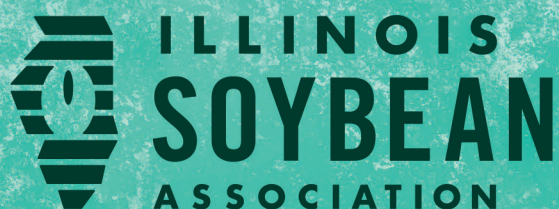
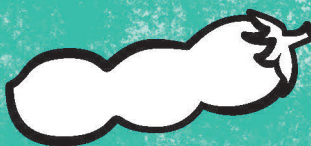


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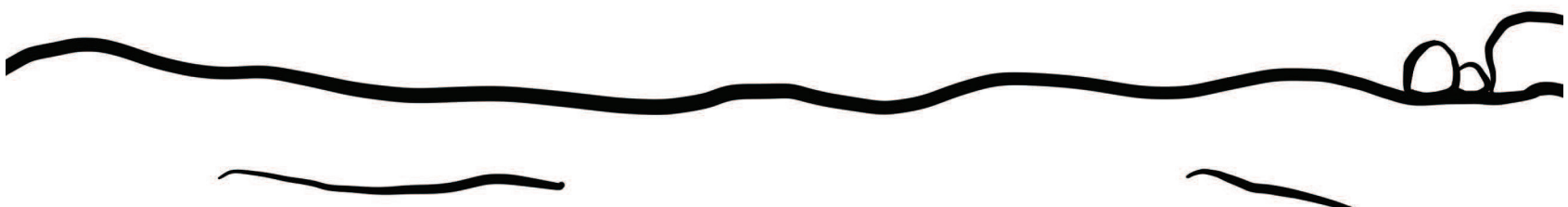


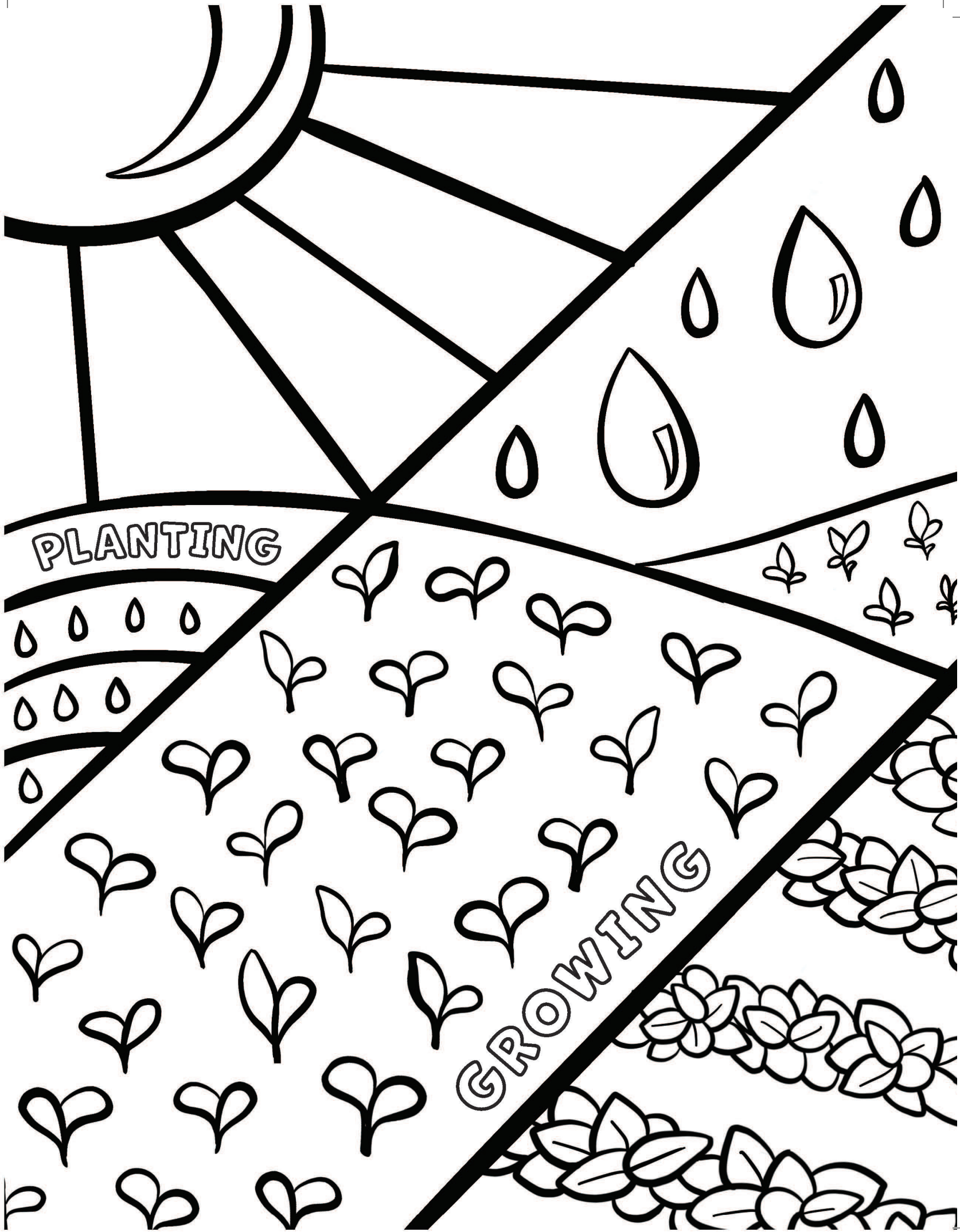
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The Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) checkoff and membership programs represent more than 43,000 soybean farmers in Illinois. The checkoff funds market development and utilization efforts while the membership program supports the government relations interests of Illinois soybean farmers at the local, state, and national level, through the Illinois Soybean Growers (ISG). ISA upholds the interests of Illinois soybean producers through promotion, advocacy, and education with the vision of becoming a market leader in sustainable soybean production and profitability. For more information, visit the website www.ilsoy.org.

