



SOCIAL STUDIES

TITLE: Where Does Your Popcorn Grow?

SUBJECT: Geography

GRADE LEVEL: 4-6

OBJECTIVE(S): Students will learn about geographical conditions that effect how and where popcorn is grown.

OVERVIEW: Americans consume 17 billion quarts of popped popcorn annually or 59 quarts per man, woman and child. Most of the popcorn consumed throughout the world is grown in the United States. The major popcorn producing states are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska and Ohio.

Have students research the major popcorn producing states. Ask them to report why popcorn grows so well in these areas. Research may focus on soil, climate, planting methods, population and transportation.