

**"Farms, Food & FUN!"  
LESSON PLAN THREE**

**Accompanying Song from CD:** "Let's Ride The Bus to the Apple Orchard"

**Activity:** Visit a local farm apple orchard OR bring in fresh apples in for children to remove skin, cut up or mash for apple sauce or fruit. Find many recipes online for easy creation.

**Skills:** Using different senses to recognize fruits and vegetables: sight (identify differences in looks & color), touch (recognize that some are soft and some are firm), smell etc.

**Grade Level:** Kindergarten through third grade

**Objectives:** Have students discuss the many components in growing a good crop of apples. Discuss the many different kinds available in not only Pennsylvania but throughout the world. And why are some grown here while others are grown elsewhere. Teach children that apples can provide the "sweet" snack they might be looking for, rather than grabbing something less nutritious.

**Time Required:** Three hours for tour and one hour for follow up.

**Group size:** Classroom

**Materials Needed:** School bus (for travel if going to market), fresh apples - possibly jellies or apple pie so students can sample each in knowing that all this came from apples. If available and in using caution, cut up some apples for baking a pie or making apple sauce. If so, plan to bring in cooking materials and proper ingredients for pie making or applesauce...and include portable classroom oven. Even put seeds under a microscope to see the many particles. Amazing!

**Procedure:** Contact the PA Dept. of Agriculture or your local Farm Bureau or county extension office or look online for the nearest apple orchard. When you arrive (if you're able to go in person) or in the classroom, discuss the differences in apples, the many uses and how to produce good crops.

**Evaluation:** Have students write a poem or a story about apples, using categories such as color, growth period and conditions. You'll be able to see then, in the usage of the information, if they understand fruit growing.

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