



# Mother Nature's Recycling Machines

## Cows & Grass Beef Education Kit

### Plant a Brand Activity

Let's pretend that you are just starting out as a rancher. You need to design your very own brand to keep track of your cattle. This is a special brand. We are making it out of glue and grass seed to remind you of all of the yummy grasses on the menu at **Mother Nature's Rangeland Café**.

#### Supplies:

- Grass Seed
- Pencils or Crayons
- Construction Paper—recycled if possible
- School Glue

1. Cut the construction paper in to quarters.
2. Give each student one piece of construction paper.
3. Have students design their own brand. ( Provide samples and examples of symbols for reference. )
4. Trace the design with glue.
5. Sprinkle with grass seeds.
6. Shake off the excess.
7. Allow to dry completely.
8. The brands can be planted inside or outside. Inside, use a Styrofoam meat tray. Outside, place the brand in a flowerbed. Cover with  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch of topsoil and water daily. The sun will do the rest.

