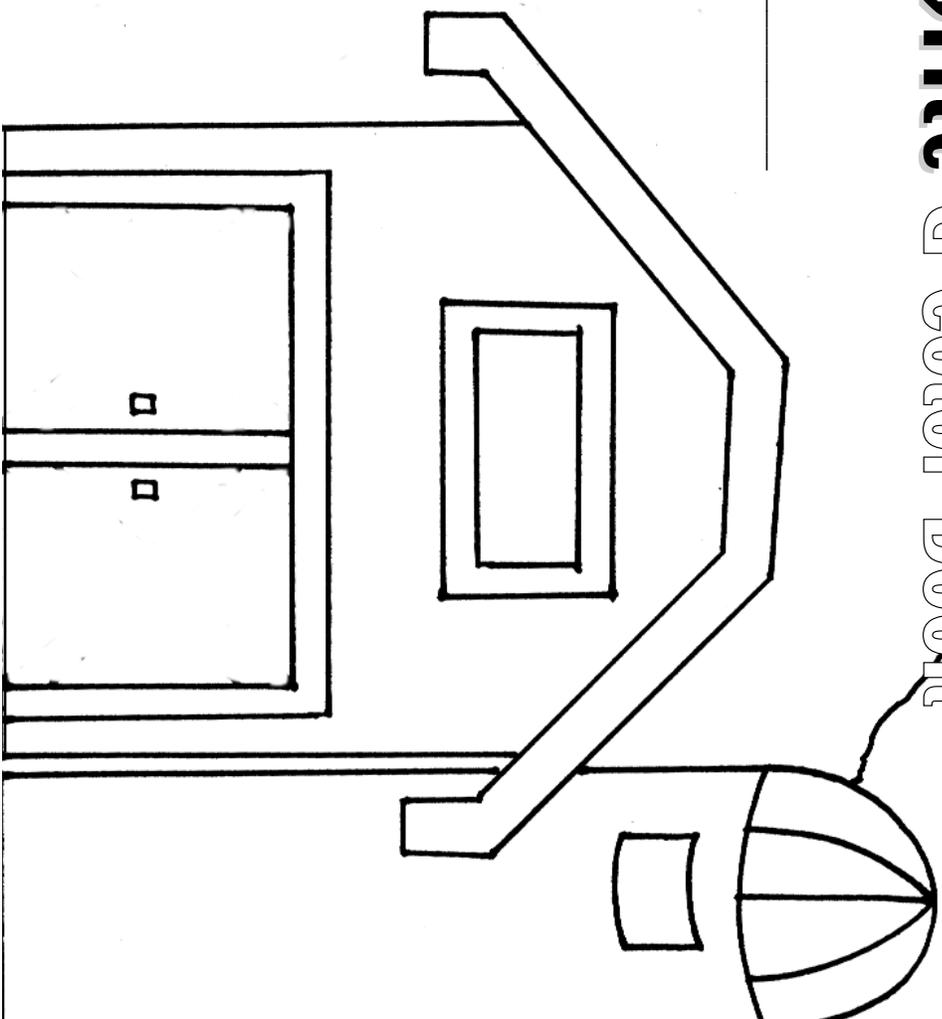


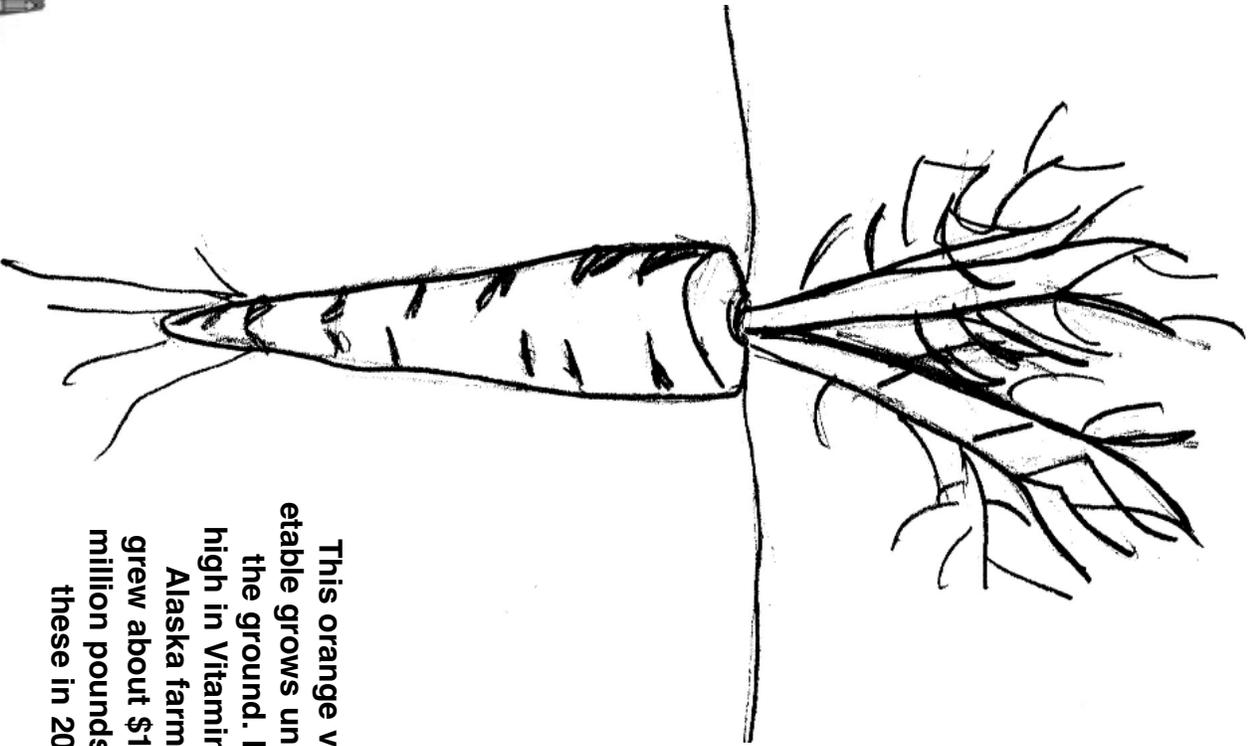
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