This coloring book was created in 2021 by the Illinois Soybean Association to assist in educating and promoting soybean farming to our youngest generations.

Illinois is one of the top soybean producing states in the country. Illinois farmers work year-round to feed the world. This coloring book takes young readers through the entire lifecycle of the soybean from planting in the spring to being harvested in the fall, all the way to its end destination, often overseas. Join us as we color our way through the life of soybeans!





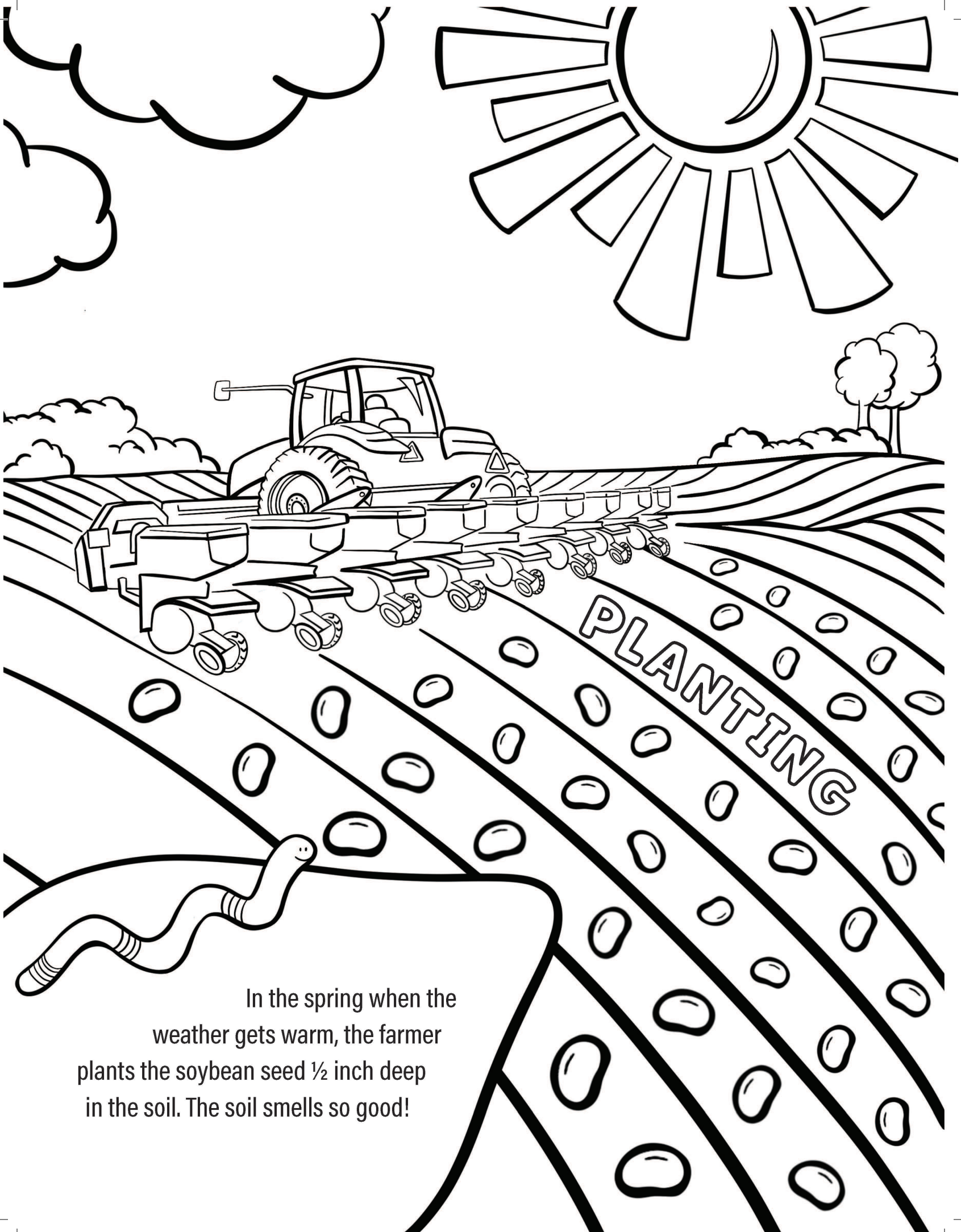
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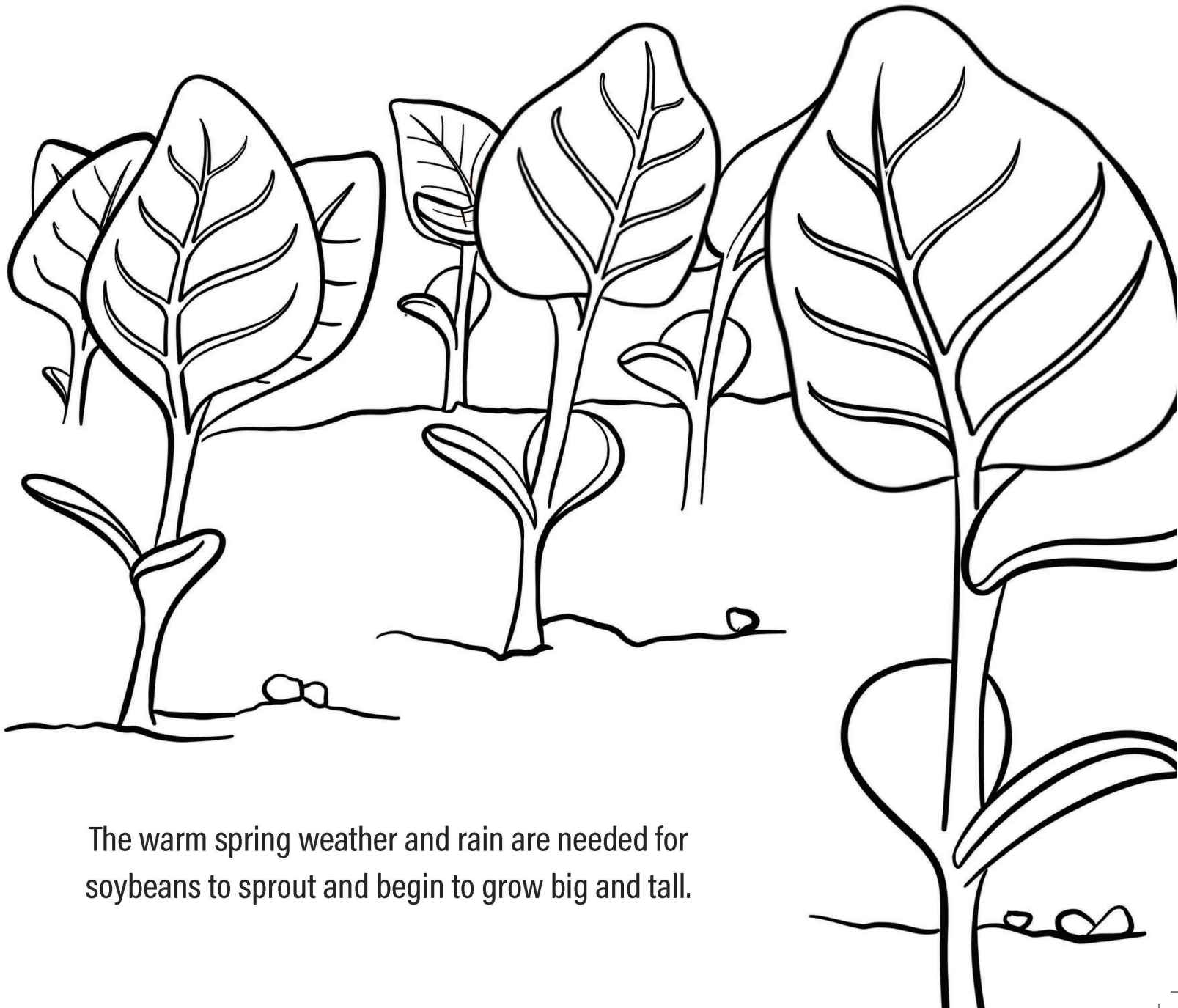
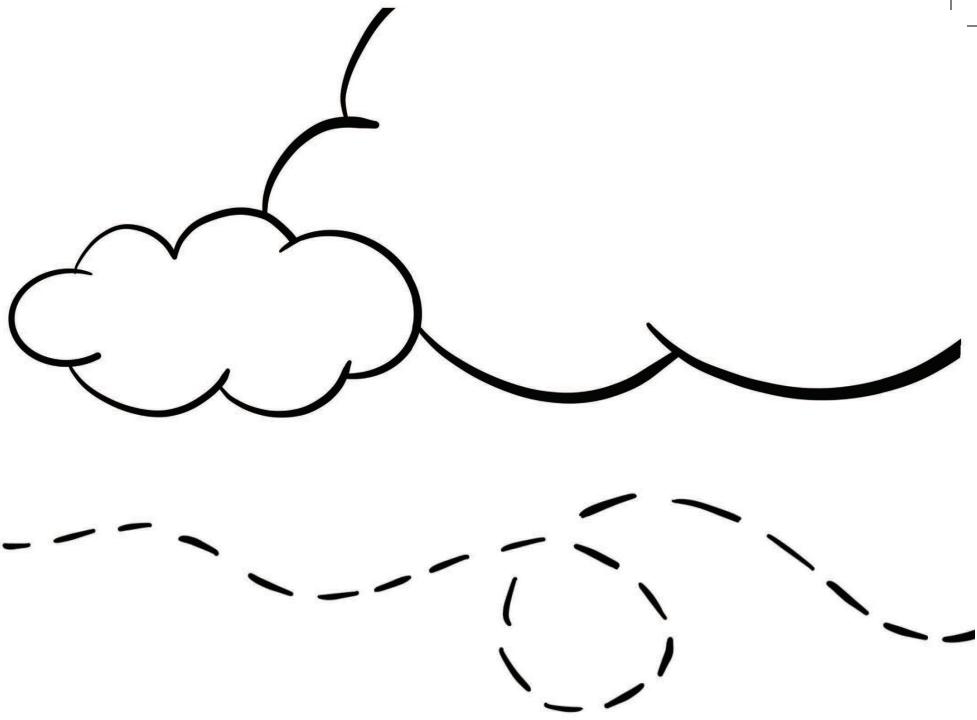


