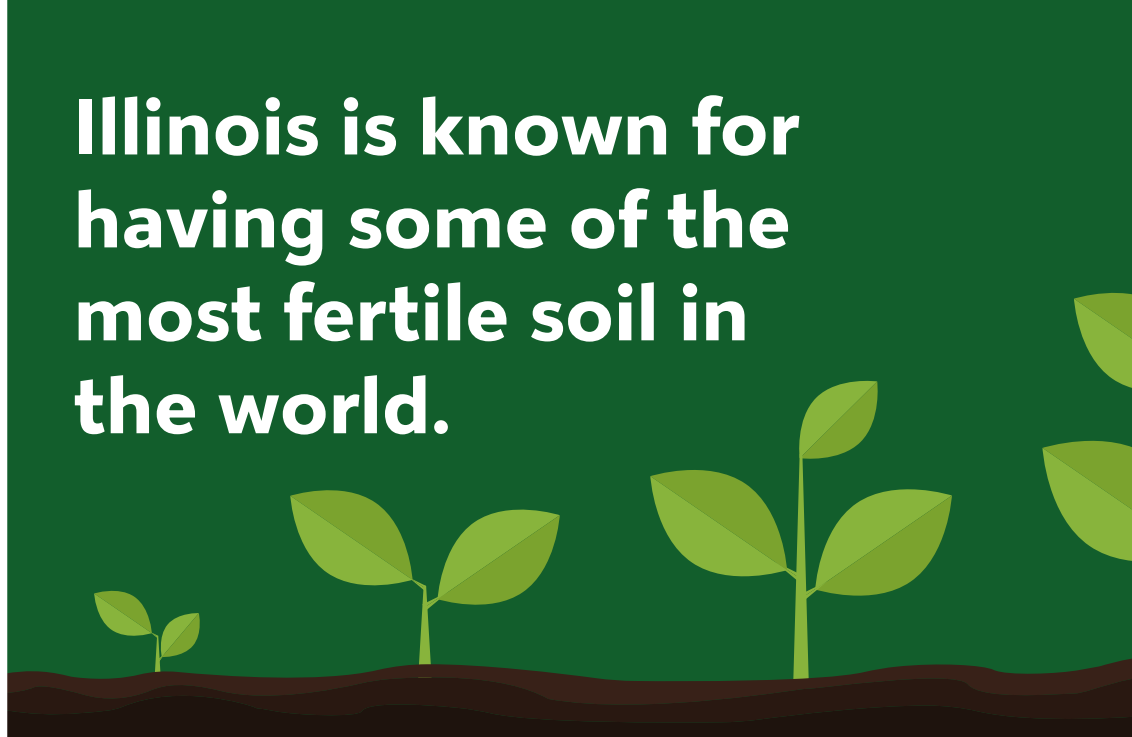




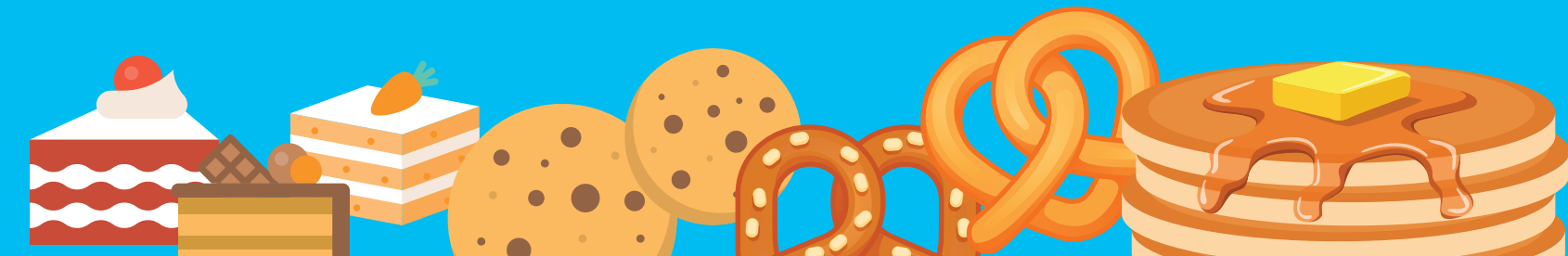
Illinois is known for having some of the most fertile soil in the world.



Illinois farmers rank second in the country in corn production.



Illinois is known for soft red winter wheat, used in food products such as cereals, pretzels, cookies, etc.



Illinois is ranked #1 in the nation for pumpkin production.



96% of Illinois farms are family owned and operated.



Milk from dairy cows produce cheese. Illinois companies produce more than 77 million pounds of cheese each year.

