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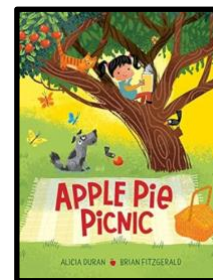
**FARM
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GEORGIA

Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

Apple Pie Picnic

By *Alicia Duran*

Rosa and her family live in a house in the country where an apple tree grows. With short stanzas, interspersed with occasional vocabulary in Spanish, we journey through the year and witness the tree as it changes and develops fruit. We discover what makes the tree grow strong and how the flowers are pollinated. Eventually the apples are fully grown and ready to be picked. On a warm late summer afternoon we join Rosa and her family for a celebratory picnic where a specially-made apple pie takes center stage. This charming story delivers some beginning Spanish vocabulary as well as a lesson in plant life for young readers who will enjoy spending time with Rosa, her dog, Churro, and her entire family. Back matter includes a non-fiction spread showing the cycle from flower to fruit and a simple apple sauce recipe to be made with adult supervision.



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

Fun Facts:

- Georgia's apple varieties include Ozark Gold, Paulard (July – August); Red Delicious, Golden Delicious (July – December); Rome Beauty, Mutzu Crispin (August – December); Empire, Jonagold, Jonathan (August – September); Arkansas Black, Fuji, Granny Smith, Stayman Winesap and Yates (October – December).
- Not to be outshone by his presidential cousin, Jarvis Van Buren moved from New York to Georgia seeking business opportunities in 1838. He purchased land in Habersham County and, impressed by the local apples, created the commercial industry we know today.
- North Georgia is the center of the state's apple industry with more than 85% grown in Gilmer and Fannin counties. To find an apple orchard to visit click [here](#).
- There are about 7,500 varieties of apples in the world. There are more than 2,500 varieties of apples grown in U.S.
- Ellijay is known as "The Apple Capital of Georgia" and produces over 250,000 bushels of apples each year.
- Johnny Appleseed's birthday is September 26!

Videos:

- [AgVentures at BJ Reese Orchards in Gilmer County](#)
- [AgVentures at Aaron Family Orchard in Gilmer County](#)
- Farm Monitor: [Orchards Prove to Be a Thriving Legacy](#)
- [Apple | How Does it Grow?](#)

Activities:

- [Color Page](#) | [Bookmark](#)
- No Bake Recipes: [Apple Dip](#) | [Apple Snickers Dip](#) | [No Bake Apple Pie](#)
- [Apple Taste Test Activity- Includes tally and graphing activity](#)
- Lessons: [Grafting the Red Delicious](#) | [A is for Apples](#) | [Apples Science: Comparing Apples and Onions](#)
- [Apple Parts-label the correct parts activity page](#)
- STEM Activities: [Bobbing for Apples](#) | [Toothpick Apple Towers](#) | [Apple Oxidation Experiment](#)
- [Sink or Float Activity-](#) Use a commodity that is ripe in September: apple, pepper, potato, tomato, or squash
- Activities: [Apple Pie Playdough](#) | [Marble Painting](#) | [Fizzy Apple Art](#) | [Scented Apple Pie Paper Plate Craft](#)



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