Hello!

I’m Farmer John (1). I’ve raised corn (2) all my life. I love my job because I know how important corn is to America. We’ve always used corn for so many things. Corn on the cob is so delicious on a hot summer day! We feed corn to cows (3), chickens (4), pigs and horses. We even use corn for other foods like cookies (5) and popcorn (6). Did you know that there’s even corn syrup in your soda (7)? Corn is used for hundreds of important things!

Recently, they’ve come up with ANOTHER very important use for corn! Researchers have figured out how to use corn to make fuel for our cars (8). This fuel made from corn is called Ethanol. I like being a part of this new research. Now I’m not just a farmer, I’m also a researcher; a scientist! Using corn for fuel is also great news because it means we can grow our own fuel right here in America!

It feels great to know that I’m not only helping to feed America, but I’m also helping to fuel America (9)!

*Teachers: Use this story to read to students and ask them to color the matching pictures on the corresponding coloring sheet (which are numbered in the order they appear in the story). This activity corresponds with BEAM activity Exploring Ethanol.*