



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

# Why We NEED Agricultural Land



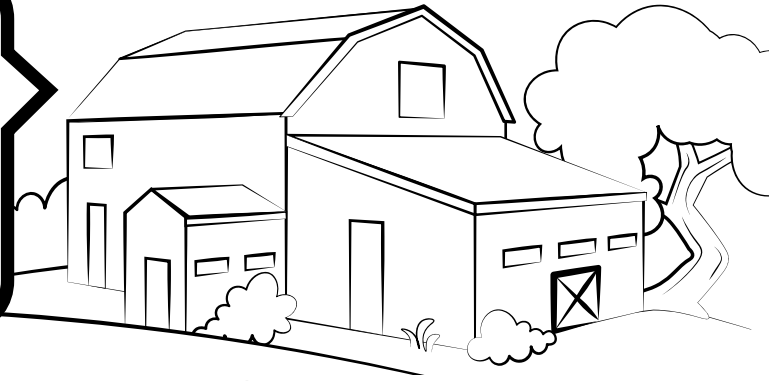
## Guided Activity Book

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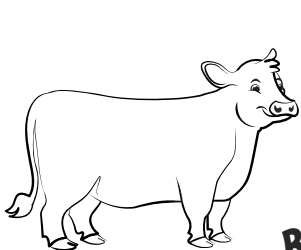
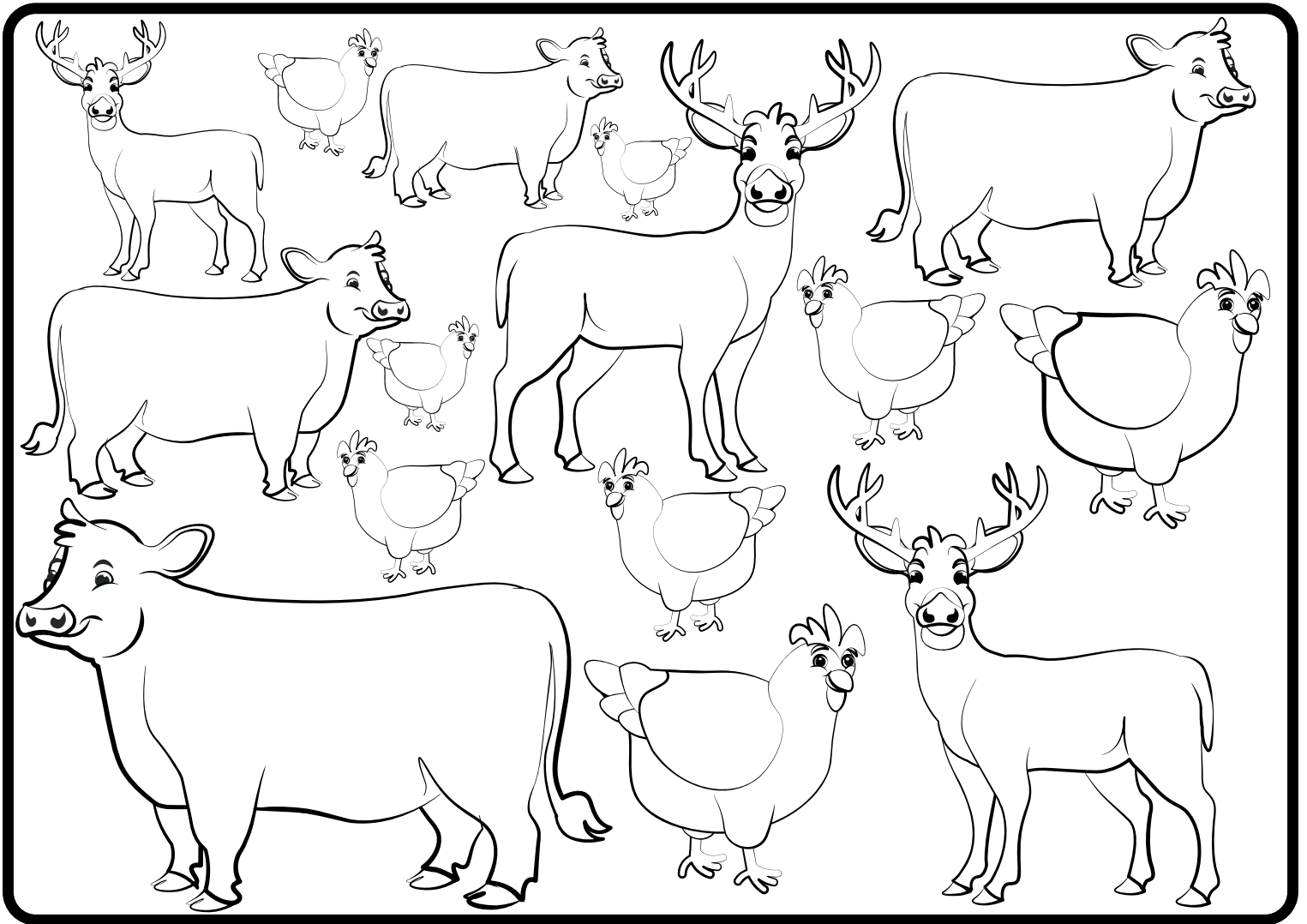
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## Why should we worry about not having enough agricultural land?