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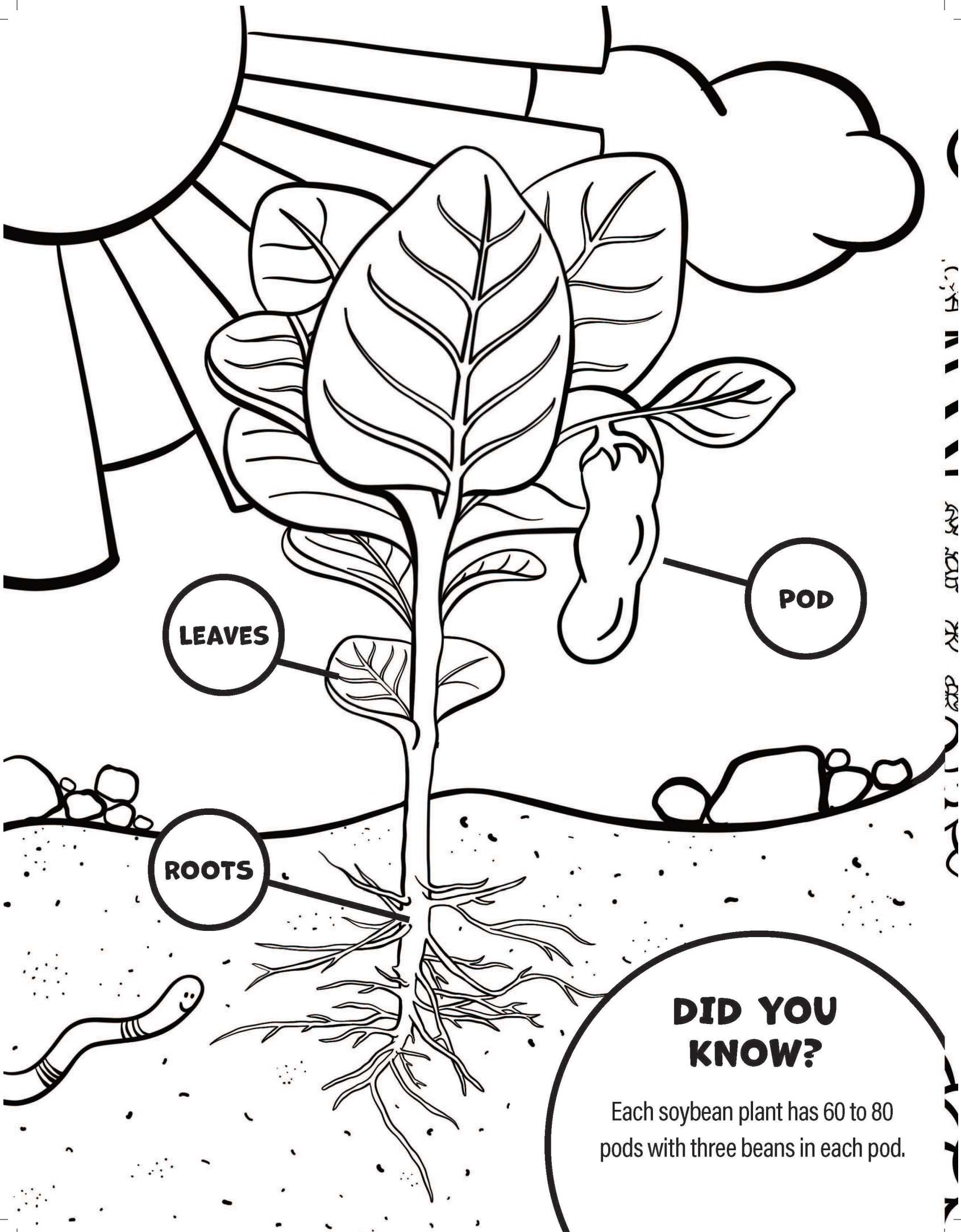
WINTER



In the spring when the weather gets warm, the farmer plants the soybean seed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep in the soil. The soil smells so good!



The warm spring weather and rain are needed for soybeans to sprout and begin to grow big and tall.



