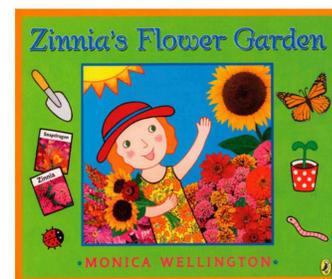


# Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

## ZINNIA'S FLOWER GARDEN

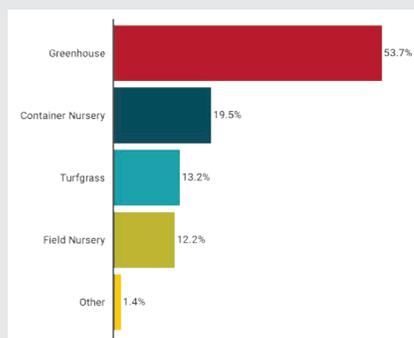
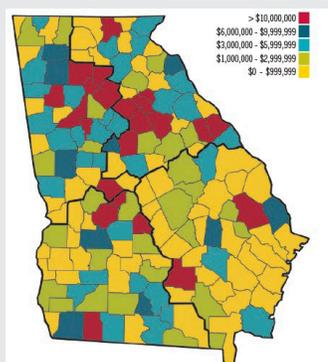
by *Monica Wellington*

Springtime is here, and Zinnia can't wait to plant her seeds and watch them grow. She carefully takes care of her garden, watering her plants, weeding, and waiting patiently for something to sprout. And soon enough, the first seedlings appear! With art just as colorful as a garden in bloom, young readers will enjoy watching Zinnia's beautiful garden grow, and may even be inspired to start one of their own.



### Fun Facts:

- \* Greenhouses and container nurseries ranked among the top 15 Georgia agricultural commodities in 2016.
- \* Ornamental horticulture is ranked the No. 5 commodity group in the 2016 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.
- \* Hard hit by the recent recession, this important sector is rebounding, jumping nearly 7% from 2015 to 2016.
- \* Ornamental horticulture contributes \$8.1 billion to Georgia's economy.
- \* Ornamental horticulture contributes 84,800 job in Georgia.
- \* 2016 Georgia Farm Gate Value for ornamental horticulture was \$843.11 million a \$54.41 million dollar increase from 2015.



### Videos

- \* Georgia Farm Monitor-Plant Nursery Keeps Southeast Georgia Landscapes Beautiful
- \* Georgia Farm Monitor- Georgia Will Be First in Nation to Count Pollinators
- \* Georgia Farm Monitor- Canadian Based Company Builds State of The Art Greenhouse in Fort Valley
- \* Georgia Farm Monitor- McCorkle Nursery Gives a Glimpse into the Future
- \* Georgia Farm Monitor- UGA Turf Breeders Work With Industry To Create Better Grasses

### Activities

- \* Seed Ball Directions
- \* 29 Plants You Should Always Grow Side-by-Side - Companion Planting