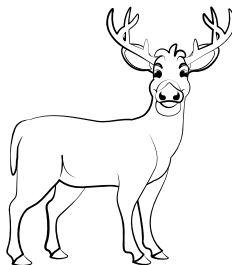
Agricultural land includes farms and ranches. Agricultural land is used for growing crops to provide food for us to eat. Agricultural land also provides a home for livestock and wildlife.



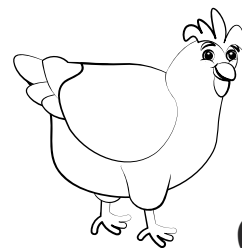
# How Many?



**Beef Cows**



**Deer**



**Chickens**

# Word Scramble

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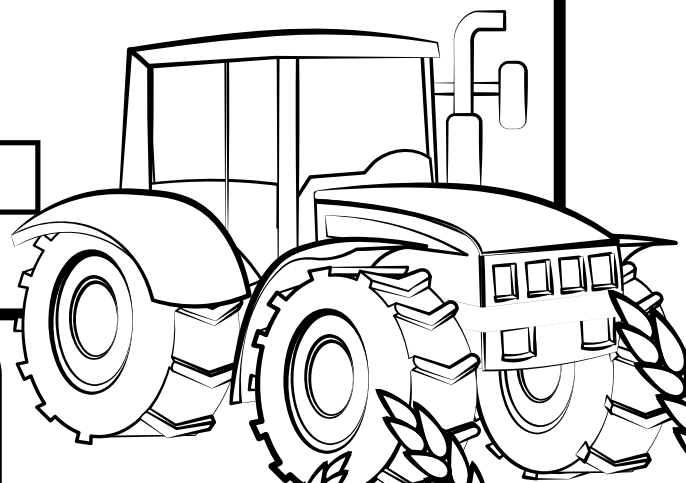
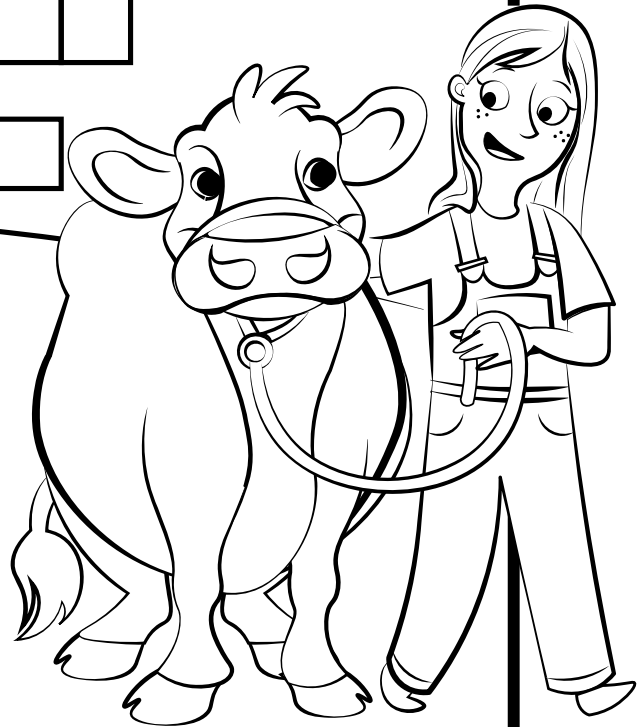
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Agricultural land includes farmland or cropland which is used to plant crops and produce food for humans and animals to eat.

Agricultural land also includes pasture or rangeland which is home to livestock and wildlife, such as deer, elk, moose and bears. Grass that grows on pasture and rangeland provides food for the wildlife.

