

The Football Charm



The football charm shows how agriculture is a part of the sport of football. It will contain little representations of the many different parts of agriculture that are in football. This charm could be made during your local high school's football season and your students could wear them to the games.

To start use little zipper style bags. Then include these items. If one item has two objects that represent it use one or the other or both.

Uniforms – Are made from cotton, so first add a small **cotton ball**.

Football – Most footballs used today are covered with a leather outside made from cows. Use **confetti cows** or **confetti footballs**.

Turf Grass – Most football fields use natural grass, professional, and high school, but some of the professional teams are using an artificial grass. Here put **grass seed** into the bag.

Tickets, Programs, and Schedules – These are printed on paper from trees and possibly use soy ink made from soybeans. To represent this use **soybeans** and actual **ticket stubs**.

Tape and Bandages – Corn dextrines and cattle gelatins are used as adhesives and binding agents. Use **corn kernels** and **cow confetti**.

Film for pictures – Uses cornstarch (as a spreading agent) and gelatin (as a coating and sizing agent) from cattle. Use **cornstarch** and **cow confetti** for the film.

Foods eaten at the game are also connected to Agriculture:

Soda – Sweetened with corn syrup. Use **corn kernels**.

Hot Dogs – pork/beef in a wheat bun with relish from cucumbers. Use **pig confetti**.

Peanuts and Popcorn – both grown by farmers. Use actual **peanuts and popcorn**.

Nachos and Cheese – corn flour with cheese made from dairy cows. Here use **corn kernels and cow confetti**.

Soft Pretzels – wheat flour and vegetable oil. Use **whole-wheat flour** so that it doesn't get mixed up with the cornstarch.

Chewing gum – base comes from the tropical gum tree with sugar and corn syrup added as sweeteners. Use an actual **piece of gum**.

After everything is in the bag, use a hole puncher to punch a hole in the top of the bag above the seal and then use yarn to make a necklace.