



15 Minute
Farmer
Time

TEACHER OVERVIEW

Creepy Crawlies and Crop Production



➤ Outcomes:

- Explore how plants and animals are grown for food, clothing and shelter ([VCDSTC015](#))
- Living things have a variety of external features and live in different places where their basic needs, including food, water and shelter, are met ([VCSSU042](#))
- Observable changes occur in the sky and landscape; daily and seasonal changes affect everyday life ([VCSSU046](#))

➤ Lesson Description:

This 15-Minute Farmer Time explores grains production and the role of beneficial insects in healthy crops. Throughout the session students will have the opportunity to explore the paddock to plate journey of wheat, ordering the stages of the supply chain and considering the products that can be made from wheat. Students will hear from grains producer Farmer Erin about the ways she encourages beneficial insects on her farm and apply their design skills to create their own craft ladybug. The exploration of beneficial insects will continue through a scavenger hunt in the school yard, veggie patch or garden and the opportunity to build a bug hotel to encourage beneficial insects to visit the local area.

➤ Resources:

- Internet/computer access for provided links
- Printable 'Wheat – Paddock to Plate' activity sheet
- Half of a small paper plate
- Googly eyes
- Stapler or glue
- Scissors
- Marker
- Red crepe paper
- Half of a black pipe cleaner
- Black paper
- Recycled materials (old newspapers, plastic bottles, bricks, cardboard, sticks, etc)
- Printable 'Beneficial Insects Scavenger Hunt' activity sheet

➤ Activity Sequence:

- **Activity 1:** Wonderful Wheat Video Task
- **Activity 2:** Wheat – The Journey from Paddock to Plate
- **Activity 3:** Farmer Profile Read or Listen Task
- **Activity 4:** Farmer Time Video
- **Activity 5:** Making a Paper Plate Lady Bug
- **Activity 6:** Beneficial Insect Scavenger Hunt
- **Activity 7:** Making a Bug Hotel

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Links:

- Farmer Catherine's Profile: <https://farmertime.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Pre-Recorded-Farmer-Profiles.pdf>
- Printable 'Wheat – Paddock to Plate' activity sheet: <https://farmertime.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Wheat-The-Journey-from-Paddock-to-Plate.pdf>
- Farmer Erin's Profile: <https://farmertime.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Farmer-Profiles.png>
- VIC Farmer Time- Creepy Crawlies and Crop Production: https://youtu.be/Hzah_OoCjus
- Printable 'Beneficial Insects Scavenger Hunt' activity sheet: <https://farmertime.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Beneficial-insects-Scavenger-Hunt.pdf>
- Making a Paper Plate Lady Bug Video Instructions: <https://youtu.be/lcEoWwdquKg>

