

October Calendar Highlights & Farm Quiz by Kristin Paulson, MA State Lecturer

- 1] What percent of all US Farmers bring in less than \$10,000. in farm yearly income? a] 10% b] 25% c] 50% d] 75%
- 2] What vegetable crop brings in the most money for farmers? a] corn b] potatoes c] tomatoes d] wheat
- 3] What percentage of US corn grown is not sweet, is Dent corn, & used for Lifestock? a] 39% b] 59% c] 79% d] 99%
- 4] What is the ideal pH range for most Farm crops? a] 2.0 to 3.0 b] 4.0 to 5.0 c] 6.0 to 7.0 d] 8.0 to 9.0
- 5] Which type of Livestock produces the most money for US Farmers? a] Cattle b] Chicken c] Pigs d] Sheep
- 6] Which agricultural term means breeding & caring for livestock? a] Agronomy b] Cultivation c] Horticulture d] Husbandry
- 7] What are you raising if you have an Ovine Farm? a] Pigs b] Sheep c] Cows d] Chickens
- 8] How long does a chicken egg need to incubate before it hatches? a] 11 days b] 21 days c] 31 days d] 41 days
- 9] Which of these would a farmer describe as a heifer? a] an old fat cow b] newborn calf c] young male cow d] young female cow
- 10] How many cows can you sustain on two acres of foragable land? a] 1 b] 2 c] 4 d] 6
- 11] How many acres is considered a farm Massachusetts? a] 5 acres b] 15 acres c] 20 acres d] 25 acres
- 12] ___ became the top money making Agricultural crop in MA last year. a] Apples b] Cannabis c] Cranberries d] Sweet corn

Sources: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/agricultural-resources-facts-and-statistics> / <https://www.nasda.org/department-of-agricultural-resources/>



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Picture Sources: National Grange

National Grange Heirloom Program states; "We believe in looking for the good in all people, & cultivating friendships to last a lifetime. We encourage our Grange members to be good citizens in their communities, helping all who need it." The October '23 Heirloom quote is: "Speak good of others, rather than evil. Gather up memories of others' virtues & pass by their faults in pity." Chaplain, 3rd Degree. One suggestion is to read the monthly "Heirloom Quote" when the Master/ President gets to "Conferring the Degrees" in the Meeting schedule. Download Heirloom Brochures at: <https://www.nationalgrange.org/heirloom-program/>



October is National Tackling Hunger Month. Hunger affects 1 in 6 Americans, that's 33 million people, who do not know where their meals will come from every day. October is Cranberry & National Wellness Month. The 2nd week of Oct is National Food Bank Week. October Flower: Marigold; Birthstone: Opal; Full Hunters Moon is on Oct. 28th.

Date	Name of Special Day	Description	Event Type
10/01/23	Yosemite Park Founding	Congress created Yosemite National Park, & signed by President Ben Harrison in 1890.	Historic Day
10/01/23	International Coffee Day	It's estimated that 88 gallons of coffee is consumed annually per capita.	International Day
10/02/23	World Farm Animal Day	This Day was created in memory of Mahatma Ghandi for the fair treatment of all animals.	International Day
10/04/23	St. Francis of Assisi Day	Anglican & Catholic blessing of pets & animals on St. Francis Day	Religious Day
10/05/23	Do something Nice Day	Send "Hello Cards" to shut-ins! Share on social media: #Do something Nice Day	National Day
10/05/23	World Teachers Day	UNESCO proclaimed Oct. 5 as World Teachers' Day in 1994 for appreciation of Teachers.	International Day
10/12/23	Farmers Day	Farmers are only 2% of the population & feed the other 98% with the fruits of their labor.	National Day
10/12/23	Columbus Day	In 1937, Columbus Day became a federal holiday in the United States.	National Holiday
10/12/23	Indigenous People Day	34 US States & DC now recognize Oct.12th as Native American / Indigenous People Day.	National Day
10/13/23	US Navy Birthday	Continental Navy was born on Oct 13, 1775. USN now has 40 Naval Bases in US.	Historic Day
10/14/23	Stop Bullying Day	U.S. Dept of Human Services 24/7 hotline to prevent suicide & stop bullying: 800-273-8255	National Day
10/16/23	Dictionary Day	1758 birth of Noah Webster, Father of American Dictionary. Grange: "Words 4 Thirds"	National Day
10/16/23	World Food Day	UN's "FAO" created this day in 1979 & it's during National Food Bank week.	International Day
10/18/23	US Clean Water Act	Clean Water Act became law on Oct. 18, 1972; Congress overruled Richard Nixon's veto.	Historic Day
10/28/23	1st Responders Day	US Congress created this Day in 2019. [It's also National Pumpkin Day]	National Day
10/31/23	Girl Scout Founders Day	Commemorates the birth of the Girl Scout founder, Juliet Gordon Low	National Day
10/31/23	Halloween	All Hallows Eve Origin: Celtic Festival of Samhain / Religious day honoring the dead	National Holiday

Sources: <https://nationaldaycalendar.com>

QUIZ Answers:; 1]_c; 2]_a; 3]_d; 4]_c; 5]_a; 6]_d; 7]_b; 8]_c; 9]_d; 10]_a; 11]_a; 12]_b.