

Build Competencies in Sustainability MATTERS

Sustainability practices

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MAKE IT PERSONAL				
How do you think the sustainable practices used by farmers affect you?				

1. Analyzing Environmental Footprints

Compare the environmental footprint of the three agricultural products involved in a Life Cycle Assessment.

Use the infographics in the **HOW CAN AGRICULTURAL ENVIRONMENTS CONTRIBUTE TO SUSTAINABILITY?** carousel slide to complete a **Retrieval Chart**, labelled like the example below. Respond to the questions that follow.



	Carbon footprint	Water use	Land use
Dairy			
Egg			
Chicken			



Consult HOW CAN AGRICULTURAL
ENVIRONMENTS CONTRIBUTE TO
SUSTAINABILITY? for these learning
tasks. Use the Learning Source and the
information for this guiding question in the
Sustainability Matters carousel on www.
projectagriculture.ca. Check out these
weblinks for additional information.

Get an overview of the LCA of Canadian Chicken Farmers at www. chickenfarmers.ca/the-chickenindustry-life-cycle-assessment-lca/.

Find information on egg farmers and the environment at https://eggs. ab.ca/farming/environment/.

Read an online article on the future

and sustainability of dairy farming at https://dairyfarmersofcanada.ca/en/farming-future-sustainability-dairyfarming.

What do you think these comparisons show about sustainability practices?	
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What areas of improvement have these farmers' groups identified? Why do you think these are identified as in need of improvement?	Explore the full article on Nutrients in the National Geographic Resource Library at www.nationalgeographic. org/encyclopedia/nutrient/. Go to the BestFoodFacts website at www.bestfoodfacts.org and search for "sustainable agriculture" to find a variety of articles on sustainability. Read the full report on wildlife habitats and agriculture from Statistics Canada at www150.statcan. gc.ca/n1/pub/16-002-x/2015002/article/14133-eng.htm.



2. Agriculture Ecosystem Cycles

An agricultural environment is also an ecosystem. Work with a partner to create a **Cycle Diagram** of an agricultural ecosystem. Focus on **one** type of agricultural product.

