



Resourceful Bean Extension Activities

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

1. Read:

Auntie Yang's Great Soybean Picnic by Ginnie Lo

Auntie Yang starts an enduring picnic tradition when she discovers soybeans, a dearly-missed food from China, growing in Illinois. The picnic tradition quickly grows into an annual community celebration. Based on actual events, this story can be used to teach about soybeans, immigration, diversity, culture, and community. The book includes some simple Chinese words defined in a glossary at the back as well as additional information about the people who inspired the story and additional information about soybeans.

2. **Watch:** [Ford from Farm to Car](#) and [Soyfoam seating](#) videos. Both videos show more detail about how automotive engineers are working to use soy-based materials in Ford vehicles.

3. **Map:** Click through this [interactive map](#) to see where soybeans are grown around the United States. Map also contains other commodities as well as additional geographical or economic information.

4. **Watch:** Meet a Michigan Soybean farmer [Michigan Soybean Harvest](#) by Michigan GROWN Michigan GREAT campaign. Students will get to visit farm of a Michigan soybean farmer to learn more about the harvest process.

5. **Activity 5:** Soybeans Go to School
Created by the [Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee these lessons examine](#) the energy stored in the soybean. Renewable energy is defined along with discovering other alternatives to petroleum-based fuels. Order a [Soybeans Go to School kit here](#).

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