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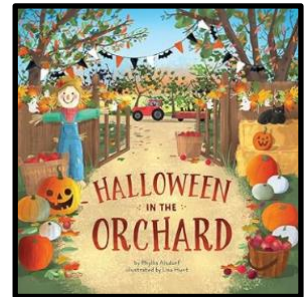
Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

Halloween in the Orchard

By Phyllis Alsdurf

The apples are ready for harvest and Halloween is here! What better way to celebrate than by donning homemade costumes and going to the local apple orchard? In this charming story, a boy and his family enjoy everything the orchard has to offer, including searching for scarecrows, getting lost in a corn maze, and going on a hayride. Phyllis Alsdurf's nostalgic storytelling and Lisa Hunt's cozy illustrations will have you counting down the days until Halloween and apple orchard season!

Backmatter includes a search-and-find key for finding scarecrows in the book and instructions for decorating a homemade trick-or-treat bag.



[Click here to listen to the book on YouTube.](#)

Fun Facts:

- The Egyptians were the first group of people in recorded history to use scarecrows, to protect their wheat fields along the Nile River.
- Earl Beal created the first fill-size corn maze in Annville, Pennsylvania, in 1993.
- According to Guinness World Records, the biggest corn maze ever created was 63 acres and located in California.
- Agritourism-related revenues increased 28% from an estimated \$989 million in 2018 to an estimated \$1.08 billion in 2021.
- As of 2023, the Ga. Dept of Ag. listed over 430 registered agritourism attractions. Gilmer, Fulton, Hall, Henry and White counties each had 10 or more registered agritourism attractions. The largest category was pick-your-own- farms, with 42 locations.
- Georgia Farm Bureau's Certified Farm Market has a network of markets across that state that connects the consumer directly with agriculture and the farmer. To find a farm near you click [here](#).

Videos:

- [AgVentures at Buford Corn Maze in Hall County](#)
- [Farm Monitor: Ever Wondered How Corn Mazes Are Created?](#)
- [Farm Monitor: Unlocking Georgia's Agritourism Revolution](#)

Activities:

- [Use Candy Corn to Make a Maze](#)
- No-bake pumpkin shaped pizza: Top the crust ([crust idea](#)) with pizza sauce and orange shredded cheese. Let students use a plastic knife to cut pepperoni into shapes to make the [pumpkin face](#). Basil leaf or bell pepper slice can be used for the stem.
- Crafts: [Potato Stamped Scarecrow Craft](#) | [Scarecrow Writing and Craft Activity](#)
- [Jack-O-Lantern Lava Lamp](#)
- Science: [Apple and Pumpkin Investigation](#) | [Sprout Corn Kernels](#)
- Free Printable Book: [The Prized Pumpkin](#)
- [Halloween Starts at the Farm Bookmark](#) and [Dot to Dot Activity Page](#)
- [Recipe: Caramel Apple Nachos](#)
- Make a scarecrow for the school garden! Google or visit Pinterest to find the best frame to build.



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