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School programs at the Kensington Farm Center are a surprisingly effective tool available to teachers concerned with meeting targeted learning standards.

Integrating agriculture into the elementary curriculum is a natural and important process. As more and more rural areas become urbanized, fewer children are actually associated with food and fiber production and the value behind the process. According to some estimates, just 2-3% of the U.S. population produces the food and fiber that the rest of the population consumes. Yet agriculture is a vital aspect of society. It is therefore important for students to develop an awareness of the science behind the foods and fibers they use and to make a connection with their state and country's agricultural pasts. School programs at the Kensington Farm Center allow students to do just that, gaining a first-hand perspective on the basic elements of agriculture as they experience the sights, sounds and smells of farm life.

Students will engage in drawing their own connections through first-hand contact with their subject matter. A program at the Farm Center may be a resource for teachers by either laying a foundation for successful assimilation of concepts or as an effective tool for unit review. In addition, each program targets many of the core concepts essential in grade specific Science and Social Studies learning expectations as outlined by the Michigan Department of Education. This document is offered to assist you with your unit development. Arranged by program topic and grade level, look to the end of each discipline standard for additional info (*in italics*) on how the program will meet the listed expectations. In some instances, the program may not meet all of the requirements of an expectation but can be a useful addition for student comprehension as a recall aid.

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Program currently under renovation. Please check back.

