### Essential Question Lesson 2

 What are the roles of producers, consumers, and decomposers?

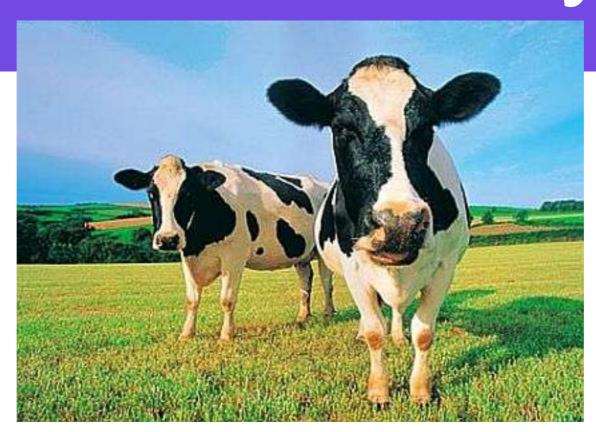
#### Any living thing that makes its own food is called a producer.



Plants use energy from sunlight to make food. Without the sub, plants would die.



### Some animals eat plants. The energy stored in the plants is used by the animal's body.



#### An animal that eats plants or other animals is called a consumer.



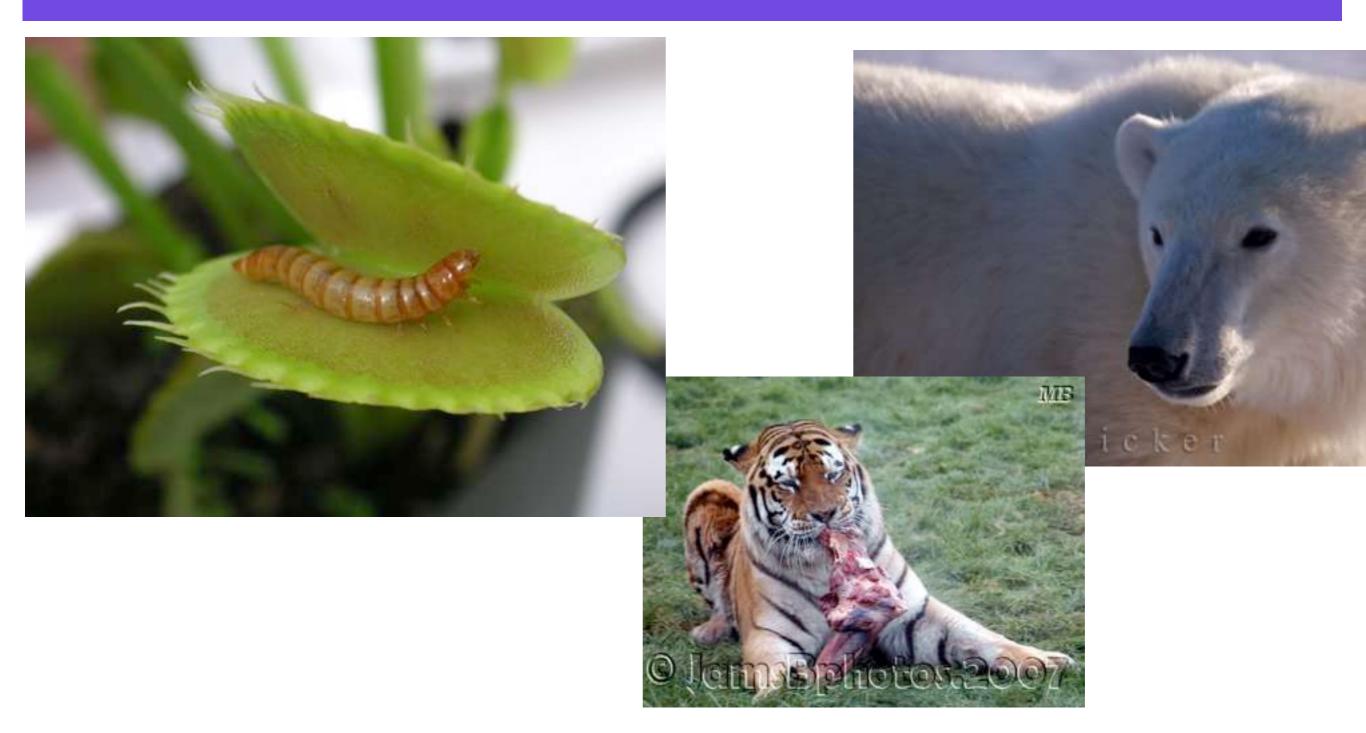
## A consumer cannot make their own food.

### Three types of consumers: herbivore carnivore omnivore

# An herbivore is an animal that eats only plants, or producers.



# A carnivore is a living thing that eats animals.



An omnivore is an animal that eats both plants (producers) and animals (consumers).



### A decomposer eats dead plants and animals - they also break down waste.





Decomposers are very helpful. Dead plants and animals would cover the earth without them.