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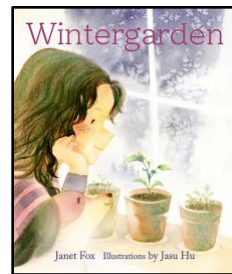
Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

Winter Garden

By Janet Fox

Winter outside the window,
Garden on the sill.

With a little bit of love and care, a few seeds nestled in pots, and a good windowsill, there's no better time to make an herb garden with mom than in the dead of winter. Together, a young girl and her mother can grow everything you find in a spring herb garden, from oregano to parsley and baby greens, carefully tending their plants to watch them thrive, all while frigid snow falls just outside the window. The multiple harvests of fresh greens are just what they need to stay warm through the coldest and darkest season. When Spring finally arrives, there's one thing on the girl's mind: more seeds!



[Listen to the book on YouTube](#)

Fun Facts:

- According to the University of Georgia Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development, greenhouses are the No. 7 commodity by value in Georgia at \$444 million.
- Greenhouses, which make up 50% of Georgia's ornamental horticulture industry, certainly bring in plenty of "green." Investing in these facilities supports year-round cultivation of fresh fruits and vegetables and opens up new job opportunities across our state.
- The first greenhouse was built in Rome in 30 A.D. for Emperor Tiberius, who was advised to eat a cucumber daily. It featured stone walls for insulation and glass ceilings for sunlight.
- There are over 70,000 plant species used in herbal traditions, but only about 3,000 are cultivated commercially.
- Cilantro (*Coriandrum sativum*) is the most commonly used herb in the world. It's a key ingredient in many cuisines, including those of Latin America, South and Southeast Asia, and Mexico.

Videos:

- AgVentures at Rambo Nursery in Polk County- **COMING SOON!**
- [Farm Monitor: Pure Flavor in Peach County](#)
- [AgVentures in Toombs County: R & K Greenhouses](#)
- [Blippi Visits a Greenhouse](#)

Activities:

- [Herb Smell Activity](#)
- [Ziploc Green House Activity](#)
- Recipes: [Herb Butter](#) | [Herb Cream Cheese \(fresh herbs\)](#) | [Garlic Herb Cream Cheese \(dried herbs\)](#)
- Printables: [Color Page](#) | [Bookmark](#)
- FREE printable book: [The Vibrant Variety](#)
- [UGA Extension: Herbs in Southern Garden](#)
- Lessons for Grades 3-5: [Tasty Testing](#) | [Desktop Greenhouses](#)
- Make a mini greenhouse using [plastic tubs](#), [milk jugs](#), [egg carton](#) or [take out container](#)



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