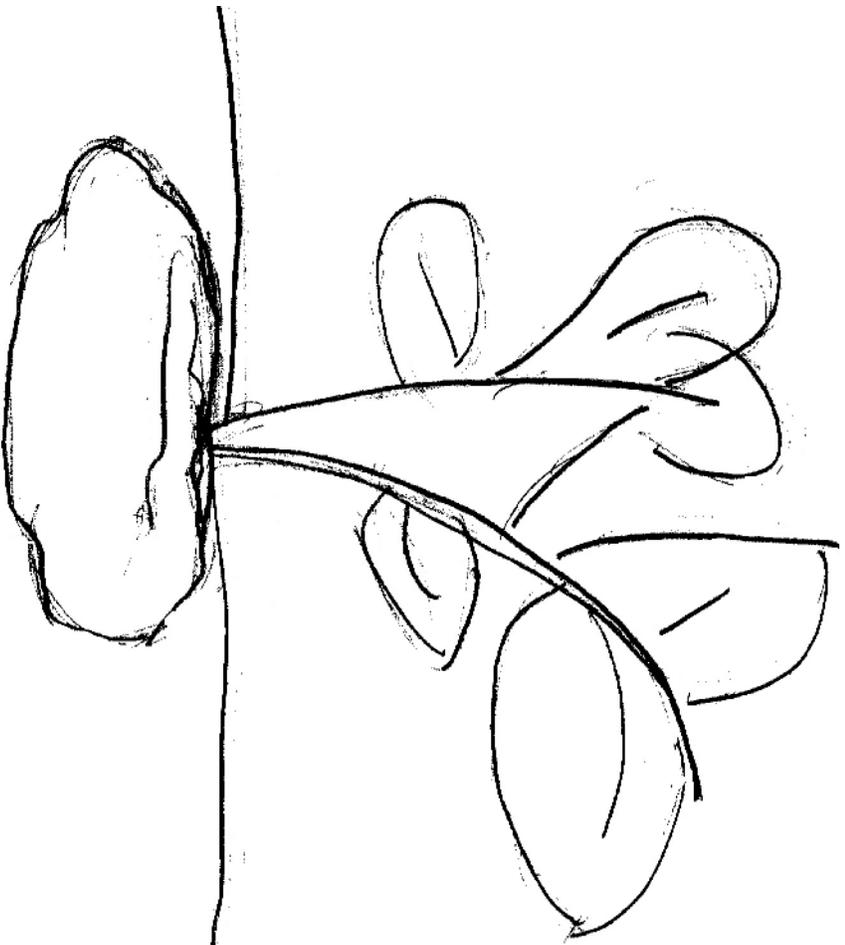
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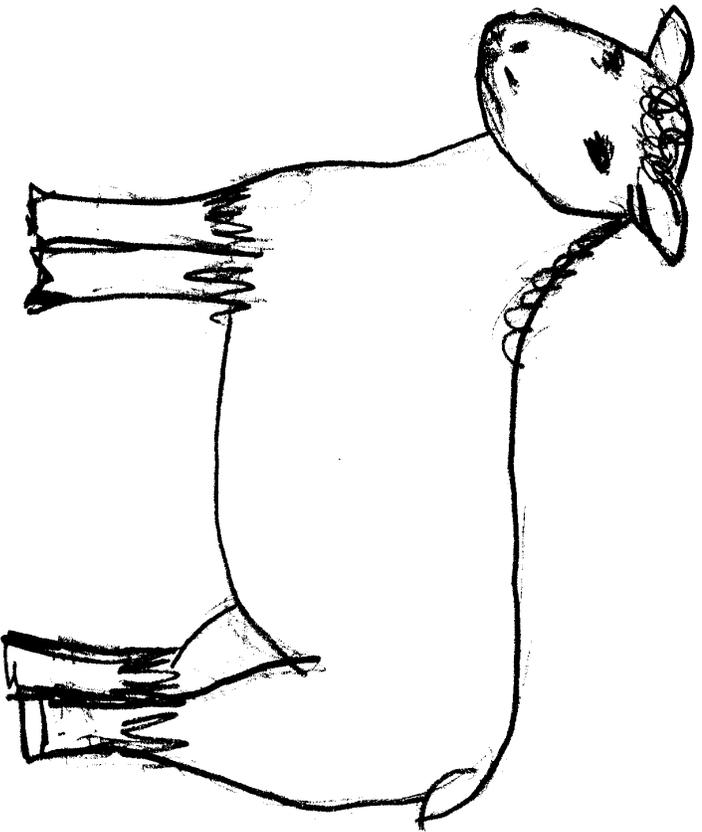


