

# 2022 Book of the Year



## Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

### HOW TO GROW A MONSTER

by Kiki Thorpe

Last year, Gabe's mom grew way too many zucchinis. This year, Gabe and his sister have a secret plan to take control of the garden. They have to stop the zucchini madness! Tying into the popular Makers Movement, Makers Make It Work is a series of fun easy-to-read stories that focus on problem-solving and hands-on action. This charming story explores the Makers theme of Gardening and includes explanatory sidebars and a gardening-related activity for young makers to try themselves!



Click the book to watch a read aloud.

#### Fun Facts:

- April 25<sup>th</sup> is National Zucchini Bread Day and August 8<sup>th</sup> is National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day.
- Giovanni Batista Scozzafava grew the world's longest zucchini! It measured 8 foot, 3.3 inches.
- Zucchini has more potassium than a banana.
- The most flavorful zucchinis are small to medium sized.
- A zucchini is a fruit, and the flowers are edible.
- Zucchini needs to be planted after the threat of frost. In Georgia you can plant a spring and fall crop. Zucchini is a fast grower, often producing fruit 55 days from seeding.
- Zucchini can be eaten raw or cooked.

#### Videos:

- [Planting Zucchini](#)
- [Rowdy Ranch Recipe demo](#)
- [Visit Kenny Bennett Farms, a zucchini farmer in Colquitt County](#)

#### Activities:

- Rowdy Ranch Recipe Page
- [Visit a Certified Farm Market and pick your own zucchini](#)
- Plant zucchini seeds with your students and start seed journal
- Lesson: [Desktop Greenhouses](#)
- Printable: [Color Page](#) about zucchini
- Printable: Dept of Ag: Activity Page
- Reading Activity: Specialty Crops for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade [Specialty Ag Mag](#)
- Lesson created for the book

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