

## THE FARM TO PLATE GAME!

### Teacher Instructions:

This game can be played by the whole class or by individual students as an independent activity. There are nine cards (see p. 66), each with a different role\* in the food system. Assign a student or group of students to each role. Print out the sheet of cards and cut along the dotted lines. **Tip!** To make them more durable, you may want to print on card stock or laminate.

**\*Note:** This is not a complete food system list, and some roles may fit in at multiple stages of the system. (For example, there may be several "Food Transporters" which can fit in different stages of the system.) The important thing is to understand that there are stages of the food supply system and what each role fulfills. You may add to the list of roles after researching more details and steps of the food system with your students.

### How to Play:

**Objective:** To arrange the cards, or students holding the cards, in the correct order to show how food moves from farm to plate.

**Independent Play:** Shuffle the cards and place them face down on the table. Start a stopwatch/timer and then turn the cards over quickly. Arrange the cards in order, showing how food moves from the farm to the table. When finished, stop the stopwatch and record the elapsed time. Check the order of the cards with the answer key. If an error was made, try the game again. Have students try to improve the time it takes to correctly arrange the cards.

**Class Play:** Designate one student as **The Educated Consumer** to arbitrate all disputes. Shuffle the cards, and then hand a card, face down, to each student or group of students. Start a timer and then have each student turn over his or her card. Students work cooperatively to arrange themselves in a line, showing the correct order in which food moves from the farm to the table. In case of a dispute, students will ask for aid from **The Educated Consumer** to resolve the dispute. When the students are finished, stop the stopwatch and record the elapsed time. Check the order of the cards with the answer key at right. If an error was made, have students try the game again and attempt to improve their time.

## ANSWER KEY AND ROLE DEFINITIONS

### Order of the Farm to Plate Cards:

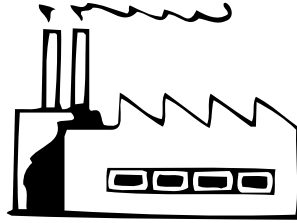
- 1) **Farmer (Producer)**  
A person/company who grows and harvests food on a farm
- 2) **Food Inspector**  
A person/company who visits farms or processing centers to ensure that foods are grown and processed safely
- 3) **Food Processor**  
A person/company who washes, cuts, mixes, and packages food from the farm
- 4) **Food Transporter**  
A person/company who moves food from one location to another, such as by truck, train, ship, or airplane
- 5) **Food Distributor**  
A person/company who decides which stores receive the food
- 6) **Advertiser**  
A person/company who designs the advertisements that promote food to consumers
- 7) **Grocer/Food Retailer**  
A person/company who sells food to consumers (such as through a grocery store or supermarket)
- 8) **Consumer**  
A person who buys the food that has been grown or prepared
- 9) **Compost/Waste Manager**  
A person/company who disposes of leftover food scraps by either composting or throwing food away (sending to a landfill)





## Farmer (Producer)

A person/company who grows and harvests food on a farm



## Food Processor

A person/company who washes, cuts, mixes, and packages food from the farm



## Food Transporter

A person/company who moves food from one location to another, such as by truck, train, ship, or airplane



## Food Distributor

A person/company who decides which stores receive the food



## Advertiser

A person/company who designs the advertisements that promote food to consumers



## Food Inspector

A person/company who visits farms or processing centers to ensure that foods are grown and processed safely



## Grocer/Food Retailer

A person/company who sells food to consumers (such as through a grocery store or supermarket)



## Consumer

A person who buys the food that has been grown or prepared



## Compost/Waste Manager

A person/company who disposes of leftover food scraps by either composting or throwing food away (sending to a landfill)