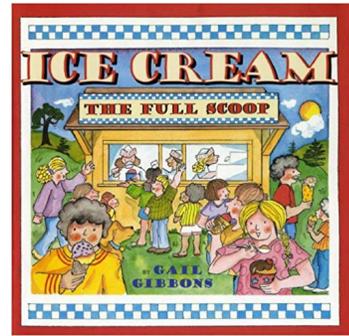


Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

ICE CREAM: THE FULL SCOOP by Gail Gibbons

Cool and smooth and sweet, ice cream has long been a favorite treat. It cools you off when it's hot and is too delicious to resist even in cold weather. How did it get to be so scrumptious? Best-selling author/illustrator Gail Gibbons dishes out the latest scoop on ice cream production. Ice cream has come a long way from its humble beginnings as a mixture of snow, milk, and rice. Gail Gibbons details the many firsts in ice cream history, from the earliest ice cream crank to the original waffle cone. Children's mouths will be watering as they follow ice cream's journey from farm to factory to freezer.



Fun Facts:

2017 Georgia Dairy Facts

GEORGIA is home to approximately **84,000** milk cows

who live on **193** dairy farms

A typical Georgia dairy farm has a herd of about **400** milking cows

Each dairy cow in Georgia provides an average of **2,533** gallons of milk per year

That's an average of **8.3** gallons of milk per day

That's enough to make **7.1** pounds of cheese or **3.4** pounds of butter each day

The total amount of milk produced in the state amounted to **1.83 billion** pounds

That's equal to **213 million** gallons

In 2016, a dairy cow in Georgia cost about **\$1,760**

The average value of a day's milk per cow was about **\$12.31**

Cash receipts for the sale of milk by dairy farmers amounted to **\$315.3 million**

83% of all milk produced in 2016 was used and consumed in the form of fluid milk

Georgia has four commercial milk processing plants located in **Atlanta, Braselton, Norcross** and **Lawrenceville**

Georgia is...

- 23rd** in milk production
- 25th** in number of milk cows
- 19th** in milk output per cow
- 24th** in the number of licensed dairy operations

Top milk producing counties:

- 1) Macon (347.0 million pounds)
- 2) Burke (135.5 million pounds)
- 3) Brooks (128.8 million pounds)
- 4) Putnam (123.8 million pounds)

Brought to you by the dairy farm families of Georgia.

To learn more please visit southeastdairy.org

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*All facts are based on 2016 USDA and GDA data

Videos

- * Georgia Farm Monitor- Morgan County Dairyman is Georgia's Farmer of the Year
- * Georgia Farm Monitor- Technology To Bring More Efficient Milking For One East Georgia Dairy
- *Virtual Tour of a Dairy
- *Videos of Georgia Dairy Farmers

Activities

- * The Dairy Alliance has LOTS of great resources
- *Mini Creamer Cup Ice Cream
- *Ice Cream In A Bag Recipe
- * Dairy cow mask (cut eyes before giving the plates to kids)
- * Puffy Paint Ice Cream Cone Craft for kids