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## Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

### Hay for the Highlands

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In the summer months the Scottish Highland cows at Field and Farm Co move through swaying grass, eating as they travel throughout the pasture.

When winter comes, Farmer Ben needs to make sure his cows have plenty of hay to eat. But making hay is no small task- it takes a lot of hard work, several types of machinery, good weather and many helpful friends!

Will Farmer Ben be able to make enough hay in time to keep the hungry cows fed and happy?



#### Fun Facts:

- There are approximately 4 million acres of pasture, hay and silage in Georgia (10 percent of the state). This includes 3.4 million acres of pastureland and about 600,000 acres of hay land. The total of all other field crops is less than 3 million acres.
- Georgia forages include bermudagrass, tall fescue, annual ryegrass, bahiagrass, and white clover, among others.
- In most areas grass hay can be cut twice, sometimes three times, per year. The first cutting generally has the largest yield.
- Highland cattle originated in the Highlands and west coastal islands of Scotland. They are the oldest registered breed of cattle in the world!
- Highland cattle have a longer expected lifespan than most other breeds of cattle, up to 20 years.

#### Videos:

- [Agventures with Christy and Jay in Toombs County](#)
- Farm Monitor: [Meet Georgia Farm Bureau's 2022 Hay Contest Winner](#)
- Farm Monitor: [Challenges Continue for Georgia's Forage Industry](#)
- [Working on the farm with tractors | Baling hay for kids | Round baler](#)

#### Activities:

- [Recipe: Haystack Cookies](#)- You will need a microwave.
- [Cattle Feed Sack Snack Mix](#)
- [Paint With Hay](#)     [Color Page](#)
- [Farm STEM Challenge- Building a Hay Bale Kicker](#)
- [Learn How to Draw a Highland Cow](#)
- [Highland Cow Craft](#)
- [How to Make a Highland Cow Felt Face](#). You could use construction paper and brown [crinkle paper](#).

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