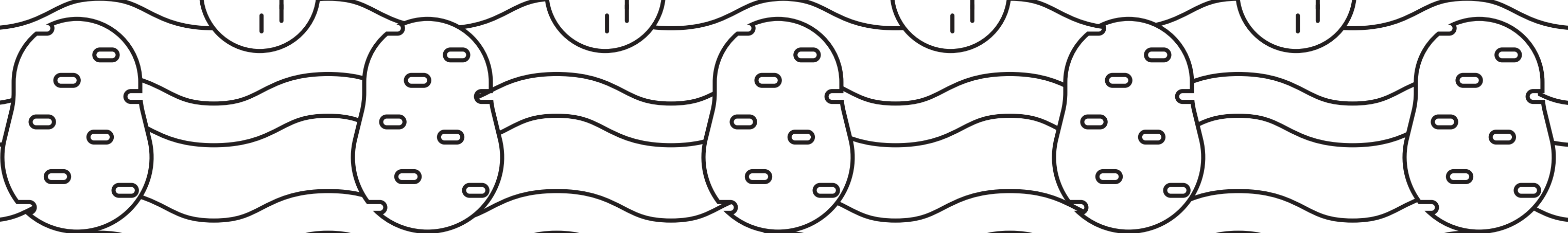
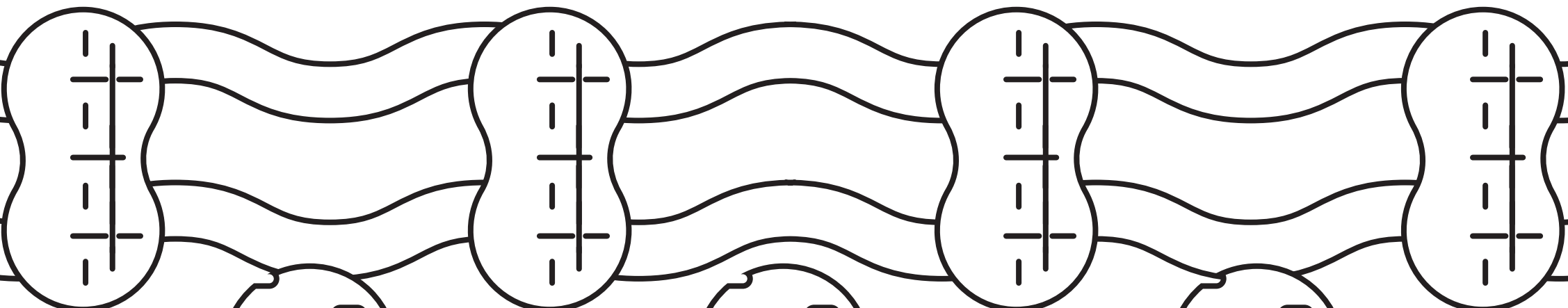
