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 74 sticks of butter or 3.4 pounds of butter each day.
- 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.
- The total amount of milk produced in the state amounted to 1.83 billion pounds. That's equal to 213 million gallons.
- In 2018, a dairy cow in Georgia cost about $1,760.
- The state of 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.
- Georgia has four commercial milk processing plants located in Atlanta, Braselton, Norcross, and Lawrenceville.
- Georgia Farm Monitor - Morgan County Dairyman is Georgia's Farmer of the Year.
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**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*