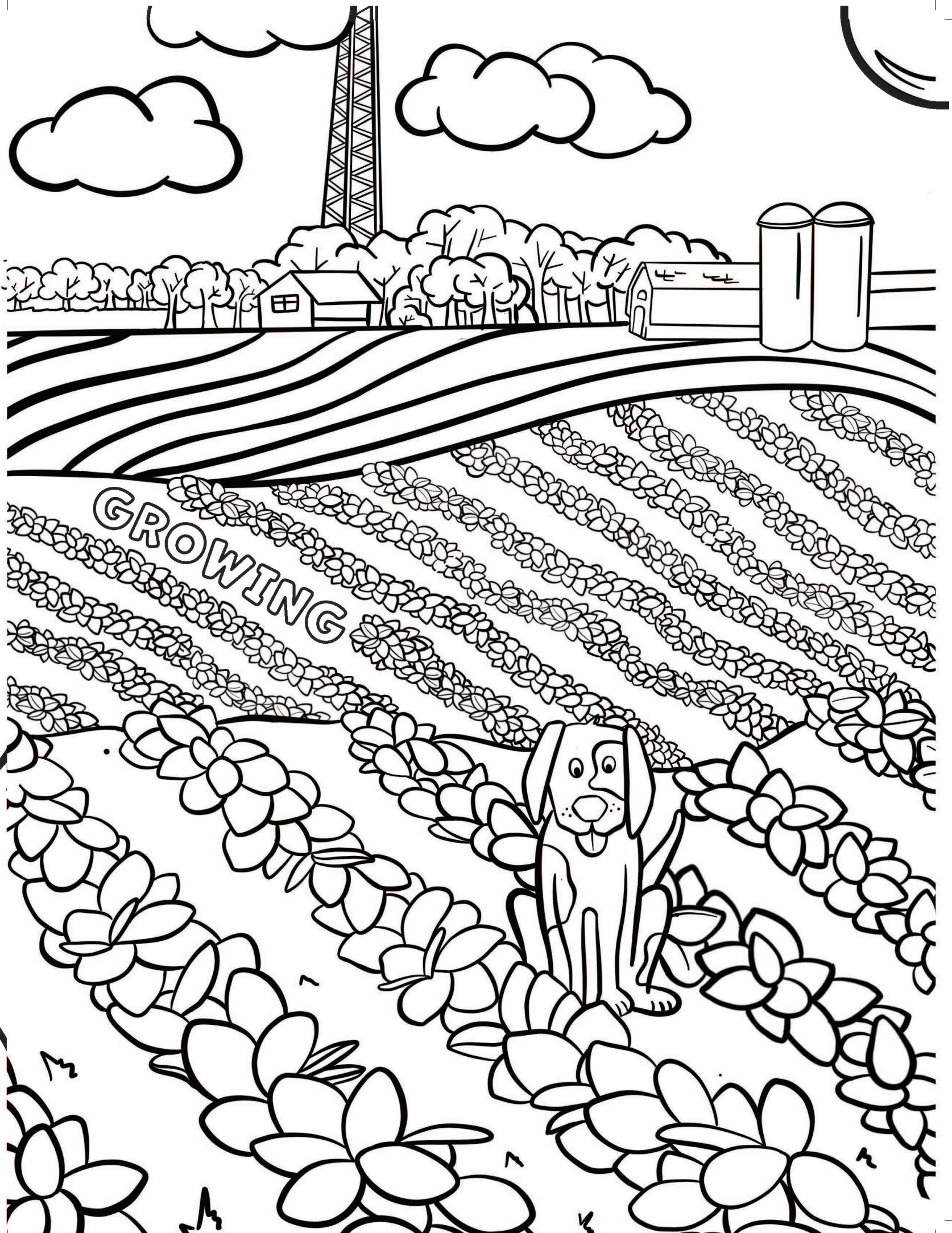
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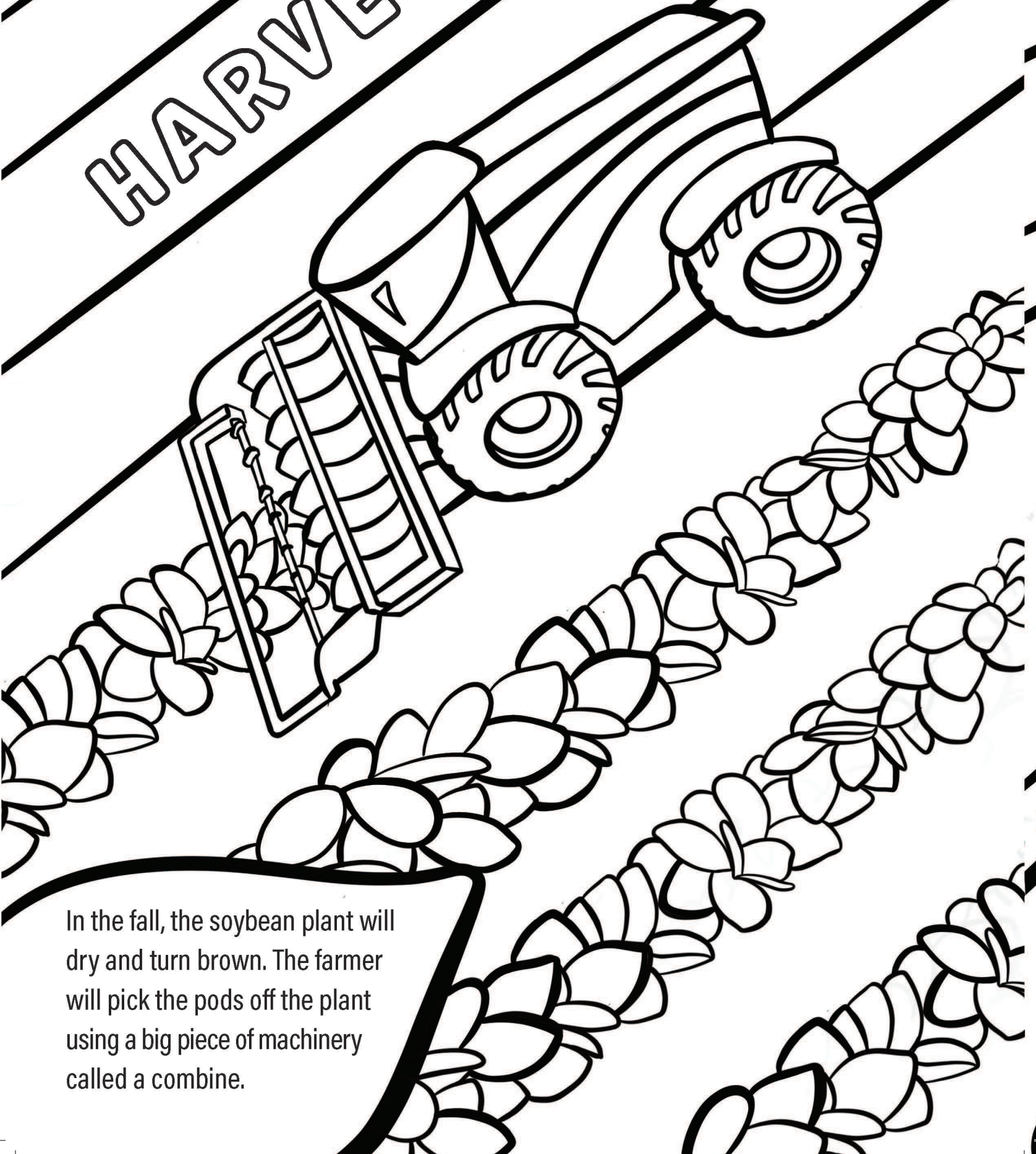
DID YOU KNOW?
Each soybean plant has 60 to 80 pods with three beans in each pod.

