

# NOVEMBER 2024

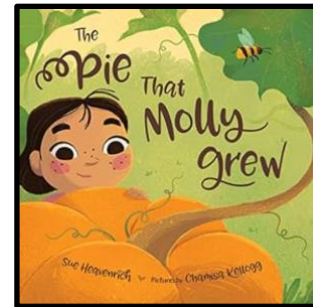


## Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

### The Pie That Molly Grew

By Sue Heavenrich

Using "The House That Jack Built" rhyme scheme and beginning with the planting of a single seed, the journey of bringing a pumpkin to harvest comes to life for young readers. Under Molly's watchful eye and care, each stage of growth--from the seed to the sprout to the leaves to the final fruit on the vine--is showcased. And at the end, Molly's lovely pumpkin is turned into a delicious pie for one and all to share in a celebration of gratitude. All from the seed that Molly sowed. Back matter includes fun facts about pumpkins, the important pollinators who help them grow, as well as a pumpkin pie recipe.



#### Fun Facts:

- To guarantee pumpkins are ready by October, North Georgia farmers plant seeds late May-July, and in South Georgia farmers plant seeds in early July.
- Pumpkins are full of nutrients like vitamins A and C and have more potassium than a banana!
- Pumpkins come in many different shapes, sizes and colors, including orange, white, red, green, yellow, tan and blue.
- The University of Georgia has released a new pumpkin/ winter squash named 'Orange Bulldog'. This pumpkin has been developed from germplasm collected in the jungles of South America with greater levels of resistance to viruses than conventional pumpkins. In many cases the conventional pumpkins produced no fruit because the plants were killed by viruses before flowering while 'Orange Bulldog' produced 13,000 to 20,000 pound per acre.
- According to the USDA, nearly 66,200 acres of pumpkins were harvested in the U.S. in 2020, producing more than 1.5 billion pounds of usable pumpkin.

#### Videos:

- [AgVentures at UGA Horticulture Research Farm in Oconee County](#)
- [AgVentures: A Visit to a Georgia Pumpkin Farm](#)
- [Pumpkin | How Does it Grow?](#)
- [Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin from farm to can](#)

#### Activities:

- Recipes: [No Bake Pumpkin Pie in a Bag](#) | [Pumpkin Fluff Dip](#) | [Pumpkin Patch Dirt Cups](#)
- Coloring Page: [Thanksgiving](#) | [Pumpkin](#)
- Bookmark: [Thanksgiving: Option 1](#) | [Thanksgiving: Option 2](#) | [Top 10 Commodity featuring Bookmark Contest winner](#)
- [Thank a Farmer Letter](#)- Contact your county Farm Bureau for due date. For contact information click [here](#).
- [Thankful Bag Show and Tell](#)
- Gratitude Activities: [Gratitude Classroom Chain](#) | [Gratitude Candy Game](#) | [Gratitude Writing Activity](#)
- Activity: Draw or cut out the food that you hope will be on your plate this Thanksgiving.
- Science Experiment: [Sink or Float](#) (use pumpkins, apples, cranberries, corn, sweet potatoes, squash)
- Life Cycle Activities: [Activity Page](#) | [Bracelet Craft](#)



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