This orange vegetable grows underground. It is high in Vitamin A. Alaska farmers grew about \$1.75 million pounds of these in 2001.

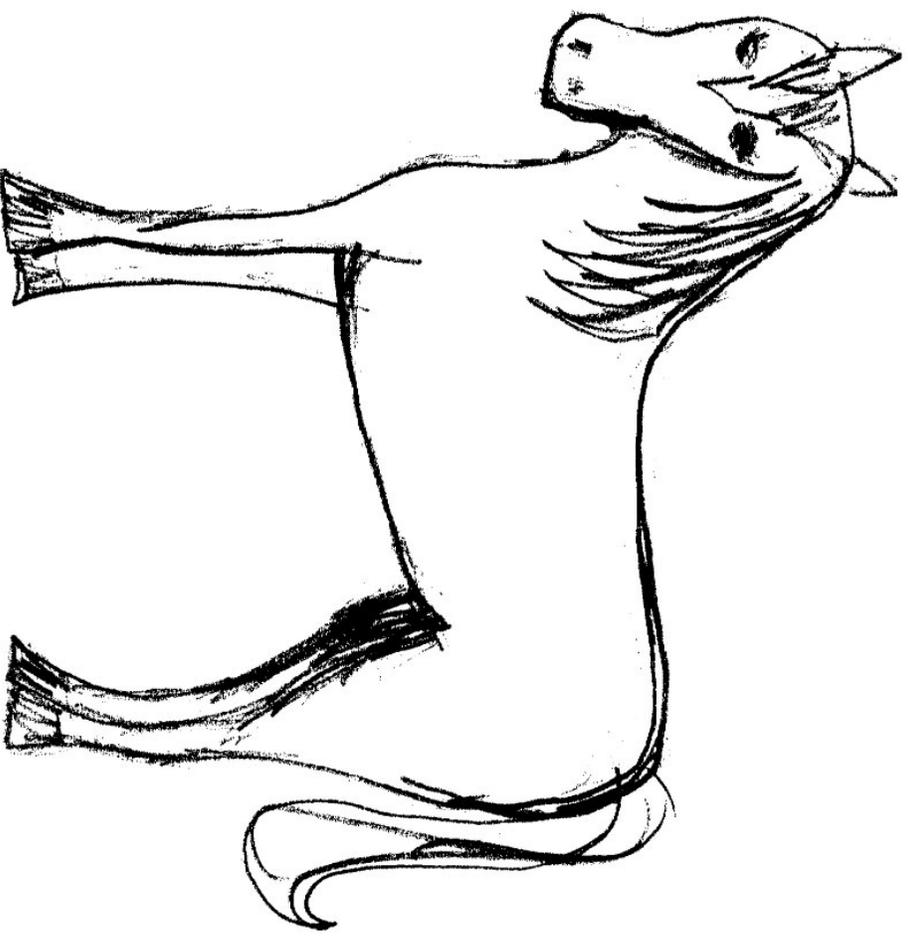


You may like this underground vegetable mashed or fried in strips, or you may like it as chips. This vegetable is a tuber.