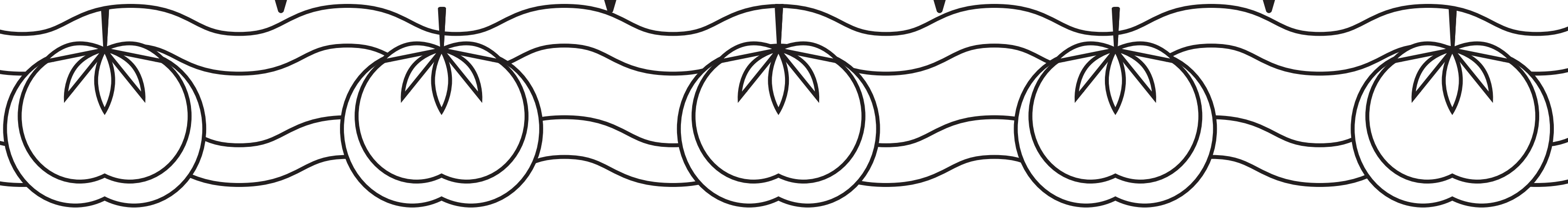
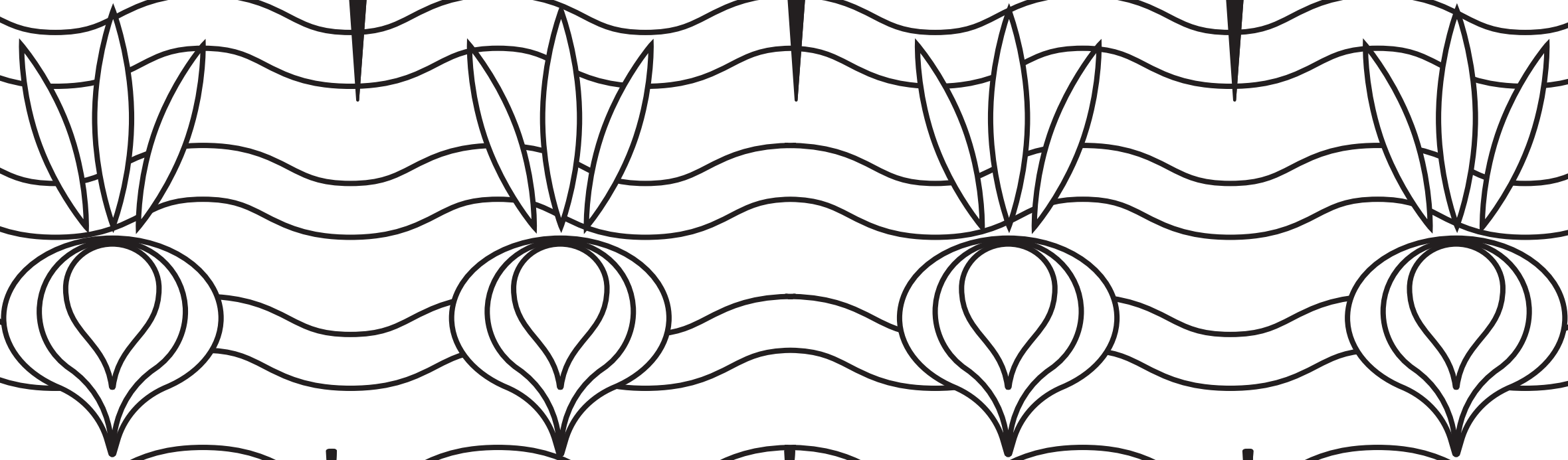
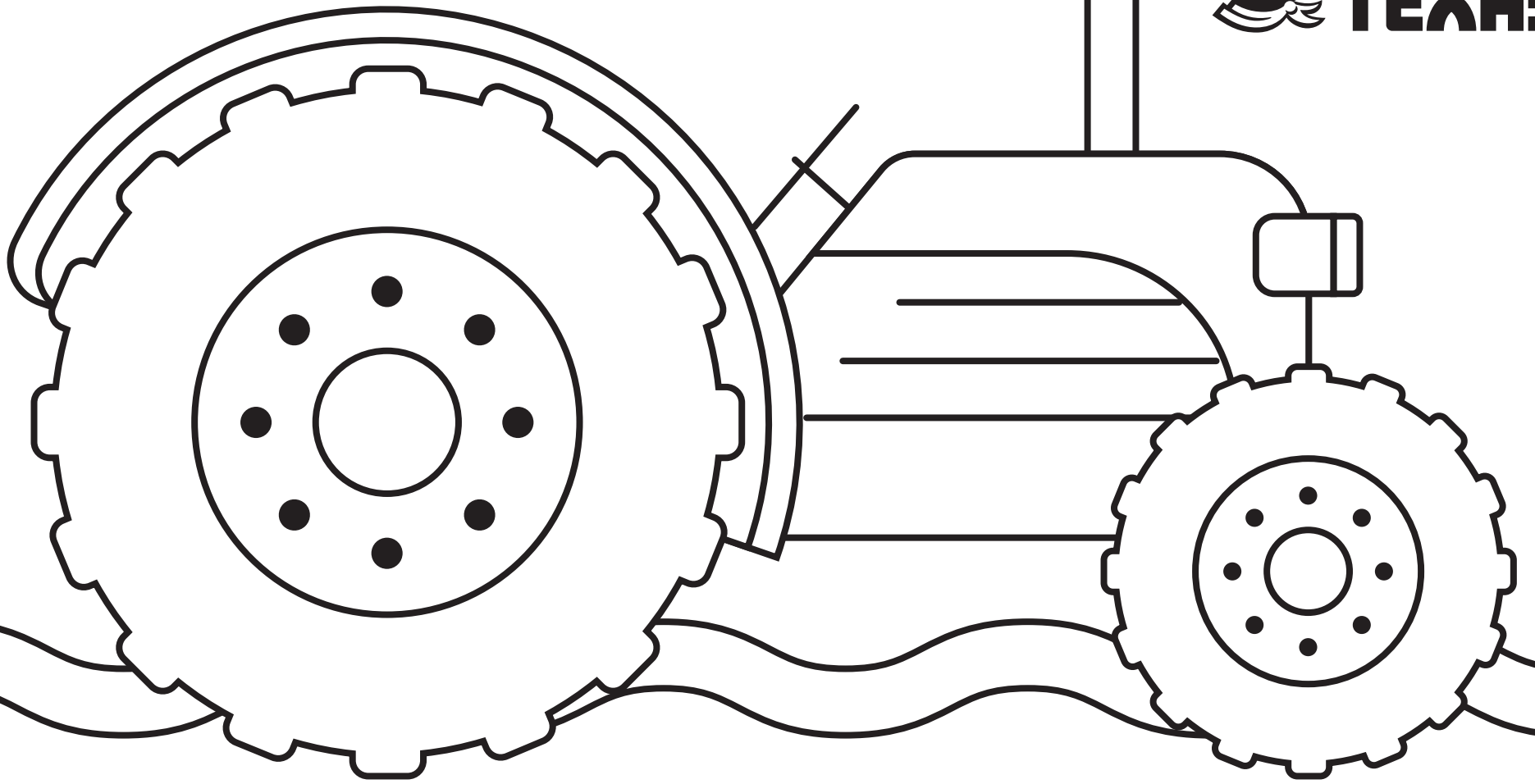
