

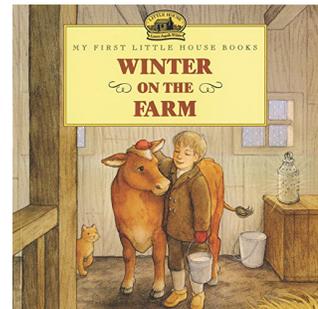
# Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month



## WINTER ON THE FARM

by *Laura Ingalls Wilder*

With this illustrated adaptation from the beloved Little House series, the youngest readers can share in the joy of Laura Ingalls Wilder's beloved classics. This My First Little House book introduces Almanzo Wilder, the young boy from Farmer Boy who would one day marry Laura Ingalls. Winter has come to the Wilder family farm in upstate New York. Almanzo goes through his afternoon barn chores, and then sits down to eat a hearty farm supper with his family.



## Fun Facts:

- \* Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867–1957) was born in a log cabin in the Wisconsin woods. With her family, she pioneered throughout America's heartland during the 1870s and 1880s, finally settling in Dakota Territory. She married Almanzo Wilder in 1885; their only daughter, Rose, was born the following year. The Wilders moved to Rocky Ridge Farm at Mansfield, Missouri, in 1894, where they established a permanent home. After years of farming, Laura wrote the first of her beloved Little House books in 1932. The nine Little House books are international classics. Her writings live on into the twenty-first century as America's quintessential pioneer story.
- \* Peaches need chill hours with temperatures between 32 and 45 degrees Fahrenheit to mature. Most trees need between 900 and 1,000 chill hours.
- \* Snow can provide much needed moisture for the root development of dormant wheat crops, and surprisingly, snow has an insulating effect on the soil.
- \* In January brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrots, citrus, collards, kale, mushrooms, sweet potatoes, spinach are all crops that are in season in Georgia.

## Videos

- \* Tour the Wilder Homestead-5 minutes 12 seconds
- \* Tour the Wilder Homestead- 2 minutes 30 seconds
- \* Georgia Farm Monitor- winter on a Georgia cattle farm
- \* Georgia Farm Monitor- Peach Growers Track Chill Hours
- \* Georgia Farm Monitor- Winter on a horse farm

## Activities

- \*Olden Day Activities
- \*Wilder Homestead Website
- \*Lesson plan from the Almanzo & Laura Ingalls Wilder Association: simulated 19th century lesson
- \*Long Ago and Now Venn Diagram: activity paper
- \*Short biography on the Wilders: biography
- \*Long Ago and Today bingo: bingo cards
- \*Fun art activity: Snow globe template      snow paint recipe
- \*Butter recipe and activity
- \*Kitchen then and now activity