

# Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

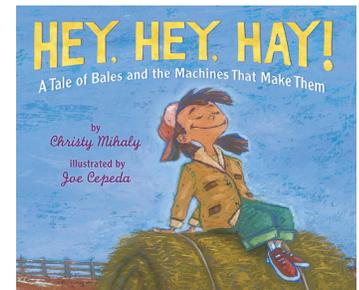
## HEY, HEY, HAY!

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A joyful rhyming story about a girl and her mother and the machines they use on their family farm to make hay.

Mower blades slice through the grass. A new row falls with every pass. / Next we spread the grass to dry. / The tedder makes those grasses fly!

A girl tells the tale of making hay as Mom uses a mower for mowing grass, then a tedder for aerating the grass, and eventually a baler. Told in rhyme and illustrated with fabulous art by JOE CEPEDA, each part of the process is a celebration of summer, farming, and the mother-daughter relationship. Back matter includes a glossary.



## Fun Facts:

- \* Production of hay in the United States totaled 131.5 million tons in 2017, which was a result of 53.8 million hay acres harvested. The average yield in 2017 was 2.42 tons per acre, which was a 1.03% decrease from 2016. The average price received was \$137 per ton which totaled 16.2 billion dollars in 2017 (NASS).
- \* In 2017 hay was the 17th leading commodity in cash receipts in Georgia.
- \* According to the NRCS the typical hay feeding season in Georgia lasts for 90 – 120 days.
- \* The Carrington Research Extension Center estimates that 6-9 round bales are needed to feed a cow over the winter.
- \* To learn more about Georgia Forages: Grass Species visit: <http://extension.uga.edu/publications/detail.html?number=B1351&title=Georgia%20Forages:%20Grass%20Species>

## Videos

- \* Georgia Farm Monitor- Georgia-Made Product Helps Producers Better Handle Hay Bales
- \* Tractor making round bales
- \* Tractor making square bales
- \* Large square baler tractor
- \* Georgia Farm Monitor- Quality Is Key for Georgia Farm Bureau Hay Contest Winner

## Activities

- \* Paint with hay
- \* Lesson plan ideas
- \* More lesson plan ideas
- \* Haystacks-no bake recipe
- \* Plant grass that farmers use to make hay
- \* Tractor Mac-help him find his way to Sibley in the hayfield