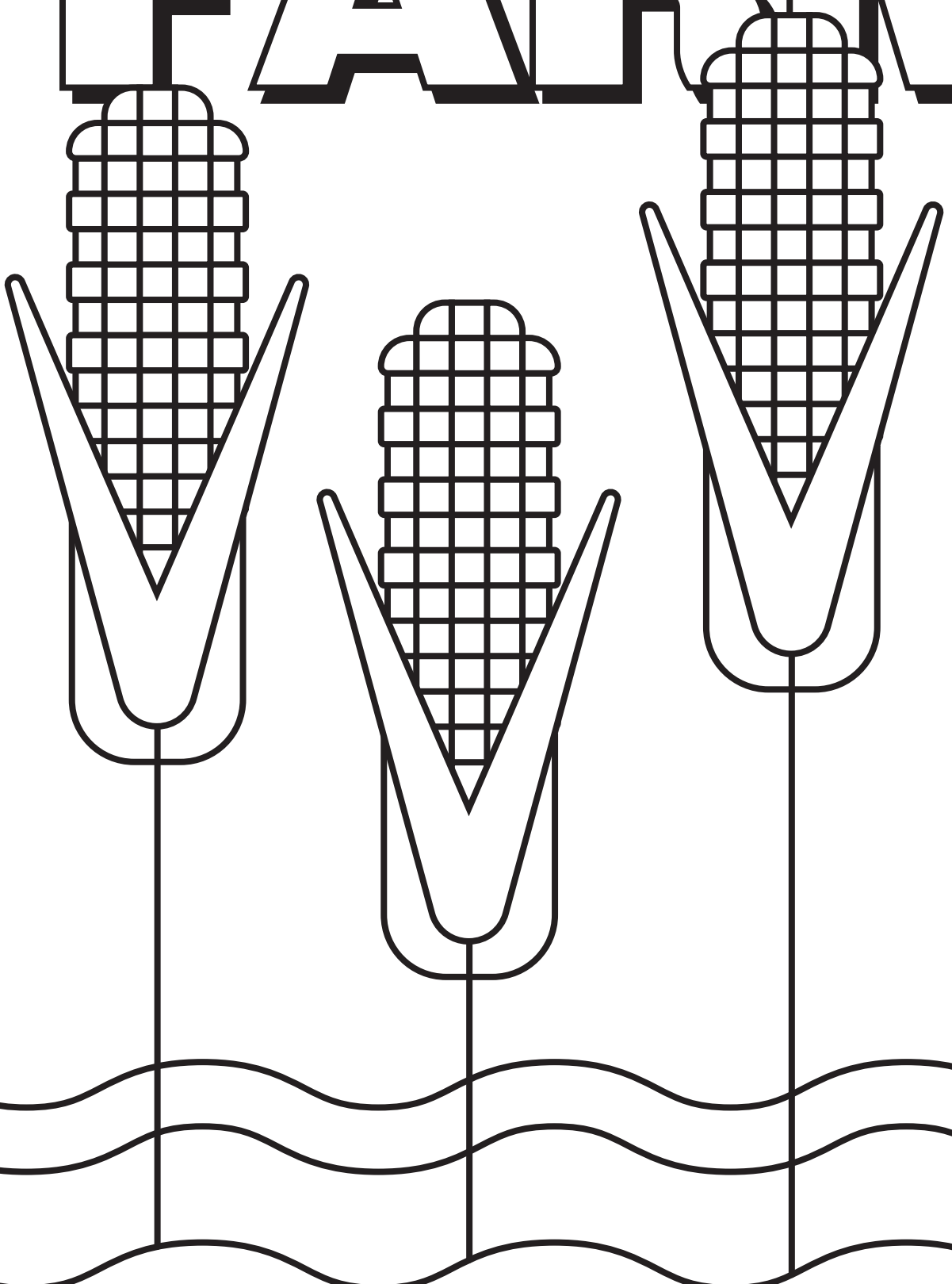


