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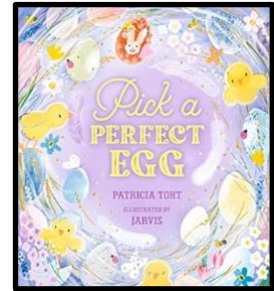


Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

Pick a PERFECT EGG

By Patricia Toht

Pairing Jarvis's joyous illustrations with Patricia Toht's wonderfully rhythmic text, this holiday ode hops through a busy springtime day all the way to Easter Sunday. From the farm where you've carefully selected your eggs—eggs perfect for drawing on with crayon, for plopping into dyes and bejeweling—follow along as preparations continue for the much-awaited festivities. Then on Sunday, open your door and search for eggs of a different kind, filled with foil-wrapped chocolate, spinning tops, and jelly beans. This cheerful Easter-time read-aloud captures all the excitement of the holiday and is sure to become part of a new treasured tradition.



[Click here to listen to the book on YouTube.](#)

Fun Facts:

- Georgia has led the nation in the number of broilers produced for decades.
- Broilers are the number 1 commodity in Georgia. Eggs are the number 3 commodity in Georgia.
- Georgia is the top provider of certified organic chickens in the U.S., with sales topping \$33 million. But when it comes to eggs, Georgia hens lay almost \$773 million worth a year!
- About two-thirds of Georgia's 159 counties produce at least \$1 million in poultry each year and account for nearly 138,000 local jobs.
- Three out of four Georgia counties are involved in poultry and egg production.
- In 1995 the Georgia state general assembly declared Gainesville to be "Poultry Capital of the World."
- The incubation period for chicken eggs is 20-21 days.
- In 2020 Georgia produced 31 million pounds of chicken, 7.6 million table eggs and 6.3 million hatching eggs in one day!

Videos:

- AgVentures at Cooley Farm in Crawford County
- Farm Monitor: [Georgia Sweet Corn Harvest in Full Swing](#)
- Farm Monitor: [Broccoli Harvest Underway in Southwest Georgia](#)
- [The Science of Turkey Farming](#)

Activities:

- [The Poultry Express Traveling Trunk](#) and [online resources](#)
- [Poultry Coloring Page](#)
- Bookmarks: [Poultry](#) - [Egg](#) - [Easter](#)
- Recipes: [Chicken Salad](#) - [Egg Salad](#)
- STEM: [Egg Drop Challenge](#) ~ [Eggshell Strength Experiment](#) - [Jelly Bean Coop for a Peep](#) (Use a chicken Peep instead of a bunny Peep) - [Peeps Catapult Challenge](#)
- Lessons: Eggology Grades [K-2](#) and [3-5](#) - Eggs: From Hen to Home Grades [K-2](#) and [3-5](#)
- [All Natural Egg Dye- Directions and Recording Sheets](#)
- [Art: Colorful Q-Tip Easter Egg Painting](#)



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