

PRODUCERS

Producers are organisms who make (or produce) their own food.

Plants are producers. Plants are autotrophic, meaning that they self-feed through the process of photosynthesis. Plants are the first energy source for primary consumers and start off the living food chain.



CONSUMER

Consumer in a food chain are living creatures that eat organisms from a different population. First, it is necessary to understand these two classifications, heterotrophs and autotrophs, consumers and producers respectively. Heterotrophs are organisms that obtain energy from other living things.

Decomposer

Decomposers feed on the remains of other animals. Decomposers play an important role in the ecosystem. By digesting dead matter they put nutrients back into the soil, making them available to producers.

