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Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

Linh's Rooftop Garden By JaNay Brown-Wood

Linh is having a picnic on her rooftop garden for all of her friends, and her snacks won't be set without her blueberries. She's searched and searched, but she has many plants on her rooftop, and Linh needs our help to identify them. What do we know about blueberries? They're small, blue, and grow on bushes—and, just a second, is that a blueberry? No, that's a gooseberry. Where, oh, where could those blueberries be? Can you help Linh find them in time for her picnic?

The fourth title in JaNay Brown-Wood and Samara Hardy's Where in the Garden series stars Linh, an Asian child who explores her garden with her single parent. Playful text guides young readers to hunt for visual clues and compare and contrast the unique characteristics of blueberries against gooseberries, tomatoes, bananas, and other produce that grows on Linh's rooftop garden.

Fun Facts:

- Georgia is one of the top blueberry-producing states in the U.S.
- Blueberries thrive in South Georgia, thanks to the mild winters and sandy soil.
- Georgia farmers grow two main types of blueberries: rabbiteye and southern highbush.
- Blueberries rely on bees to help with pollination.
- Blueberry season in Georgia typically runs from April to July.
- In a good year with cooperative weather, Georgia's blueberry industry can produce over 150 million pounds of blueberries.
- Blueberries are Georgia's #1 fruit crop by production.
- Blueberries are packed with vitamins, fiber, and antioxidants, making them a healthy snack.

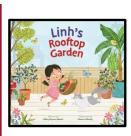
Videos:

- <u>AgVentures to Wildes Berry Farm in Bacon County</u>- Coming Soon
- BLUEBERRY | How Does it Grow?
- Blueberries Mega Factory: Processing Thousands of Blueberries
- Blueberries- Healthy Kids Coalition

Activities:

- Plant blueberries in a garden
- Blueberry Paint
- Blueberry Color Page and Bookmark
- Recipes: <u>No Bake Blueberry Balls</u> | <u>Cereal-ously Crunchy Blueberry Parfait</u>
- <u>Visit a Blueberry Farm</u>
- <u>Fingerprint Blueberries Kid's Craft</u>
- Blueberries MUST be pollinated by bees. <u>Here is a fun pollination activity</u>!
- Blueberry Activity Book
- Blueberry Mini Ag Mag
- Mother's Day Card Template | Example of what card should look like

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