

'Sow what?' vote - Petersfield School - transcript

MyFarm: Sow What?

Scott: With our first big vote happening over at Wimpole Farm or MyFarm we have set this vote where we have asked the 10,000 people who have joined our website what we should grow in Pond Field. So with that in mind I have come along to Petersfield School to see 3 members of the eco-council. Who have we got here today?

Azume.

Tom.

Hannah.

Scott: Are you all aged 11?

The kids: Yes.

Scott: What is your knowledge like of seeds and food and the whole process of what we grow in fields and how it gets to your plates? Are you fairly confident? Okay I would like to set you a task. On the table we've got 3 bags of seed and look at the products we have here – Ready Brek, Weetabix, bread, beer, vinegar and flour; what you have to do is pair up the right seed with the right foods. Do you think you can do that? Okay, go for it! Okay, so we got there in the end. Tom talk us through your choices.

Tom: The bread is wheat as is the Weetabix; Ready Brek is oats and we think beer and vinegar are barley.

Scott: So you're obviously clued up about which crops end up in which products. If you could choose any one of these crops to go in a field – like the big field over there – what would you grow and why?

Azume: Vinegar! Because I like vinegar and it's nice on chips.

Scott: It's quite a long process to get vinegar I have to warn you. And you?

Tom: I'd go for wheat for Weetabix or barley for beer.

Scott: And you?

Hannah: Wheat; because you can get lots of different things from it.

Scott: Think economically! Good answers.

Scott: Okay, so here we are at Petersfield School with 2 more eco-members. Who are you?

Joel.

Emily.

Scott: Okay and we are in the Grow Zone of the school. We've got a bit of a problem up at MyFarm; we've got a field and we want to know what to grow in it and wondered what you guys would grow?

Joel: Potatoes, because you can make lots of things like chips and crisps.

Scott: What about you?

Emily: Corn, because you can pop it and make popcorn which is really tasty.

Scott: What if I said in that field you could only grow wheat, oats or barley? What would you choose then?

Joel: I'd choose wheat because you could make lots of different products.

Emily: I'd choose wheat as well because you could make flour and bread.

Scott: Let me throw something else in the mix. Wheat is quite a safe bet as we have already discovered; there are lots of options with it. You're likely to get your money back in the market place but the profit margin isn't very big. So, for example, with oats we could create an exciting new cereal and the profit margin could be bigger. Would that make you change your opinion?

Joel: Yes, I'd go for oats; I like a gamble.

Emily: I'd stay with the wheat because it's a safe bet; I like an easy life!

Scott: Okay, the jury is out and it looks like Farmer Morris will have a difficult decision.