FARM OF FORK



HOWDY, LITTLE LONE STARS!

The best part of summer is all the free time to experiment with those tasty recipes I've sent you! One way to freshen up your recipes is to grow your own vegetables. Do any of you have a garden at home? We have one at the Fair where we grow fresh vegetables all year long! We are able to do this because we grow our vegetables in a greenhouse, which helps us control the temperature. Have you ever heard the term, "Farm to Fork?" This phrase describes the process of how fresh produce that is grown on the farm gets to your table for your family and friends to eat. If you don't have a garden, ask your parents to help you get one started. You can find tips on starting your garden at BigTex.com/BTUF!

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TEXAS CROSSWORD

Using the Texas objects in the word bank below, complete the crossword puzzle by filling in a word that fits each clue.

ACROSS

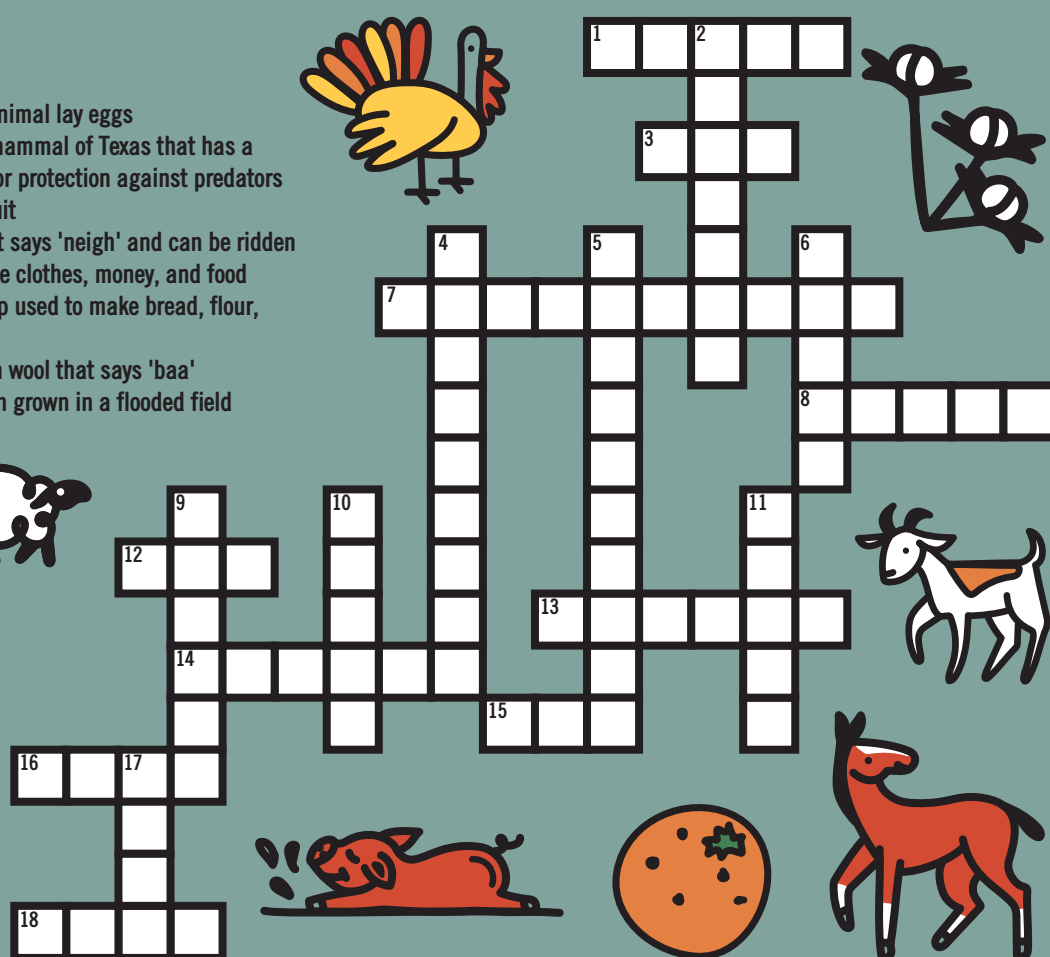
- Nut that grows on the state tree of Texas
- An animal that says 'oink'
- Small mammal that lives underground in a group called "a town"
- Black and white animal that sprays a smelly liquid
- Texas has more than 12 million of these large animals that say 'moo'
- Males are called toms and females are hens
- Crop that produces a red fruit, used in salsa, pasta sauce, and as a hamburger topping
- The Mexican free-tailed breed of this animal is the state flying mammal of Texas
- Crop that produces a yellow vegetable
- Brown animal, males have antlers

DOWN

- Females of this animal lay eggs
- The state small mammal of Texas that has a hard shell used for protection against predators
- A sour, orange fruit
- Large animal that says 'neigh' and can be ridden
- Crop used to make clothes, money, and food
- Golden brown crop used to make bread, flour, and noodles
- Animal covered in wool that says 'baa'
- Small, white grain grown in a flooded field

WORD BANK

ARMADILLO • BAT • CHICKEN • CORN • COTTON
COWS • DEER • GOAT • GRAPEFRUIT • HORSE
MOCKINGBIRD • PECAN • PIG • PRAIRIE DOG • RICE
SHEEP • SKUNK • TOMATO • TURKEY • WHEAT



