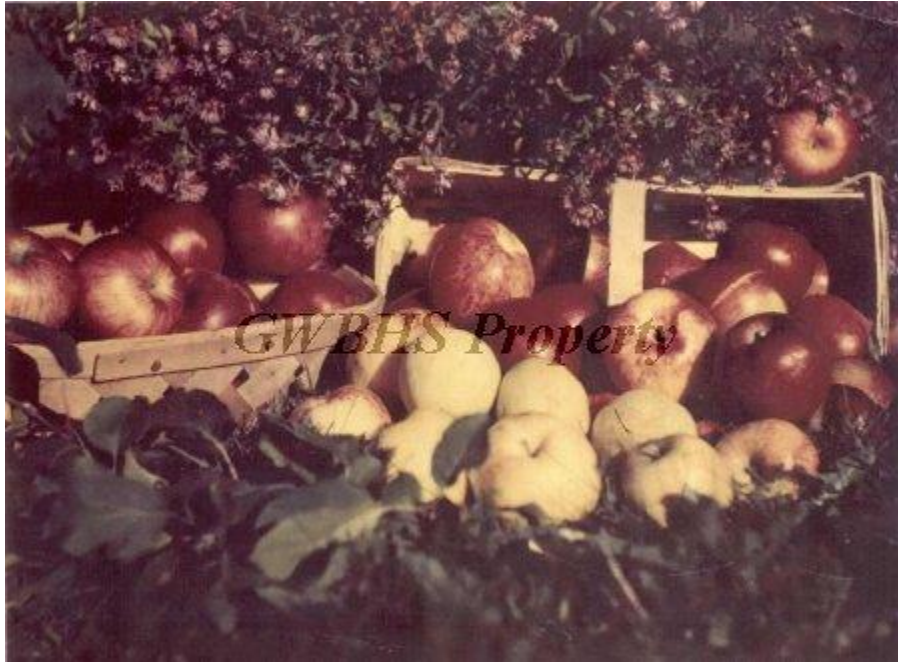


## QUIZ ANSWERS: APPLE FARMING IN WEST BLOOMFIELD

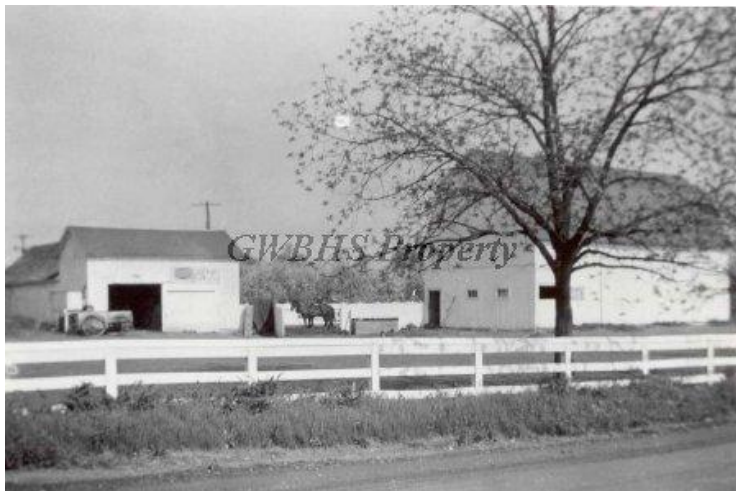


At how many meals did the 17th century colonial family eat apples?

- a. Only with morning meals
- b. At about half of their meals
- c. All of them

**Answer: C. All of them**

*The proverb "An apple a day keeps the doctor away" appeared in the 19th century in Pembrokeshire, Wales, as a way of saying that eating healthy foods will keep you in good health. By the late 19th century, West Bloomfield was a fully developed farming community.*



*Walnut Glen Fruit Farms, c. 1940, on Middlebelt at the SW corner of Lone Pine Road*

How long would properly stored apples last?

- a. Two years
- b. Six months
- c. Five weeks

**Answer: A. Two years**

*How long does a bag of apples typically last in your house?*

How did West Bloomfield residents prepare apples?

- a. In pies
- b. In cider and wine
- c. In jellies
- d. All of the above

**Answer: D. All of the above**

*In fact, there are even more ways residents would prepare apples left over after marketing, including pies, apple juice, applesauce, apple butter, vinegar, dumplings, jellies, and cider and wine!*

Bonus question: Are there apple trees on Apple Island?

**Yes!** *In 1817, a surveyor found 20-30 apple trees on Apple Island, planted by indigenous peoples. While other trees on the island eventually outcompeted the apple trees for precious resources like sunlight, second graders from WBSD planted five apple trees on Apple Island in 2018 - and a few are still there today.*