# Just Add Color



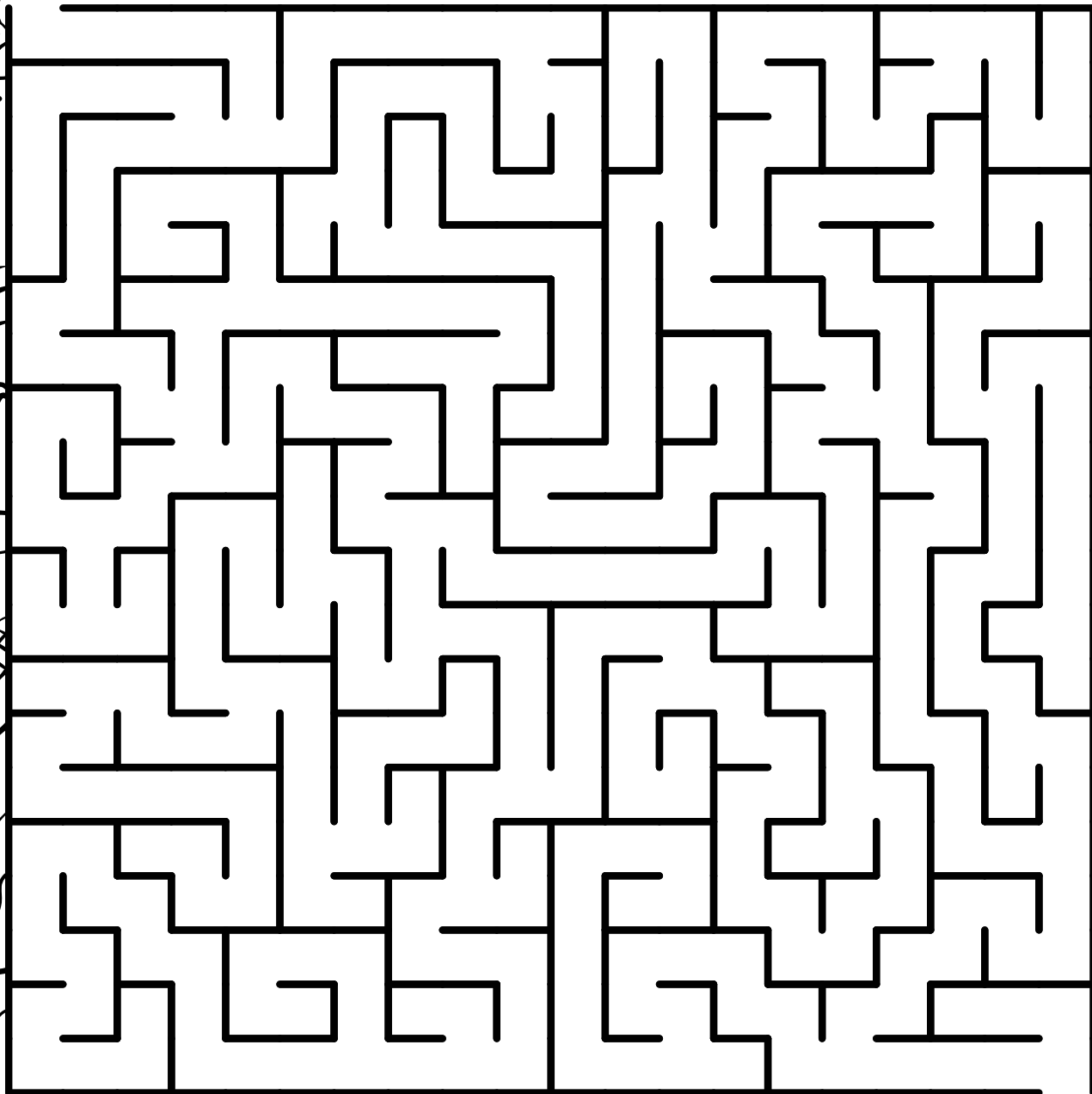


# Find the Field

**Can you help  
farmer Dave  
find his field?**

People who work on the agricultural land are called farmers or ranchers. They take care of the land to make sure it stays healthy; this is called conservation. Healthy land is important to grow food for the world.

