

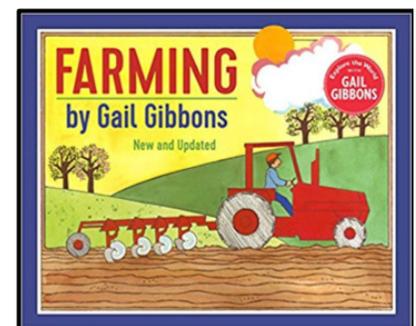
# Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

## FARMING by Gail Gibbons

Explore the natural world with Gail Gibbons in this introduction to farming and the work done on a farm throughout the seasons.

Farms are busy places throughout the year. Animals are born, fields are plowed and planted, and crops are harvested. The winters are quiet, but there are always chores to be done, and soon spring will come again.

"Gibbons depicts aspects of farm life with her characteristic bright colors and stylized forms. Every season brings its own specific chores, indoors and out, its own crops and its own food. There are the forces of nature, and the ways the farmer harnesses or copes with the elements using mechanical devices."--Publishers Weekly



## Fun Facts

- \*The 2017 Census of Agriculture stated that Georgia has 42,439 farms-an increase of 0.4%.
- \*The market value of ag products sold by Georgia farms was \$9.6 billion, up from \$9.3 billion in 2012.
- \*Georgia's farming population is 66% male, 34% female.
- \*The average age of Georgia farmers is 57.9 years, up from 57.7 in 2012.
- \*In 2017, the market value of ag products sold by Georgia farms in 2017 was \$9.6 billion, up from \$9.3 billion in 2012.
- \*The top 10 commodities by value in Georgia are broilers, cotton, eggs, peanuts, timber, beef, greenhouse, pecans, dairy and horses.

- \*Food and fiber production contribute \$73.7 billion to Georgia's economy.
- \*1 in 7 Georgians are employed in agriculture.
- \*Georgia ranks #1 nationally in the production of broilers, hatching eggs, peanuts and pecans. Georgia ranks #2 in cotton, rye, pullets and spring season onions. Georgia ranks #3 in sweet corn, watermelon and fresh market squash. Georgia ranks #4 in cantaloupe, cucumbers and bell peppers. Georgia ranks #5 in squash, tobacco, blueberries and table eggs. For more information about Georgia agriculture click here.

## Activities

- \*Ag. Bingo
- \*Farming in a Glove
- \*Source Search K-2 3-5
- \*Flyer with websites for commodity groups, ag. literacy websites and general agriculture.
- \*How Many Hats Does a Farmer Wear? (career paths available in agriculture)
- \*Coloring Page
- \*No Bake Pizza Bagel (covers the 5 food groups and without farmers growing the food you wouldn't be able to eat it)

## Videos

- \*Without Farmers, Georgia Can't Grow
- \*Visit YouTube and search Georgia Farm Monitor and whatever commodity you're interested in.
- \*Once Upon a Farm-virtual field trip of a diversified farm owned by the Cabes in Franklin, Co. Georgia.