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Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

I LOVE STRAWBERRIES!

by Shannon Anderson

Jolie LOVES strawberries! She loves them so much she's determined to grow her very own plants. But her parents aren't sure she's ready. Jolie and her faithful rabbit, Munchy, find out just how fun – and complicated – it can be to grow your own food in this delicious story.



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Fun Facts:

- Georgia has over 100 strawberry farms growing over 140 acres of strawberries.
- Strawberries are one of the world's most popular berries and are used in smoothies, shortcakes, ice cream, and pies. They are also sensitive to cold weather.
- Georgia's strawberry season runs from April to June, making it one of the first fruits ready to pick each year.
- The average strawberry has about 200 seeds on its surface.
- Americans eat an average of 6.2 pounds of fresh strawberries per year, based on recent USDA data.
- May is National Strawberry Month in the United States.
- Strawberries are grown in every U.S. state.
- You can find You-Pick strawberry farms throughout Georgia. To locate one near you, visit [Georgia Farm Bureau's Certified Farm Market website](#).

Videos:

- [Adventures: Long Farms in Decatur County](#)
- [Learn how to plant strawberries with Laurens County Extension, Ag and Natural Resource Agent](#)
- [Strawberry How Does it Grow?](#)
- [Time Lapse of Strawberries growing](#)

Activities:

- **Lessons:** [Sample Lesson](#) from Educator Guide * [Eating Plants K-2](#) * [FoodMASTER: Fruits 3-5](#) * [Freshest Fruits K-2](#)
- **STEM Projects:** [Soil Health](#) * [Conserve H2O](#) * Strawberry DNA- [Written Directions](#), [How To Video](#), [Strawberry DNA Necklace Kit](#) you can purchase.
- **Resources/ Activities:** [Strawberry Mini Ag Mag](#) * [Strawberry UGA Reading Act](#) * [Strawberry Seasons K-2](#) * [Strawberry Seasons 3-5](#) * [Strawberry Photo Signs](#) * [Fueling Georgia's Future Free Printable Activity Book](#) * [Strawberry Color Page](#) * [Strawberry Bookmark](#) * [Curriculum Page](#) * [Kahoot Game](#) * [Author, Shannon Anderson, has resources on her website](#) * [Create a story walk with the book pages](#) * Free Printable book: [Berry Good Project](#) * [5 Senses](#) recording sheet

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