

# FARM FRIDAY FUN

## WITH ARIZONA AGRICULTURE

### CITRUS

- Citrus includes grapefruit, oranges, tangerines, limes, and lemons.
- A single citrus tree can bear as many as 60,000 flowers. However only 1% of those will turn into a fruit.
- Citrus is extremely frost sensitive. Cold spells and wind leech moisture from the fruit. One way that prevent this type of damage is by watering their citrus orchards before a frost. The water then freezes onto the tree and acts as insulator.

#### LEMONS

- Christopher Columbus brought citrus to the new world on his second voyage in 1493.
- Lemons are nature's top source of citric acid.
- The average lemon holds 3 tablespoons of juice.
- California and Arizona produce the majority of the U.S lemon crop.
- Lemon trees bloom and produce fruit year round. Each tree can produce between 500 and 600 pounds of lemons a year.
- Lemon Tree leaves can be used to make tea.
- The heaviest lemon ever record was 11 pounds 9.7 ounces.

#### ORANGES

- Contrary to what most of us think, this fruit was not named for its color. Instead, the word orange comes from a transliteration of the sanskrit naranga. Which comes from the Tamilnaru. Which means "fragrant."
- An orange tree can live for over 100 years and can reach 30 feet in height.
- There is more fiber in an orange than in most other fruits and vegetables.
- About 25 billion oranges are grown each year in America, Florida grows the most
- Each person eats about 12.5 pounds of citrus each year!
- Navel oranges are seedless so they cannot reproduce through pollination. They instead require "budding" or grafting to create new trees.
- Navel oranges get their name from the belly-button formation opposite the end of the stem.
- After chocolate and vanilla, orange is the world's favorite flavor.