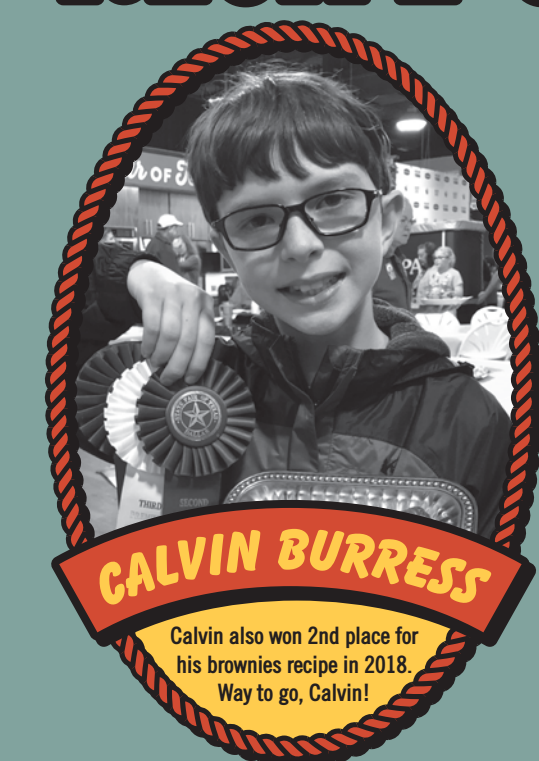
FARM TO FORK WORD FIND

Farmers and ranchers care for their animals, the environment and the safety of the food they produce for you and your family. How many farm-related words can you find?

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ANIMALS • BARN • BEEF • CATTLE • CORN • ENVIRONMENT
FARMER • FARROWING • FEEDYARD • FOOD • HARVEST • HEIFER • MILK
NURSERY • PASTURE PEN • POULTRY • PROFIT • SAFETY • SOW
SOYBEANS • STALL • STEAK • SUSTAINABILITY • TURKEY • WELFARE
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KID'S RECIPE CORNER



Calvin Burress from Houston, Texas, won 3rd place in the Children's Youth Cooking Contest. These cherry pecan bars are easy to make, full of flavor, and so delicious! You too can compete in a Creative Arts Cooking Contest! Ask your parents to go to Creative.BigTex.com for more information.

CHERRY PECAN BARS

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 2 cups chopped pecans
- ¾ cup dried cherries
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- ¾ cup honey
- ¾ cup cream

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9 x 13-inch baking pan. Mix flour and powdered sugar and divide butter into smaller pieces and add it to the mixture. Press dough into baking pan. Bake 20 minutes until golden brown. In medium saucepan, mix pecans, cherries brown sugar, honey, and cream. Bring to a boil for two minutes. Pour mixture over crust and bake approximately 15 minutes until a light caramel color and bubbly. Cool and cut into 24 bars. Enjoy!

*Cut on the dotted line to save this recipe card!

DRAW BIG TEX IN THE GARDEN!

Agriculture is a huge part of the Fair every year but it's also an important part of our daily lives! We love supporting the livestock industry and helping others in our community learn how to grow fresh vegetables. Draw a picture of me, Big Tex, working in my garden. What types of vegetables do you think I have planted?



Here's a picture of some lettuce we have growing at the Fair. If you also have a garden, ask your parents to share a picture with us by tagging me, #BigTex on social media. Fall is the perfect time to plant your leafy greens in Texas! For more information, check out BigTex.com/FallPlanting.



CREATIVE ARTS CONTEST SHOWCASE



This contest showcase can be adventurous and fun! Did you know the Fair has a painted rocks contest? Ask your parents to take you on a nature walk to find a good flat rock that you can paint a design on. Once you are finished painting you can enter it into the Designer Craftsman painted rocks contest for your chance to win a ribbon!