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Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

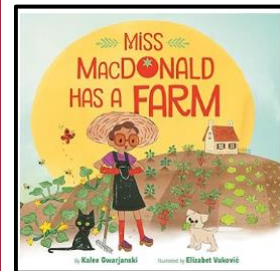
Miss MacDonald Has a Farm

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Join Miss MacDonald on her vegetable farm and see all the work that goes into growing healthy and delicious produce.

*"Miss MacDonald has a farm,
She loves things that grow!"*

E-I-E-I-GROW! With a "weed-weed" here and a "pick-pick" there, young readers can follow Miss MacDonald as she tends to her vegetable farm. It's a rollicking, rhyming read-aloud that ends in a community feast and celebrates themes of healthy eating, plant-based meals, local produce, gardening, seasons, and female farmers.



[Click here for read aloud on YouTube](#)

Fun Facts:

- Georgia's top 10 commodities: Broilers, cotton, eggs, peanuts, timber, beef, greenhouse, corn, blueberries and pecans.
- Georgia ranks #1 in the nation in boilers, peanuts and pecans, #2 in the nation in cantaloupes, cotton lint, cotton seed and watermelons, #3 in the nation in bell peppers and peaches and #4 in the nation in blueberries and cucumbers.
- Georgia has over 42,000 farms, covering almost 10 million acres of land.
- Georgia has more commercial forest land than any other state.
- To learn more about Georgia agriculture view the [Ag Snapshot](#), by The Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development at UGA.
- Farmers work hard to grow our food and products! In Georgia, 37.3% work over 200 days off the farm, the average age is 59.8, and farmers come from diverse backgrounds, including 22.9% women, 4.4% Black, and 1.2% Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin.

Videos:

- [AgVentures to SunWoman Farms in Oconee County](#)
- More AgVenture stories can be found [here](#).
- For 50+ years, *Farm Monitor* has shared Georgia farmers' stories. [Visit their YouTube for videos on various commodities.](#)
- [A Fork in the Road](#)- Explore Georgia's rich farmland and diverse cuisine.

Activities:

- Visit the [National Ag in the Classroom's Curriculum Matix](#) to find an ag lesson. Search by grade and/or commodity.
- Georgia commodity [coloring pages](#) and [bookmarks](#).
- Cook in your classroom with GFB's easy [no-bake recipes](#)!
- [Favorite Fruit Taste Testing Activity](#) | [Favorite Taste Testing Vegetable Activity](#)
- [Plant Life Cycle Bracelet](#)- Cut the cards. Place a card, the beads and an elastic string or pipe cleaner in a Ziploc bag. As you talk about the life cycle have the students place the beads on their elastic string/pipe cleaner.
- Problem Based Learning Project: [Plan a Garden](#) so students can grow their own food.
- [Contact](#) your local Farm Bureau and have local farmer visit your classroom.
- Commodity Map for [K-2](#) and [3-5](#)
- Georgia's Top 20 Commodities Bingo. Each calling card has a riddle so students can figure out the commodity before being shows the card. [3x3 Card](#) [4x4 Card](#) [Calling Cards](#)
- [Draw your favorite meal.](#)

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