



A is for Apple Extension Activities

For use after your class has participated in this FARM Science Lab lesson!

1. Read:

Apple Ag Mag Reader (RL: grades 3-5)

This educational newspaper style piece provides more facts about apples, introduces students to apple growers and discusses nutritional benefits of apples. Teacher Guide is included with each classroom set of 30.

To purchase: <http://michigan-ag-in-the-classroom10.mybigcommerce.com/>

The Apple Orchard Riddle by Margaret McNamara and G. Brian Karas

Follow the story of a classroom field trip to an apple orchard. As the students travel around the farm, the farmer explains each step in the apple growing process. Try to solve a riddle along with the students as they look around the orchard for the answer.

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Apples to Oregon by Deborah Hopkinson and Nancy Carpenter

Apples, ho!

When Papa decides to pull up roots and move from Iowa to Oregon, he can't bear to leave his precious apple trees behind. Or his peaches, plums, grapes, cherries, and pears. Oh, and he takes his family along too. But the trail is cruel -- first there's a river to cross that's wider than Texas...and then there are hailstones as big as plums...and there's even a drought, sure to crisp the cherries. Those poor pippins! Luckily Delicious (the nonedible apple of Daddy's eye) is strong -- as young 'uns raised on apples *are* -- and won't let anything stop her father's darling saps from tasting the sweet Oregon soil. Here's a hilarious tall tale -- from the team that brought you *Fannie in the Kitchen* -- that's loosely based on the life of a real fruiting pioneer. -Amazon.com

2. Video Links:

Apple Picking: <https://youtu.be/tkzJYkt3wO0>

3. Learn: Great Fruits of West Michigan

Explore our mitten state with your students while learning about fruits and nutrition! Learn how each fruit grows, make observations about colors and what area of the state has the best growing conditions for each. Then, assemble a mobile of fruits, reminding students how many of servings of fruit are part of a healthy diet. [Download the lesson plan here.](#)

4. Explore: [Michigan Apples](#)

Visit the Michigan Apples website for facts, games, lessons and kids activities all focused on apples!

5. Explore: [Apples around the U.S.](#)

Learn about apple orchards around the United States by visiting the U.S. Apple Association's website. With a section for kids and education, the site offers posters for download, lessons, recipes and even free to download coloring pages.

Still want more lessons about apples and other agricultural concepts?

[Check out our website](#) and search the curriculum matrix in the educator section! Create your own binder and save lessons for future use or download. Search by content area, grade level or agricultural item. <https://miagclassroom.org/index.cfm>