**Start**



**Finish!**

# Word Search

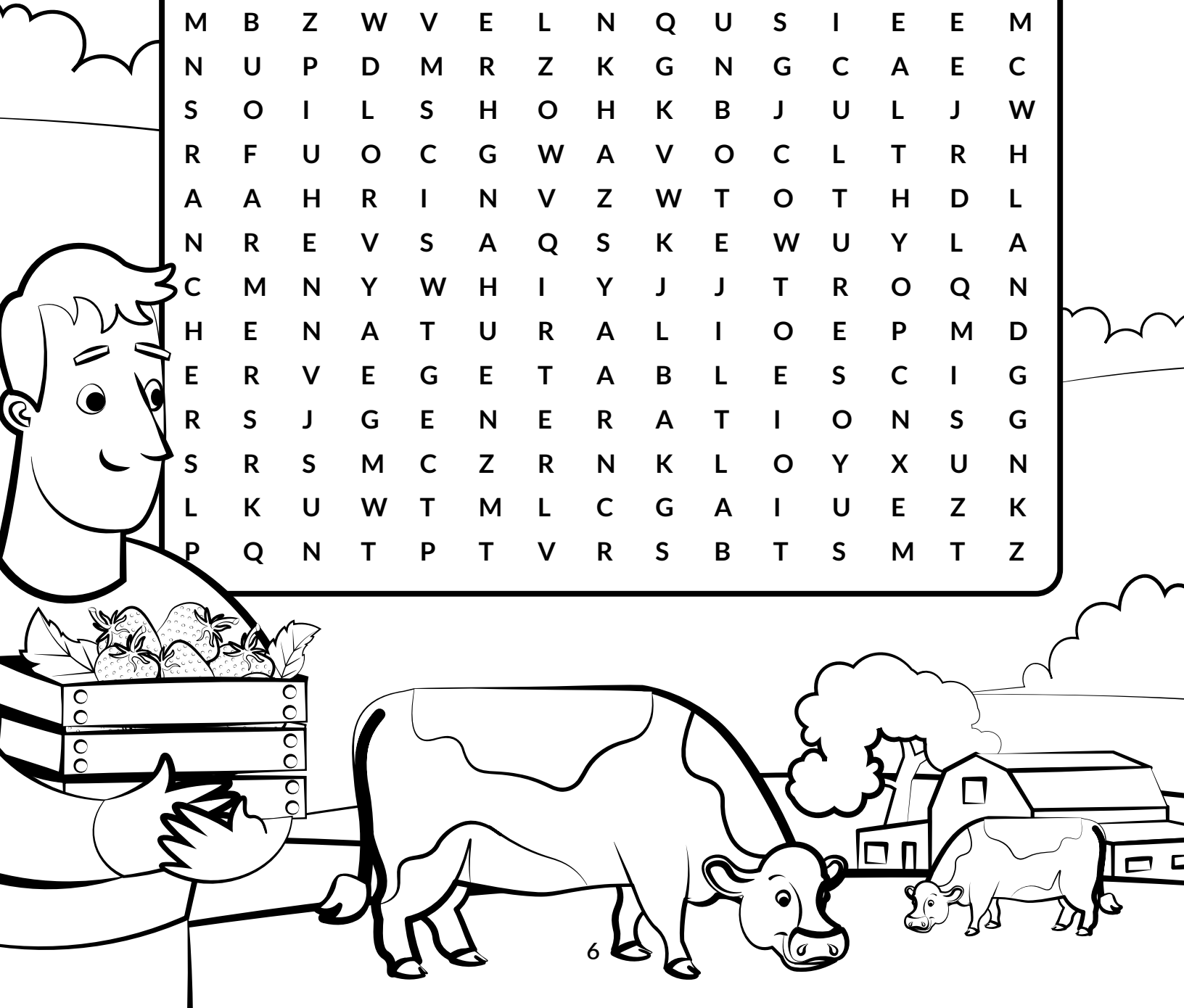
No one cares more for the land than farmers and ranchers. It is important to them to protect the water and soil. Farmers and ranchers work hard to keep the land and soil healthy now and for future generations.