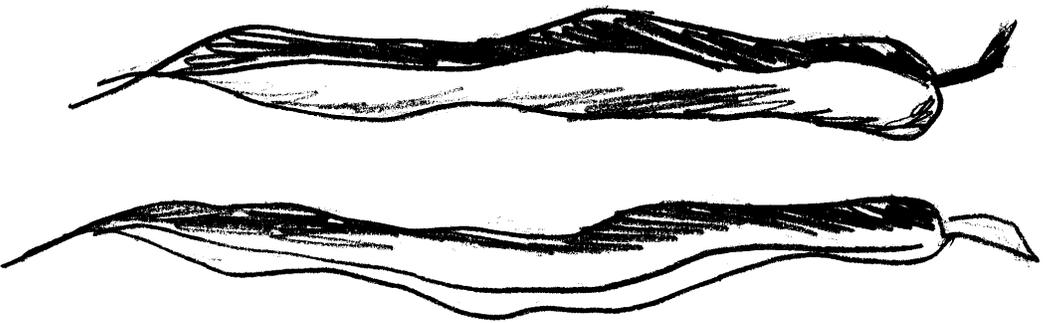


This animal is raised both for its meat and its wool. In 2002, there were about 1,200 of these animals on Alaska farms.



Most of these animals raised in Alaska are owned by people who keep them for pleasure riding. They are important to Alaska agriculture because these equine animals need grain and hay to eat. In 2001, Alaska farmers raised 30,000 tons of hay, most of it in the Tanana Valley, with some in the Matanuska Valley and some on the Kenai Peninsula.





Because of Alaska's short summers some of Alaska's vegetables are grown outside and others are grown in greenhouses. Alaska grows more potatoes, lettuce, cabbage and carrots than any other vegetables.



Did you know Alaska grows some of the biggest of these vegetables in the world? The record at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer is 105.6 pounds. That's a lot of cole slaw.





At the end of 2001, there were about 1,000 swine on Alaska farms. It is from these animals we get pork, including sausage, bacon and ham.



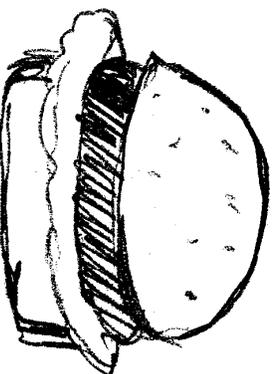
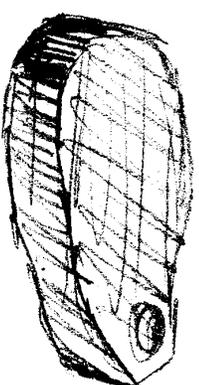
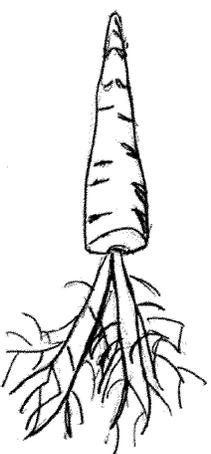
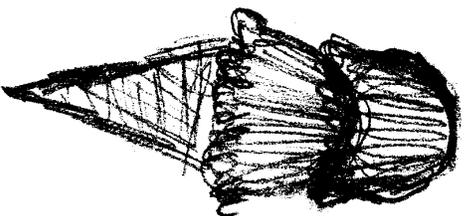
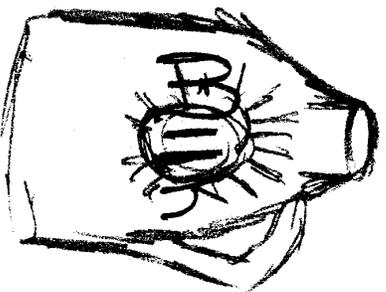
In 2001, about 23,000 acres of this dry grass were harvested in Alaska. How big is an acre? About the size of a football field.





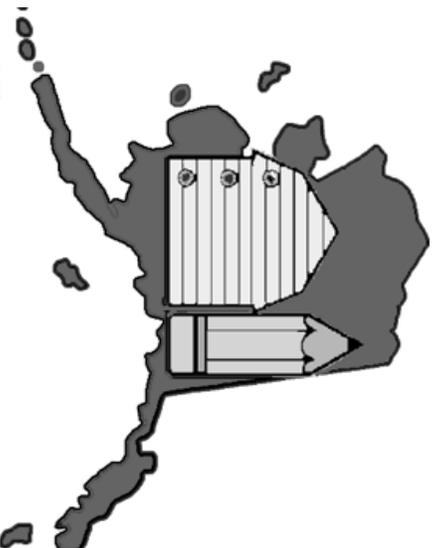
Alaska has both dairy and beef breeds of this large farm animal.
In 2001, Alaska produced 974,000 pounds of beef and 1.7 million
gallons of milk.





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