

CONGRATULATIONS

YOU WON A RIVER. THIS RIVER WILL BRING WATER TO YOUR FARM THAT IS NEEDED TO GROW YOUR PLANTS AND KEEP YOUR ANIMALS HEALTHY.

Water is one of the most important natural resources we have. Water is used to help crops like corn, wheat, and soybeans grow strong and healthy. Animals drink fresh water, just like you and me. Water also provides a great habitat for many wildlife animals, such as fish, amphibians, and even birds! Farmers and ranchers work hard to conserve water in many different ways. Just like farmers and ranchers, we must take responsibility to conserve water and protect our water environments.



Cut out this stamp and attach it to your Passport To Sustainability. Collect them all!

Other cool facts about water

- Farmers are now using science to find out which plants can grow with less water. This helps farmers conserve water.
- Farmers take care of over 1.3 million acres of grass waterways in the United States.
- Water can often wash away, or erode, valuable topsoil on farmland. Between 1982 and 1997, farmers reduced this erosion by 24%!



MAKE A PERSONAL WATER CONSERVATION PLAN!

Farmers and ranchers aren't the only ones who need to conserve water. You and I need to make sure that we are responsible water consumers as well! Here is a great challenge to do with your friends or family. After completing this challenge, you will be a responsible water conservationist!

- Brainstorm a list of all of the times and ways water is used in your home in a day. Your list might include taking a shower or bath, drinking water, washing dishes, flushing the toilet, watering your plants, or filling a bowl so your dog can have a drink! Make your list as long and complete as possible.
- Put a star next to the items on the list that use the most water.
- With adult permission, go online and use a search engine to look up "ways to conserve water". You may also be able to check out a book at your library with water conservation ideas.
- Pick 2-3 great ideas and write them down at the bottom of your water use list.
- Share your ideas with your friends and family, and make a commitment to start conserving water in your home!