AGRICULTURE  
FARMERS  
GENERATIONS  
HEALTHY

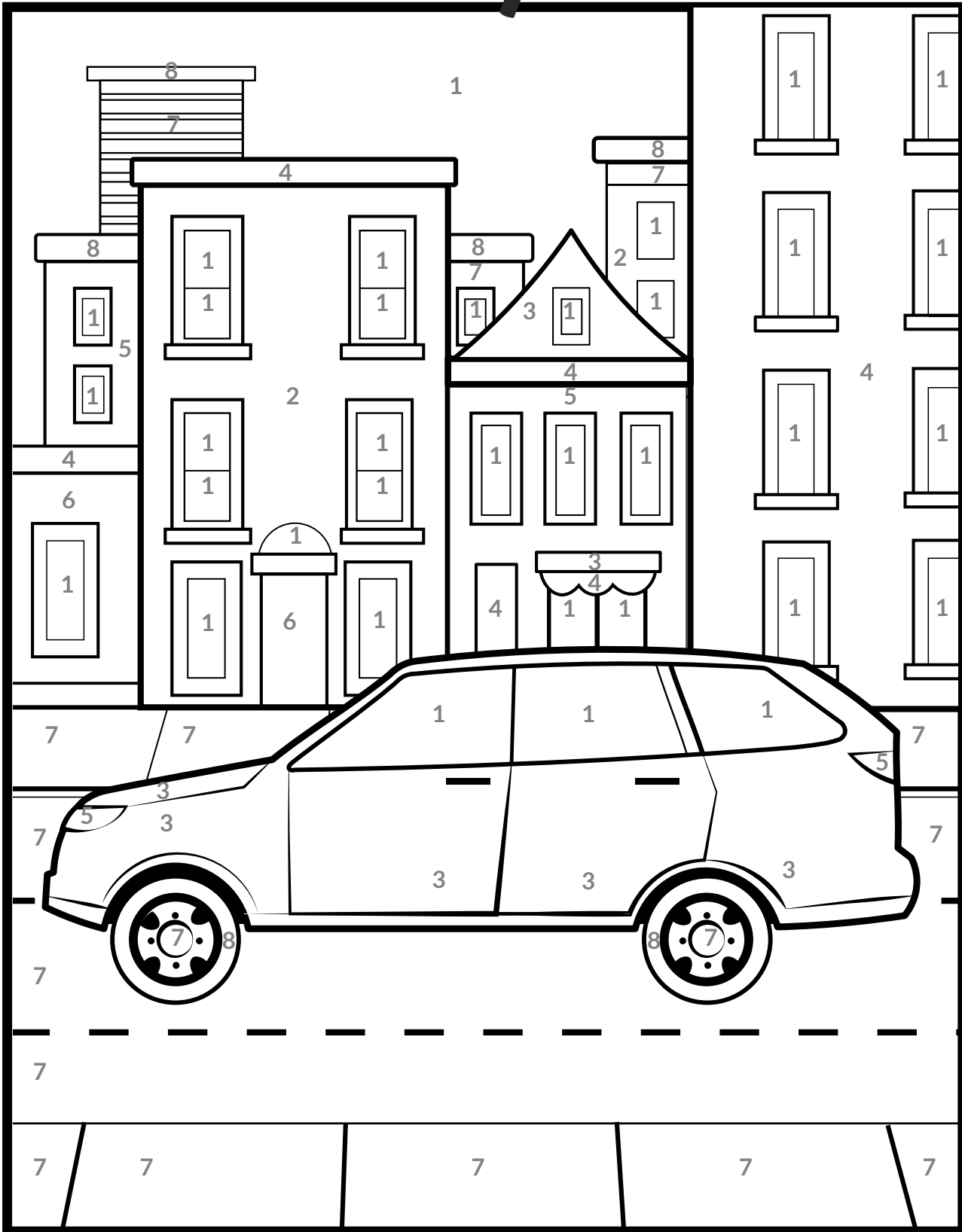
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NATURAL  
RANCHERS  
SOIL  
VEGETABLES