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GROWING

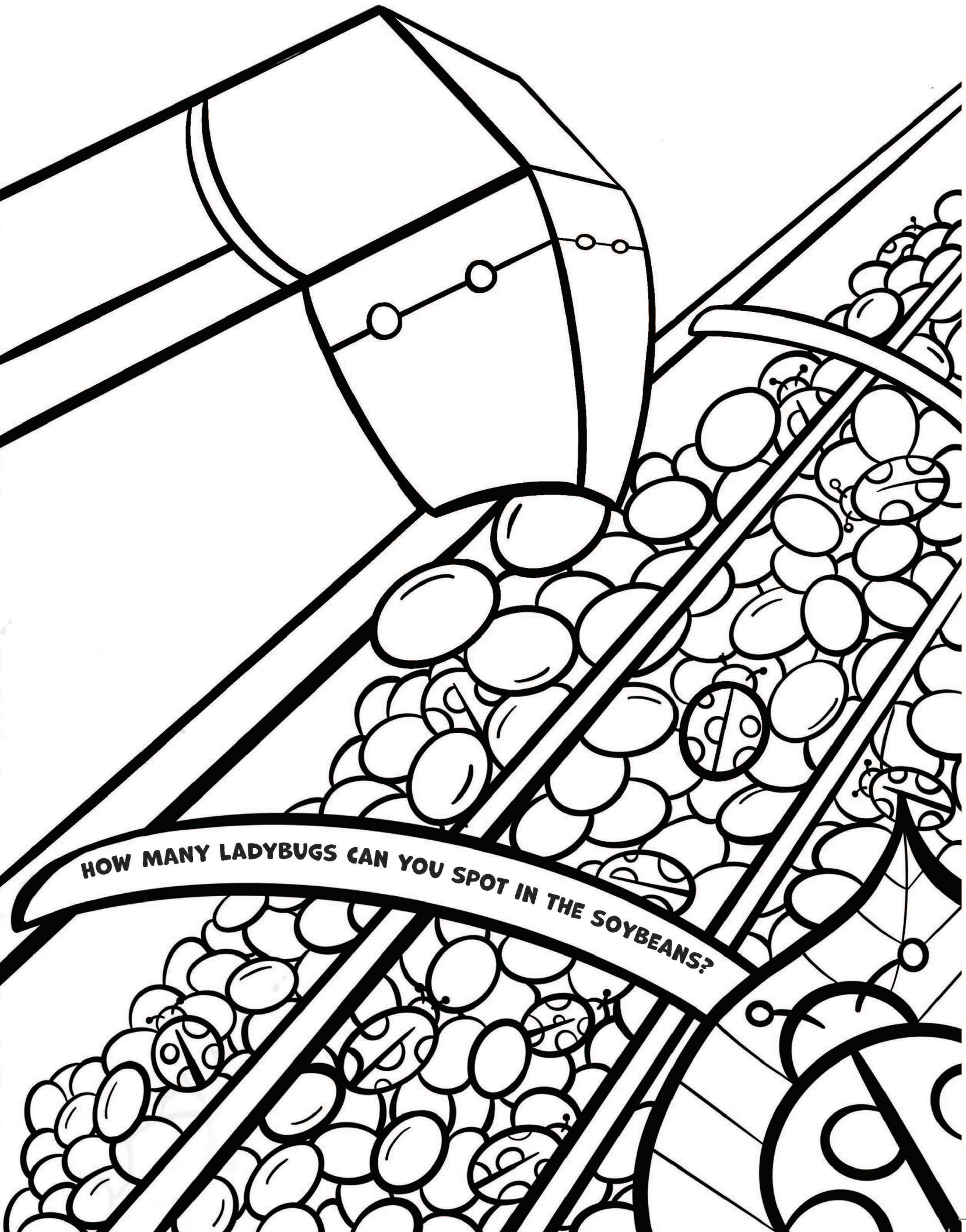
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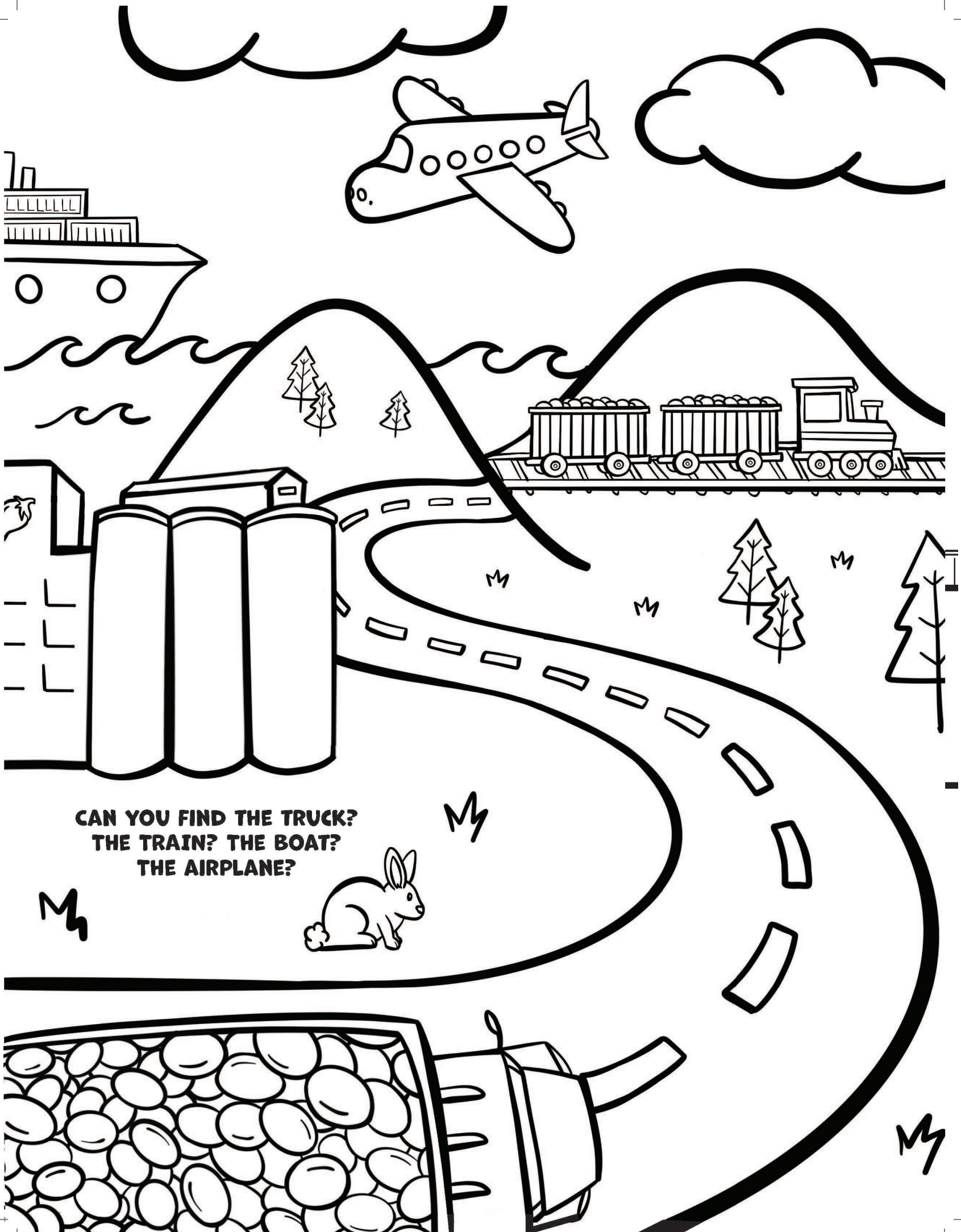


