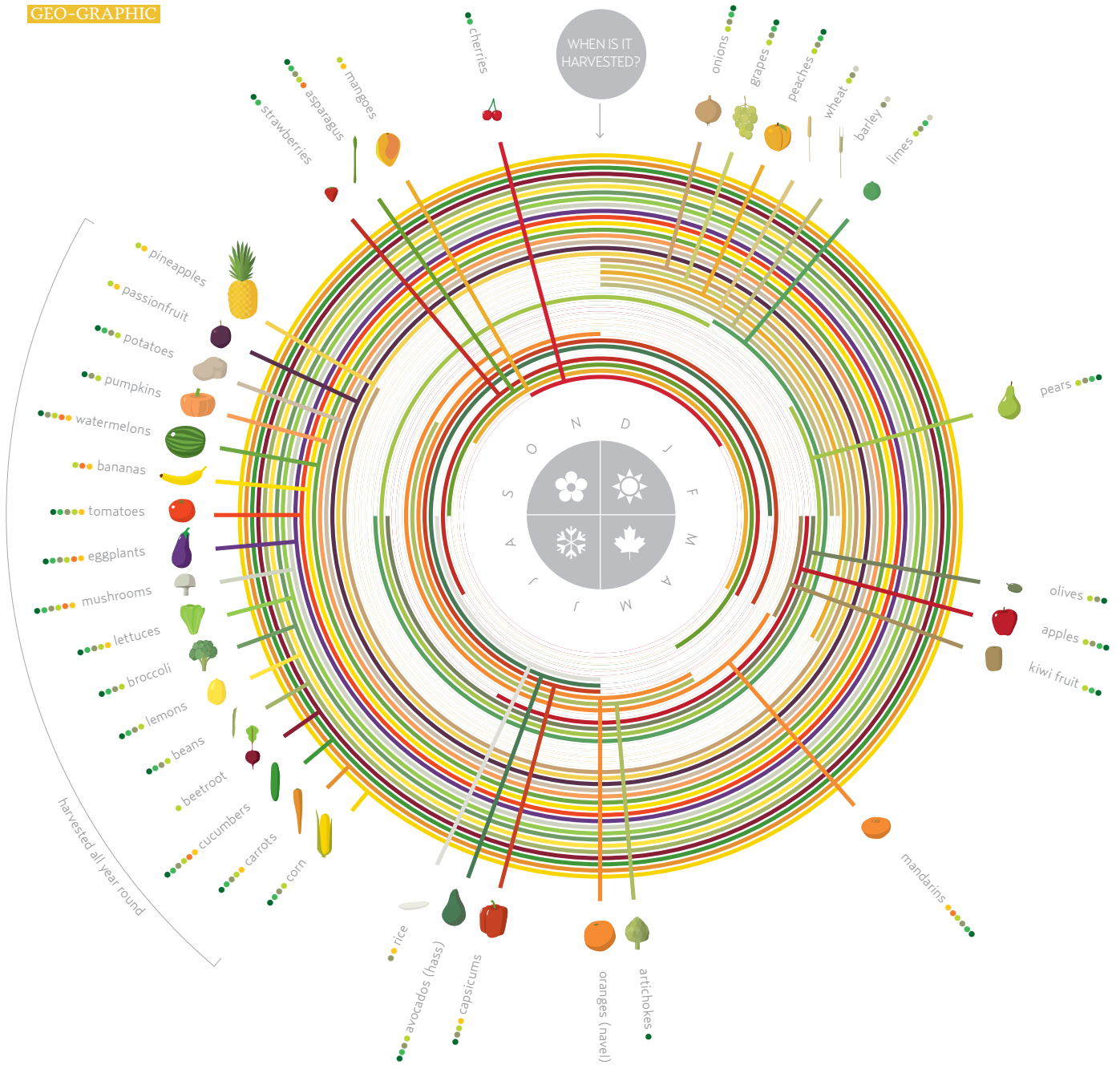


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## Never-ending harvest

DUE TO OUR diversity of climates, landscapes and soils, a huge variety of fruits and vegetables are harvested across Australia, a sample of which is shown here. Most crops thrive on the coast or irrigated river valleys, such as parts of the Murray–Darling Basin, which produces 39 per cent of total agricultural output. The industry brings in \$7 billion in profits each year and employs 70,000 people. Nearly all fresh produce sold in Australia is grown locally and the surplus – about 50 per cent of the harvest – is exported.

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