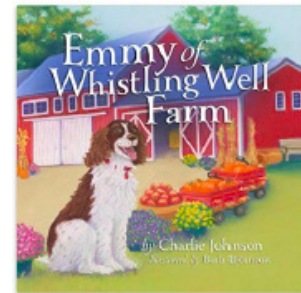


# Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

## EMMY OF WHISTLING WELL FARM by Charlie Johnson

It's a big job to manage an apple farm, especially during harvest time! Emmy the Springer Spaniel guides us through an idyllic autumn day at the orchard. Timeless, vibrant illustrations and amusing prose will appeal to readers young and old.



### Fun Facts:

- \*Whistling Well Farm is an apple orchard located in the beautiful St. Croix River Valley in Minnesota
- \*Whistling Well Farm was founded in 1972. The first apple trees were planted in 1980 by Carol and Charlie Johnson, along with their sons Chad and Neal.
- \*Visit <https://whistlingwellfarm.com/> to see what apple varieties are grown at Whistling Well Farm
- \*Georgia's apple production is centered in the northeastern part of the state, primarily in Gilmer County - where Ellijay is known as the apple capital of the state and hosts an annual apple festival.
- \*Depending on the type of fruit, Georgia apples are available from July-December of each year. Some of the more popular types are Ozark Gold (available in July and August), Red Delicious and Golden Delicious (available July-December), Rome Beauty and Mutzu Crispin (available August-December), Empire and Jonagold (available in August and September), and Arkansas Black, Fuji, Granny Smith, Winesap and Yates (available October-December).
- \*Georgia produces over 600,00 bushels of apples, weighing over 26 million pounds in total, each year. These apples sell for well over six million dollars in total.
- \*Over 600 acres of Georgia land is devoted to growing apples; with approximately 360,000 trees.
- \*4 pecks make a bushel

### Videos

- \*Georgia Farm Monitor- Fall Means It's Apple Season Across North Georgia
- \*Georgia Farm Monitor- North Georgia Apple Growers Prepare for Harvest After Tough Growing Season
- \*Life Cycle of an Apple
- \*Fun song! Way Up High In An Apple Tree
- \*Apple-How Does It Grow

### Activities

- \*Apple STEM activity
- \*Apple toothpick tower challenge
- \*Apple dip recipe
- \*Apple taste test
- \*Apple life cycle bracelet
- \*Visit [Teacherspayteachers.com](https://www.teacherspayteachers.com) for TONS of free apple activities
- \*Apple Pie In A Cup and sequencing activity
- \*White produce 1/2 peck bags can be ordered from [Webstaurant](https://www.webstaurant.com). You can have the students draw on the bags or cut apples to make apple stamps.