In the fall, the soybean plant will dry and turn brown. The farmer will pick the pods off the plant using a big piece of machinery called a combine.

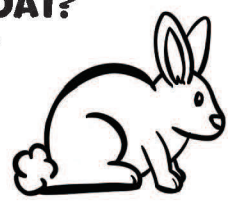
HOW MANY LADYBUGS CAN YOU SPOT IN THE SOYBEANS?

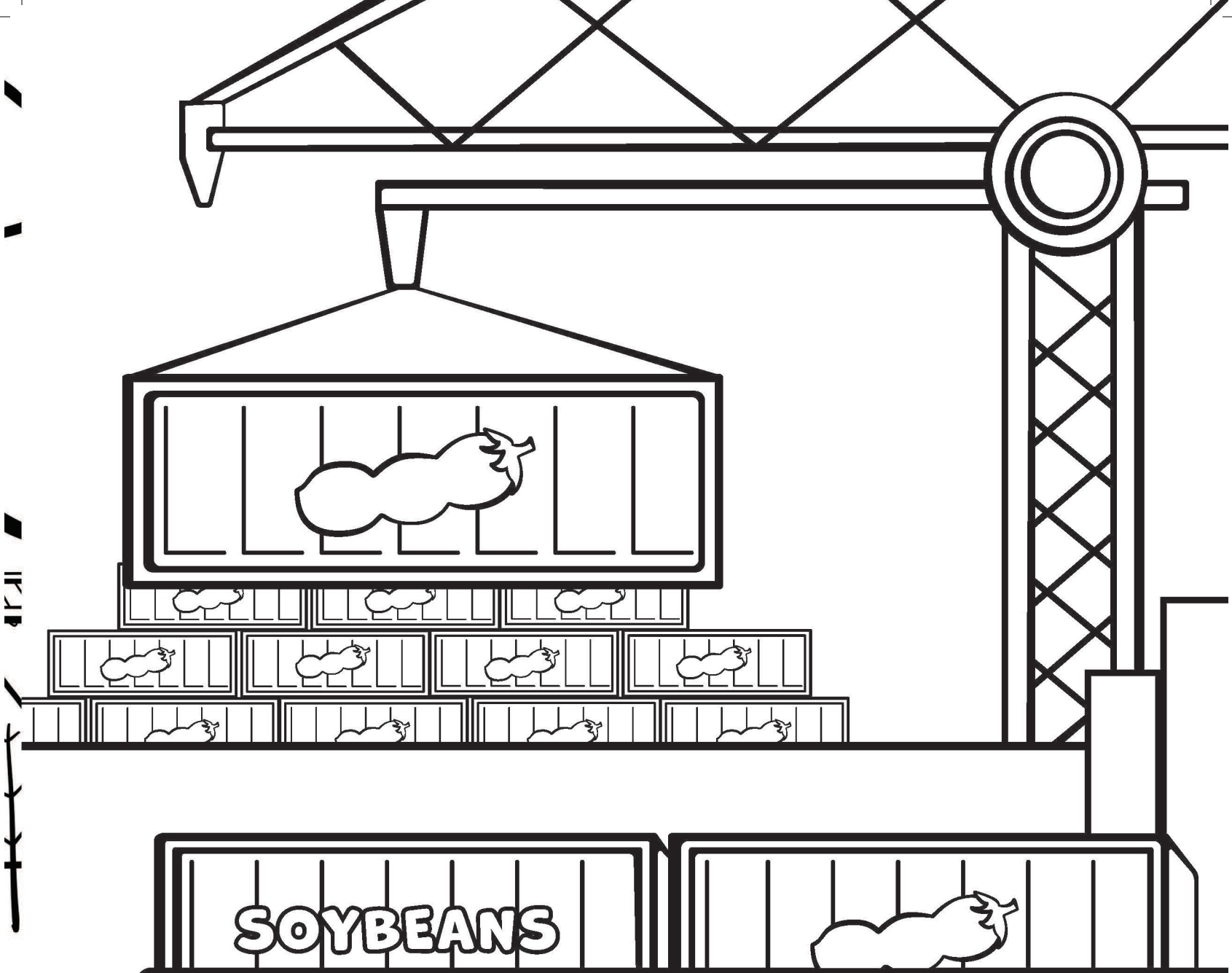
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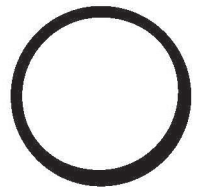
**CAN YOU FIND THE TRUCK?
THE TRAIN? THE BOAT?
THE AIRPLANE?**





