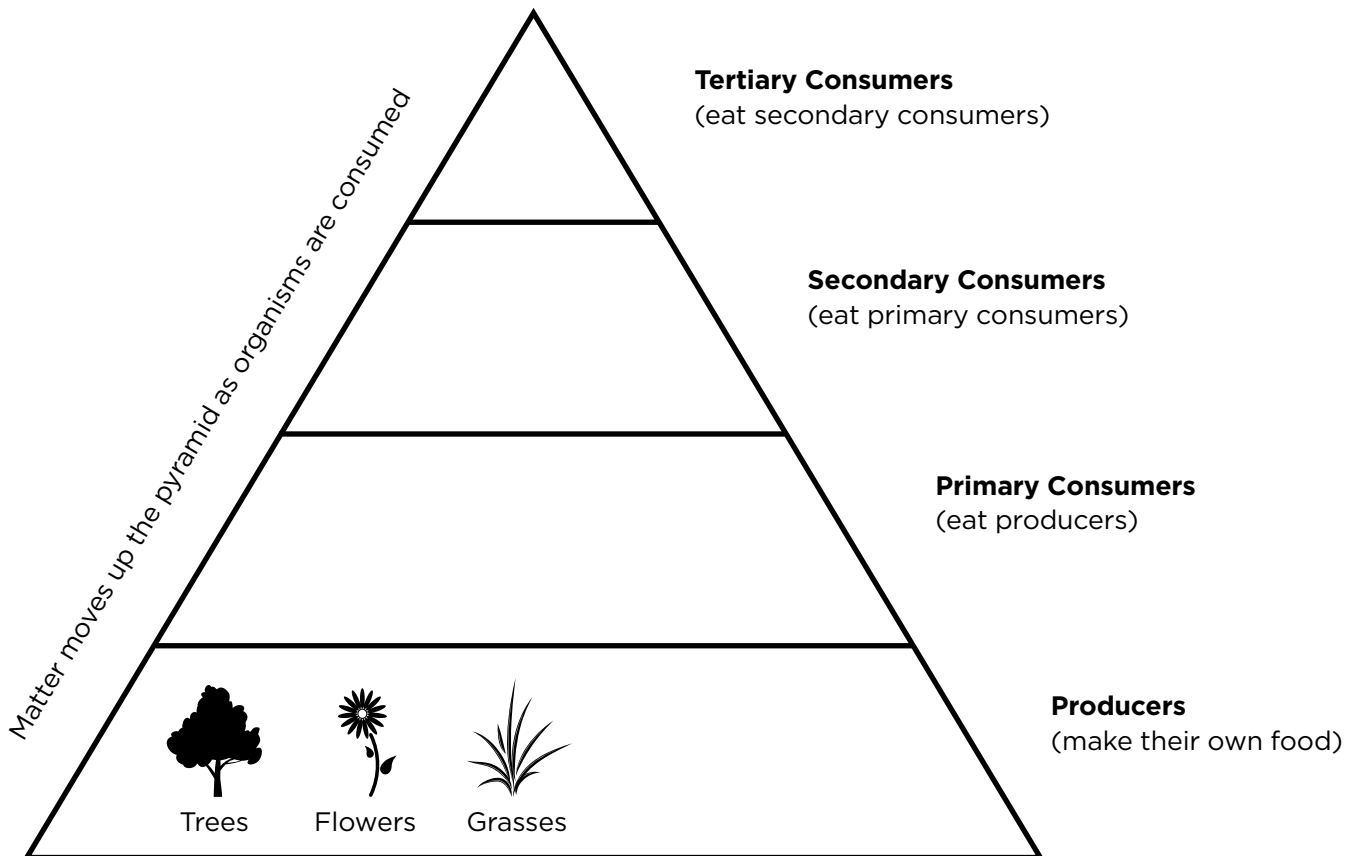


Ecosystem Interactions

Name

The food of almost any kind of animal can be traced back to plants. Some animals eat plants for food, and some animals eat the animals that eat plants.

While visiting the zoo, write the names of the animals you see in the pyramid below. To place them in the correct tier, consider what that animal eats. If you have time, you may also draw a few of the animals you saw in the pyramid.



