

Alaska Farms in Song

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**Suggested grade
level(s)**

Elementary

Time

10-30 minutes

Objective(s)

- Help students understand that there are various agricultural venues on Alaska farms.
- Provide review for what is raised and grown on Alaska farms

Materials

- Copy of Alaska Has Some Farms song

Alaska Standards

AH. CPD 1
AH. CC 1

Terms to Define

turnip
alfalfa
exotic farms
alpaca
sod

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Introduction

To review the different types of agricultural farming Alaska has to offer.

Background for Teachers

Alaska has proven to be rich in agricultural opportunities. From the traditional dairy and vegetable farms to exotic farms that raise Alpaca, sod, and Musk Ox. This song reviews the variety of farming opportunities in Alaska. *Hopeful Harvest* DVD was used for background information for Alaska Has Some Farms song.

Teacher Preparation (if needed)

Make copies or overhead of the song. Teach the BINGO tune to the students (as needed). Find Delta Junction on a map.

Introduction for students

Ask students to list the various kinds of plants and animals that can be raised on Alaska farms.

Activity

1. Teach the BINGO tune to students.
2. Using copies or overhead of the Alaska Has Some Farms song, sing the song.

Other Activities

Divide the students into groups. Groups alternate singing stanzas.

As a small group or class, choose another melody or rap and create their own song/rap about Agriculture in Alaska.

Take a field trip to a working Alaska farm or invite a farmer to speak to your class.

Contact Agriculture in the Classroom for support materials.

As a small group or individual, make a diorama of one type of Alaska farm.

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Tune: BINGO

There is a farm that has some cows
They milked and milked all day long.

F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S
Alaska has some farms now.

There is a farm that has some crops
Potatoes, carrots, turnips.

F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S
Alaska has some farms now.

There is a farm that has some hens
They cluck and peck and lay eggs.

F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S
Alaska has some farms now.

There is a farm that has good soil
Alfalfa, wheat, and hay grow.

F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S
Alaska has some farms now.

There are exotic farms around
Alpaca, yak, and musk ox

F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S
Alaska has some farms now.

There is a reindeer farm or two
Meat and skins and antlers

F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S
Alaska has some farms now.

There is a farm that grew barley
It grows so well in Delta

F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S
Alaska has some farms now.

There is a farm that has some pigs
They give us ham and bacon.

F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S
Alaska has some farms now.

There is a farm that grows for us
Our sod, grass seed and flowers

F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S, F-A-R-M-S
Alaska has some farms now.



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