## Journey 2050 Lesson 3: Water Online Module

1.	Begin the <u>Journey 2050 Lesson 3: Online Module video</u> (0:00-0:20). This video will guide you through the lesson.
2.	Watch NASA's Show Me the Water video.
	a. How much of Earth's water is in the ocean?
	b. What percentage of freshwater use goes to agricultural irrigation?
3.	Watch the Journey 2050: Water video
	a. How is water used in agriculture?
	b. What methods do farmers use to irrigate their crops?
	c. What best practices can be implemented to use water more efficiently in agriculture?



- **4.** Continue the <u>Journey 2050 Lesson 3: Online Module</u> video (0:20-5:37)
- **5.** Play Level 3 of the *Journey 2050 Sustainability Farming Game*. Continue the <u>Journey 2050 Lesson 3: Online Module video</u> (5:39-6:20) for instructions.
  - The game can be downloaded to devices from Google Play or the App Store. It can also be <u>played online</u> using a Firefox, Chrome, or Safari web browser.



- **6.** Wrap-up. Continue the <u>Journey 2050 Lesson 3: Online Module video</u> (6:24-7:33). Answer the questions below and review the key points.
  - a. What were your limiting factors?
  - b. Did you find it difficult to have enough water for your crops? How did weather impact your crops?
  - c. What ripple effects did you notice from your investments?

## **Key Points:**

- Water is a natural resource critical to agriculture.
- Although the majority of the Earth is made up of water, only a small fraction is actually usable.
- Farmers improve their water efficiency by using water conservation practices and technologies such as irrigation (with moisture sensors), conservation tillage and riparian areas.
- Some regions of the world face greater threats to their water supply than others.

## **Additional Activities:**

- Watch What is a Watershed? and Why Should You Care About Our Watersheds?
- Brainstorm ways you can conserve and protect water.
- Find a map of your local watershed and learn where water flows from and to in your area.
- Research which countries have the least and the most available freshwater.
  Discover what factors impact water availability and daily water use. Use the FAO website for resources.

