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Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

Lucy Meets a Logger By Stephanie Fuller

Join Lucy as she meets Mr. Logger and friends and learns all about logging! Learn how the forests are kept healthy and replenished. Find out what kinds of items come from trees the answers may surprise you!

Fun Facts:

- Georgia designated the live oak as the official state tree in 1937.
- Timber is the #5 ranked commodity in the 2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value report.
- Georgia is consistently ranked the top forestry state in the nation.
- Georgia's 24 million acres of forests support 148,414 jobs and provide \$36.3 billion in economic value.
- Georgia has more acres of privately owned timberland than any other state in the nation.
- Georgia is home to the world's largest wood rosin plant, the world's largest wood pellet plant, the world's largest crude tall oil bio-refinery and North America's largest recycled paper mill.
- Working forests impact communities across the state, with 83 of Georgia's 159 counties boasting at least one primary woodusing mill. Nearly 200 mills across the state produce primary wood products such as lumber, veneer, poles and posts along with wood pulp and wood pellets, which are used to produce energy. More than 1,000 secondary mills further process the primary products into furniture, paper products, cabinetry and more.

Videos:

- AgVentures at Sanders Logging in Bleckley County
- AgVentures at the Georgia Forestry Commission Nursery in Dooly County
- Farm Monitor: Ranger Nick: Determining the Ae of Tree Without Cutting It Down
- Farm Monitor: Ranger Nick: What Are Prescribed Burns, and Why Are They Important?

Activities:

- Georgia Public Broadcasting has a virtual learning journey for grades 3-6 and 9-12
- Forestry Traveling Trunk
- Georgia Museum of Ag: FREE book you can order for your class, My Family's Tree Farm, comes with lesson plans
- Online Forestry Games: <u>Georgia Ag Experience</u> I <u>American Farm Bureau</u>
- Forestry Color Page I Forestry Bookmark
- <u>Tree Snack Idea using pretzels and grapes</u>
- Leaf Collection Book: Students collect and rub leaves.
- <u>Project Learning Tree</u>: units and lesson plans supplement existing curriculum in schools and enhance educational programming in nonformal settings The activities can be integrated into all grade levels and subject areas.
- Georgia Forestry Commission Educator Resources
- Forestry Themed Father's Day Card- Use green paint or ink pads so kids can use their fingerprints to make leaves.



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