

George Washington Carver

As a young man, George Washington Carver invented peanut butter. He also discovered that peanuts could be used in cakes and pies. He used peanuts in glue, hand lotion, and shampoo. He discovered that oil from peanuts could be used in medicine, too.

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George Washington Carver discovered 300 different uses for peanuts. But that's not all. He became a professor at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. While there, he taught farmers how to grow different crops. The soil was worn out from growing only cotton. He told farmers to raise peanuts, soybeans, sweet potatoes, and pecans. He also said to rotate, or move, crops from year to year so the soil wouldn't become worn out again. His ideas changed farming in the South and allowed farmers to make more money.

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