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# Color By Number



- 1. BLUE
- 2. ORANGE
- 3. RED
- 4. LIGHT RED
- 5. YELLOW
- 6. BROWN
- 7. GREY
- 8. BLACK

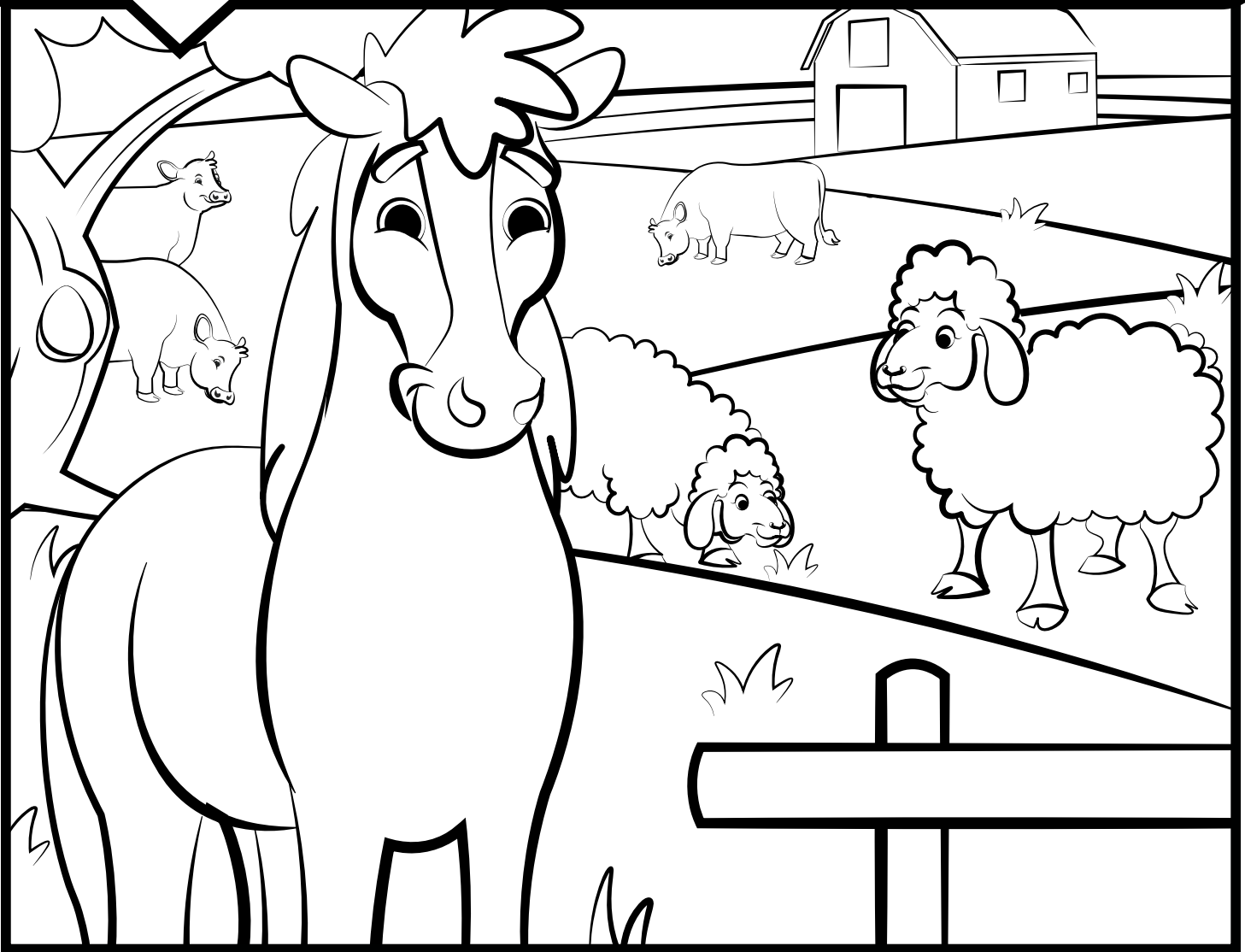
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As hard as farmers and ranchers work to take good care of the land, agricultural land is quickly disappearing. Agricultural land is being used for different things such as building houses, malls, or factories.

Farmers and ranchers are not the only ones that need to keep our agricultural land protected. It is very important for all of us to protect agricultural land. If farmers and ranchers are not able to keep the land in agriculture, the land that used to grow crops and livestock for our food will be gone. Less

land available for growing crops and livestock means less food grown for humans to eat. NRCS provides America's farmers and ranchers with assistance to help the environment and their farms and ranches.

To find out more, visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov).



# Key

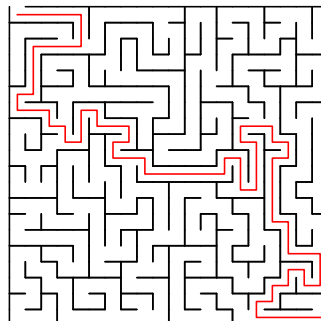
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Beef cows: 4  
Deer: 3  
Chickens: 8

## Page 3

1. tractor
2. farmer
3. cow
4. corn
5. trees
6. wheat
7. farmland
8. cropland
9. soil
10. water

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