SOYBEANS

Soybeans leave the farm in a truck. Then they might travel by train, plane, or down a river in a container on a big boat to get to a manufacturing plant.



EXPORTS



The soybeans may take a long trip across the ocean to other countries. This is called exporting. These countries use them to feed their animals, make human food and other products we use every day.

EGYPT

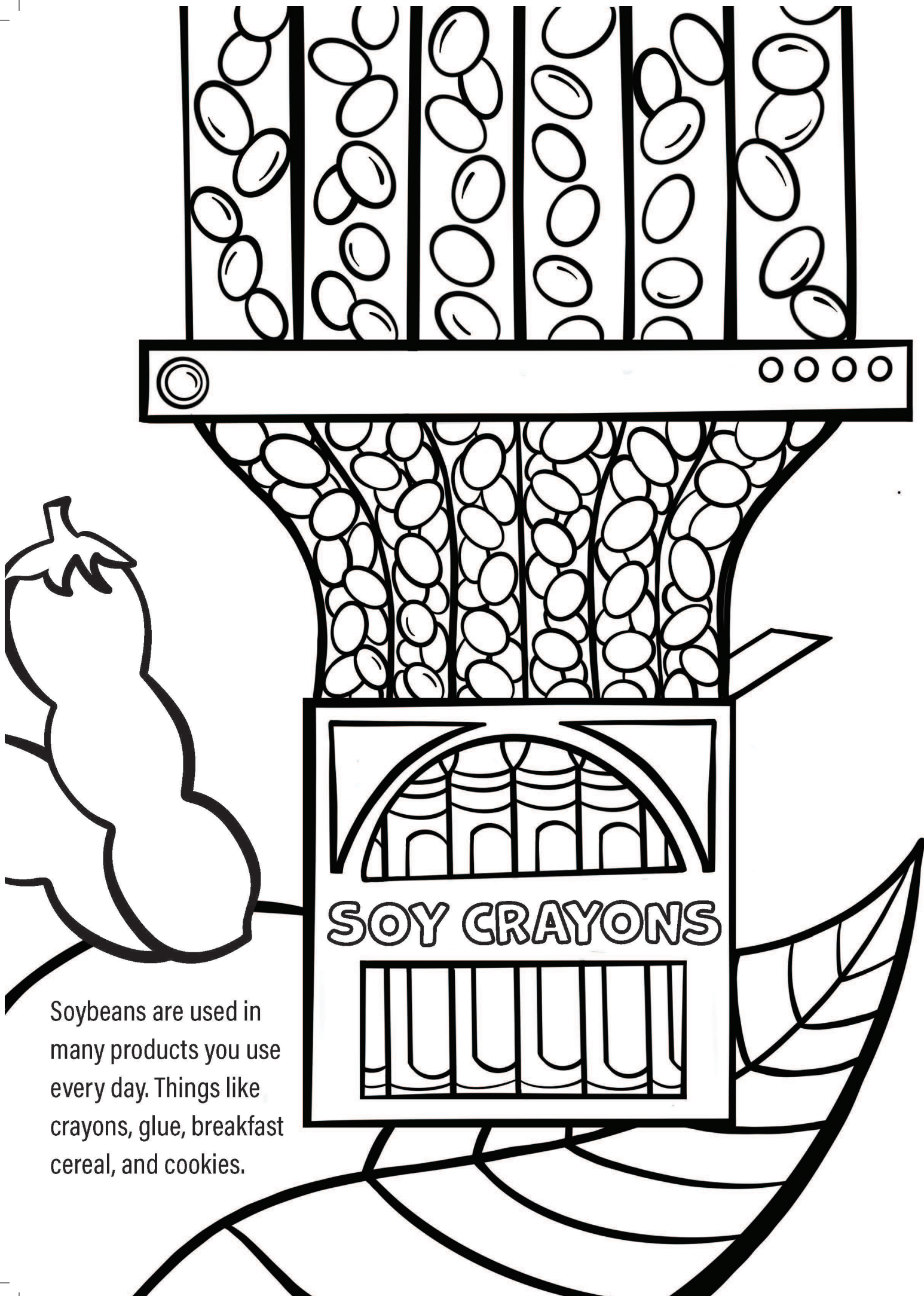


TAIWAN



MEXICO





Soybeans are used in many products you use every day. Things like crayons, glue, breakfast cereal, and cookies.

DID YOU KNOW?

Soybeans are even used to make the shoes you wear!



FOLLOW THE LACE MAZE TO FIND WHICH LACES PAIR WITH EACH SHOE!

PLANTING



GROWING



CONNECT THE STAGES OF A SOYBEAN'S LIFE IN ORDER!

Soybean farmers have a very important job! They plant and harvest the soybeans. Then they send them on a journey where they will be used by you and me. We thank farmers every day!

HARVESTING



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PRODUCTS



EXPORTING



