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Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

The Garden Next Door

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Bored and hot on a lazy summer day, three young children watch as birds, bees, and butterflies zoom past them, over their fence, and into their neighbor's mysterious yard. But why are there no birds or bugs in their yard? Why does the neighbor's yard glow with fireflies at night, while their yard is dark? Well, the kids are determined to find out ... and maybe make some changes to bring a little nature to their backyard.



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

Fun Facts:

- The Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development has determined Georgia's Economic Value of Pollination to be \$635,094,003!
- Georgia boasts over 160 species of butterflies and more than 500 species of native wild bees.
- The honeybee became Georgia's state insect in 1975. European honeybees are not native to Georgia. Records show they arrived in the state by 1743.
- One out of every 3-4 mouthfuls of food we eat and beverages we drink are delivered to us by pollinators. Georgia's primary pollinators include bees, wasps, birds (especially hummingbirds), butterflies, moths, flies, mosquitoes, beetles, ants, slugs, and snails.
- Georgia Department of Transportation is installing and maintaining 15 pollinator habitat sites at rest areas and Welcome Centers across the state. To find where the pollinator gardens are click [here](#).

Videos:

- [AgVentures at Rest Area No. 14 in Dooly County](#)
- Farm Monitor: [Don't Forget About the Role of Butterflies Play in Pollination](#)
- Farm Monitor: [High-Profile Georgian Establishes Butterfly Trial](#)
- Farm Monitor: [Trio Determined to Protect the Future of Honeybees in Floyd County](#)
- [Like Fruit? Thank a Bee!](#)
- [AgVentures at a Honeybee Farm](#)

Activities:

- Coloring Pages: [Bee](#) | [Pollinators](#)
- Bookmarks: [Bee](#) | [Pollinators](#)
- [No Bake Recipes](#)- select a no bake recipe that features a fruit or vegetable that depends on pollinators.
- Have your class participate in the [Great Southeast Pollinator Census](#), August 23-34
- Plant a pollinator garden! [Raised Bed Resource Guide](#) | [Video: Create a pollinator garden using planters](#)
 - Include [native milkweed](#) and [flowering plants](#)
- [Register](#) a pollinator garden on the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail-free to do!
- [Pollinator lessons from National 4-H Council](#)
- [Pollinator and Flower Matching Game](#)
- [Pollinator Scavenger Hunt](#)



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