The Very Hungry Iowa Caterpillar
On an Iowa farm, a little egg lay on a leaf. He was a beautiful butterfly!
One Sunday morning, the warm sun came up and—

**POP!** - out of the egg came a tiny and very hungry caterpillar.

He started to look for food that grows in Iowa.

That night, he built a small house, called a **chrysalis**, around himself. He stayed inside for more than two weeks!

Then...he nibbled a hole in the chrysalis, pushed his way out, and...
On Monday, he ate one dozen eggs! But he was still hungry. Now he wasn’t hungry anymore—and he wasn’t a little caterpillar either. He was a BIG, FAT caterpillar.
After an entire week of eating Iowa crops, the caterpillar ate one milkweed leaf.

On Tuesday, he ate two turkey sandwiches!

But he was still hungry.

After that, he felt much better.
On Wednesday, he ate three ears of field corn!

But he was still hungry.

and...

1 big apple!

That night, he had a stomachache!
12 ears of sweet corn

3 cans of pop
(sweetened with field corn)

On Thursday, he ate one pound of bacon!

But he was still hungry.
On Friday, he ate ten soybeans!

But he was still hungry.
1 bushel of popcorn

1 pound of cheese

On Saturday, he ate 1 bale of hay

5 potatoes
1 pepperoni pizza

6 chicken nuggets

1 acre of wheat

1 watermelon