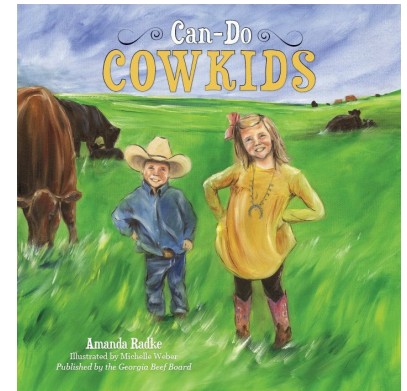


## Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

### **CAN DO COW KIDS** *by Amanda Radke*

Two Can-Do Cowkids who love learning new skills and working hard to achieve their goals! Join them on the farm as they take care of their cattle after a big Georgia rain storm. Young readers will explore beef industry careers and learn how they, too, can dream big and become Can-Do Cowkids. With colorful illustrations and a recipe for delicious beef pizza, this book is engaging and educational!



### **Fun Facts:**

- \* Georgia cattlemen own approximately 1.3 million head of cattle worth more than \$676 million. Annual cash receipts total more than \$262 million, making cattle the state's sixth largest cash crop.
- \* Cattle are grown in all 159 counties of Georgia, the beef industry has a large impact on the state's economy (estimated at more than \$2 billion).
- \* About 71 percent of Georgia cattlemen are commercial cow-calf producers (they sell calves that are eventually fed to finish weight for beef); 21 percent are purebred cow-calf producers (they sell purebred cattle for breeding); and 8 percent are stockers (they buy calves, add weight to them and sell them to feed lots for finishing).
- \* In Georgia, 87 percent of our 23,000 producers own less than 100 head. Yet this group owns only 46 percent of cattle. The other 13 percent of Georgia cattlemen (3,300 producers) own 54 percent of the cattle.
- \* Cattle are usually sold through county or area livestock markets. Each animal is typically sold individually on a per-pound basis. More than 95 percent of all yearlings are shipped to the Midwest, where they are raised to finish weights.

### **Videos**

- \* Georgia Farm Monitor- Hunter Cattle GA Farm Monitor
- \* Georgia Farm Monitor- East Georgia Cattle Operation Features Unique Production Model
- \* Georgia Farm Monitor- Georgia Cattleman's Association creates a Children's Book

### **Activities**

- \*AFBF: On The Farm-Learn about Beef (over a dozen resources!)
- \*Cow in my marshmallow poster
- \*The Georgia Beef Story Coloring Book
- \*Beef Bingo-Option 1
- \*Beef Bingo- Option 2
- \*Grow a pizza garden (activity goes with the book-there is a recipe for pizza at the end)
- \*Roast Beef Tortilla Tortilla Roll Ups