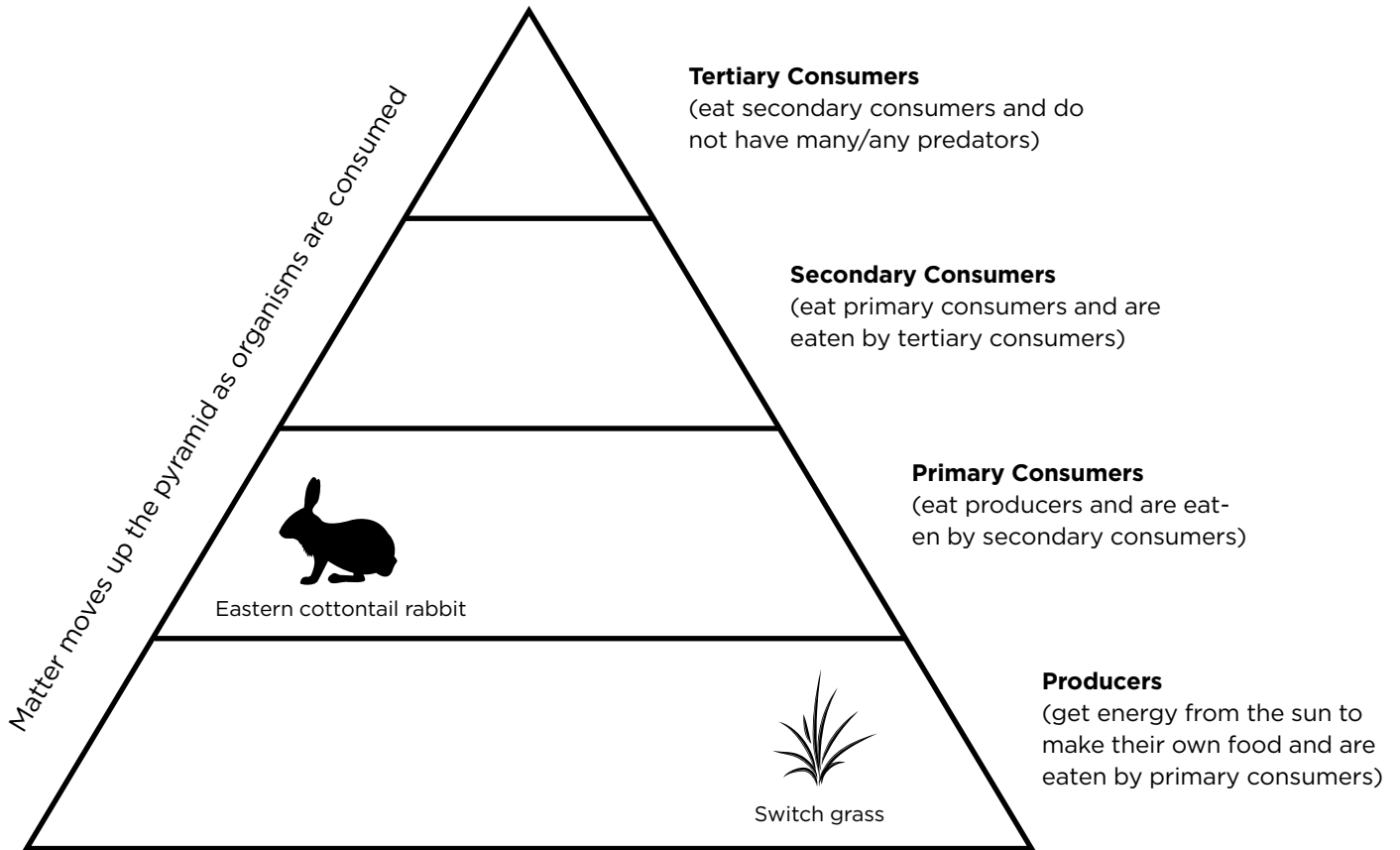
- 1.) In the pyramid above, plants belong in the _____ level.
 - 2.) Animals that eat grass are _____ consumers.
 - 3.) Lions are _____ consumers because _____
 - 4.) Which consumer level did you see the most of today? _____
- Why do you think that is the case? _____
- _____

Back at School

Name

Chicago consists of many healthy ecosystems in which multiple species are able to meet their needs in a stable web of life.

Think about the plants and animals that live around Chicago. Draw or write those plants and animals in the pyramid below. List as many as you can. Some examples have been included for you. Draw lines between predators and their prey.



How might Chicago ecosystems be affected if one of the levels were removed from the pyramid?
