

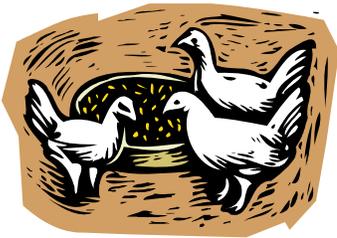


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HOME GROWN IN NORTH CAROLINA



Home Grown, Part I

In order to earn the Home Grown in North Carolina Patch, Girl Scouts must complete the first activity and choose three others listed in Part I of the Patch Program or attend a county or the N.C. State Fair and complete five of the requirements (including the starred activity) in Part II of Home Grown in North Carolina

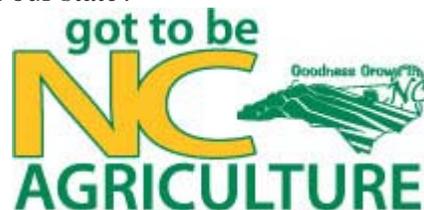
1. *****Take a trip!** Make plans to visit one of the following locations. While at there, interview an employee and ask the person why the place is important to agriculture. Find out about what type of job this person does. After your visit, make a scrapbook page or write a journal entry about the activities you did.

Visit two of the following:

- Research Station (see www.ncagr.com/research for locations)
- State-run or local Farmers Market (see www.ncagr.com/markets/facilities/ for more information)
- Agricultural Fair (see www.ncagfairs.org)
- Farm

2. **Go to the Grocery Store!** Visit your local grocery store and look for the Goodness Grows in North Carolina label or the Got to Be NC label.

- Write down five products with this label.
- What does it mean if a product has this logo on the label?
- Why is this label important to agriculture in our state?



3. **Weights and Measures.** The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspect gas pumps and scales statewide. An inspection sticker is placed on the pump or scale once it is inspected. Name five places in your community you have seen this sticker.

4. **Surf the Web.** Visit the NCDA&CS Web site (www.ncagr.com) and answer the following questions:

- Who is the Commissioner of Agriculture and what is his job?
- What is the name of the newspaper published monthly by the NCDA&CS?
- Visit the Ag Statistics Division page. Find the top five commodities in our state.
- Name the five farmer's markets and two fairs the department runs.
- Go to the Human Resources Division and visit job listings and choose two jobs. What type of education must you have to take the jobs?

5. **Food Diary.** Make a list of all the foods you eat for one week. Which foods are grown in North Carolina?
6. **Visit a roadside produce stand.**
With an adult, visit a roadside produce stand. Discuss with the grower the following topics/questions:
 - What is he/she growing?
 - How many acres he/she farms?
 - What is the easiest/most difficult commodity to grow?
 - How long he/she has been farming?
 - Why he/she farms?

Girl Scout Leader resources: Please use the following Web sites for more information: www.ncagr.com and www.ncagfairs.org.

Home Grown, Part II

Fairs are an important part of many communities across North Carolina. Girl Scouts can learn about agriculture in their community at the 46 county and regional agriculture fairs and at the State Fair held in Raleigh.

Each Girl Scout must attend the N.C. State Fair **or** a county fair and complete five of the following activities including the starred activity.

1. ***Attend a county fair or the N.C. State Fair and write a summary of your visit. Include why you think the fair is important to agriculture and to your community.
2. Draw a picture or make a scrapbook page of your day at the fair.
3. Visit a youth livestock show or auction and record the winner and/or prize money.
4. Visit the fruit and vegetable exhibits and record the weight of the largest fruit or vegetable.
5. Visit the arts and photography section and write a description of a winning entry.
6. Make a map of the fairgrounds and show the places you visited.
7. Interview a fair employee or volunteer. Ask what job they do for the fair and how long they have worked for the fair. Write a brief summary.
8. Make a list of the food you ate while at the fair. List the agricultural products used to make the food.
9. Enter an item into competition at the Fair. This item can be in any category.
10. List five animal breeds that were in competition or on display at the fair. What role does the animal play in agriculture?

Girl Scout Leaders: Information on County Fairs can be found at www.ncagfairs.org. Information on the State Fair is at www.ncstatefair.org. For more information contact the Public Affairs Division at the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at (919) 733-4216.

Patch Order Form

HOME GROWN IN NORTH CAROLINA
A Girl Scout Patch Program



Please send me _____ of the “Home Grown in North Carolina” patches.

Troop # _____ Level _____

Total # of Patches _____ x \$1.50 = _____

NC Sales Tax (7% of subtotal) = _____

Shipping and Handling = \$2.00

Total Amount Enclosed = _____

Patches are available at the Raleigh and Fayetteville Council Shops. Mail and phone orders are also accepted. For Mail Orders, send order form with check to:

Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines PO Box 52294 Raleigh, NC 27612-0294 Attn: Council Shop	OR	Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines 2110 Ft. Bragg Road, Suite 116 Fayetteville, NC 28303 Attn: Council Shop
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Mail Patches to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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