Welcome to your My American Farm journey! Every year, America's farmers and ranchers work hard to feed, clothe and fuel the world. They take care of animals and the natural resources we have on earth, like land and water. In fact, most farmers and ranchers will tell you that they started working in agriculture because they love animals and the land. They want to care for them so that students like you can enjoy these great things in the future.

This is called "sustainability". If you break it down, it means "the ability to sustain" or "to last for a very long time". For example, a farmer wants to keep growing food for you and me for a very long time. They take care of the soil by making sure it does not blow away in the wind or wash away when it rains. They make sure the right nutrients (food for plants) are in the soil. They work with the soil so they can grow plants in the future! This is sustainability!

Play all of the games on My American Farm to find out what you can do to support the sustainability of American Agriculture. Just like we use passports to keep track of countries we visit, this passport will help you keep track of your journey through My American Farm!

Get Started...

- 1. Cut out your passport and apply glue to the edges and down the middle of one half of the back of your Passport to Sustainability.
- 2_{\bullet} Fold the Passport in half sticking the top half to the bottom half.
- $\mathbf{3}$. Fold the Passport in half again to form a booklet.
- 4. Start playing! When you finsih a game, cut out and stick the stamps from each reward into your Passport.

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