

# Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

## WHERE DID MY CLOTHES COME FROM?

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Fun retro illustrations entice kids to follow the thread and learn where their clothes had their start—and how they were put together. Did you know that the cotton for your jeans was picked from a bush? How did the colorful wool in your sweater get from a sheep's back to a ball of yarn? Where did your soccer uniform, your rain boots, and your fleece jacket come from? And what does recycling plastic bottles have to do with anything? Visit farms, forests, and factories all over the world to find out how everything you wear has a story behind it. Back matter includes an author's note, an illustrator's note, a bibliography, and an index.



### Fun Facts:

- \* Cotton ranks No. 1 in production value among row and forage crops in Georgia and No. 2 in the nation.
- \* Sheep are raised throughout Georgia. The 2017 Farm Gate value for sheep was \$3,955,734. 1 pound of wool can make about 4 or 5 sweaters.
- \* Did you know that at one time silkworms were raised in Georgia for their silk? The first English colonists, led by James Oglethorpe, landed in early 1733 and founded the city of Savannah. Each colonist was required to plant at least 50 white mulberry trees (the silkworms' main diet) on every 50 acres. The main flaw of this plan was that the silkworms didn't like Georgia and proved it by dying in droves. In May 1742 alone nearly half the silkworms in Savannah died. The production of silk limped along until the American Revolution, when the silk factory was converted into a ballroom.
- \* Super Bowl LIII volunteer jacket fabric was made from recycled plastic water bottles collected from Mercedes-Benz Stadium and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.
- \* Fruits and Vegetable harvested in February: brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrots, celery, collards, kale, leeks, lettuce, mushrooms, sweet potatoes, turnips and spinach

### Videos

- \* Farm Monitor: After Harvest, Georgia Cotton Heads To Local Gins
- \* Farm Monitor: Georgia Cotton Growers Prepare For Harvest
- \* Invention Of Silk | The Dr. Binocs Show | Best Learning Video for Kids
- \* Springtime means sheep shearing!
- \* The Making of Nike Football National Team Jerseys from bottles

### Activities

- \* Cotton to fabric handout
- \* Create an outfit with cotton fabric
- \* Wool to fabric handout
- \* Paper plate sheep activity
- \* From plastic bottle to fabric
- \* Silkworm to silk fabric
- \* Silkworm life cycle craftivity