gov/OSD_Docs/P/PAMUNKEY.html.
7. All four listed products are Virginia agricultural products. Striped bass are part of the aquaculture sub-industry within agriculture.
8. Plants must have water, air, food and sunlight to grow. Most times their food comes from soil, but not always. Hydroponic operations grow plants in water.