

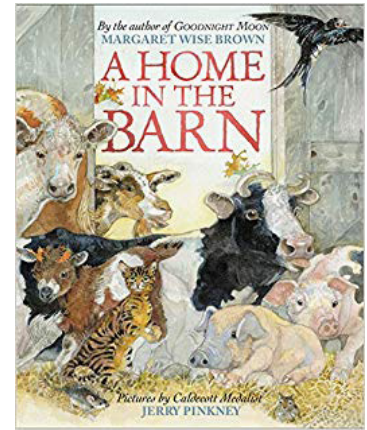
# Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

## A HOME IN THE BARN

by Margaret Brown

Perfect for fans of Goodnight Moon, The Runaway Bunny, and Big Red Barn, this never-before-published picture book from beloved children's book author Margaret Wise Brown tells the comforting, snowy story of animals seeking shelter from the cold in a big warm barn.

Brought to beautiful life by Caldecott Medalist and multiple award-winner Jerry Pinkney, this is a must-have for every child's library and is perfect for cozy wintertime readings.



To view this book on YouTube click here.

## Fun Facts:

\*The average high temperature in middle Georgia is 58°F. The average low temperature in middle Georgia is 38°F.  
 \*The snowfall totals below are annual averages based on weather data collected from 1981 to 2010 for the NOAA National Climatic Data Center.

\*Benefits of snow:

- Moisture in the form of snow will move down into the soil and remain there for quite some time- very little of it will evaporate immediately.
- Snow cover does a great job in keeping the soil from blowing away.
- Snow also keeps soil warmer during the winter by adding moisture to the soil. It takes much longer for wet soils to get cold than dry soils.

\*Farmers feed livestock, such as cattle, horse, goats and sheep, hay in the winter.

North Georgia			
Days	Place	Inches	
1.7	Athens		2.9
2.1	Atlanta		2.9
1.3	Blairsville		3.1
.8	Dalton		2.5
.9	Gainesville		1.9
.4	Rome		0.7
.6	Toccoa		1.3

## Videos

- \*Georgia Farm Monitor- Florida Citrus Farmers Prepare for Cold Weather
- \*Georgia Farm Monitor- Georgia Cattlemen Prepare Land, Herds For Winter

Central Georgia			
Days	Place	Inches	
0.4	Augusta		0.9
0.4	Columbus		0.4
0.1	Dublin		0.1
0.2	La Grange		0.4
0.7	Macon		0.7
0.4	Milledgeville		0.5

## Activities

- \*Livestock-Maker: Build-a-Barn (upper elementary)
- \*Toothpick and gumdrop barn (lower elementary)
- \*Marshmallows and toothpick Snowflakes (STEM activity)
- \*Farm Cut-Out Activity: children can cut out the pieces and create their own winter farm scene.
  - snow puffy paint recipe to make realistic looking snow on paper
- \*No Bake Haystack Cookies Recipe

South and Coastal Georgia			
Days	Place	Inches	
0.0	Albany		0.0
0.0	Brunswick		0.0
0.1	Sapelo Island		0.2
0.3	Savannah		0.3
0.2	Waycross		0.1