

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

Accompanying Songs from CD: "Buy Local"

Activity: Comparing items from grocery stores to local farmers markets

Skills: Teach comparison. Research the prices of items by looking at grocery stores as compared to Farmers Market pricing. Students can use their imaginations in creating their own markets and discuss what items they would have and why it would be best in their neighborhood. (And know that farmers markets can teach bartering, as well.)

Grade Level: Kindergarten through third grade

Objectives: Have students realize the importance of buying locally in our ever-changing markets. They'll learn that money can be spent and reinvested right in the same neighborhood.

Time Required: 3 hours, including follow up, if visiting a nearby market.

Group size: Classroom

Materials Needed: A school bus for travel, if visiting a market. A calculator for the teacher and a grocery list, pen and paper.

Procedure: Have students ask farmers why they have produce at the market. What are we paying for when we buy an item? Have them guess at what a price would be and then see what the real cost is.

Evaluation: Ask the students to rate the differences between a grocery store and buying locally. Freshness, price, quantity, selection can all enter into the discussion to see if they were listening.

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