

# PICKLES, PICKLES, I LIKE PICKLES

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A young boy who really likes pickles wants to grow pickles in his garden, but he is surprised by what he discovers - there are no bread and butter pickle plants or dill pickle trees. He learns a lot as he and his mom transform seeds from the store into yummy pickles to enjoy on everything from hot dogs to ice cream.



#### **Fun Facts:**

- In 2019 Georgia ranked 3rd in the nation in cucumber production.
- Cucumbers are made up of 95% water.
- Georgia has a long growing season for cucumbers. Fresh Georgia cucumbers are available for six months each year, from May through November. Georgia cucumbers are grown primarily in the Southern portion of the state.
- The idiom cool as a cucumber, may be based on the fact that in hot weather the inside of cucumbers remains cooler than the air.

#### Videos:

- Pickles Being Grown in the Heart of Georgia Onion Country
- <u>CUCUMBER | How Does it Grow?</u>
- Mount Olive Pickles Tour
- <u>Can Science Create a 'Greener' Pickle?</u>
- Magic School School: In a Pickle

### Activities:

- Plant cucumbers in a garden
- <u>Classic 24-Hour Dill Pickles</u>
- Vegetable dip to dip fresh cucumbers in
- <u>Pickle Taste Test Paper</u>
- <u>Cucumber Osmosis Experiment</u>

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