

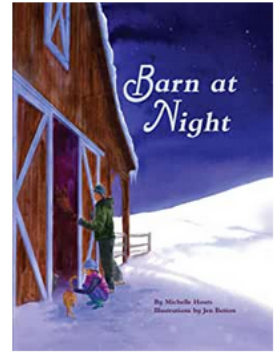
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## Ag in the Classroom Book of the

### BARN AT NIGHT

by Michelle Houts

When you grow up on a farm, adventures happen all day long—even at night! On a cold winter evening, a father and daughter go out to the barn and are welcomed with a warm scene. Who is awake, who is asleep, and who is just making their first appearance in the barn? Michelle Houts' lyrical poetry paired with Jen Betton's glowing watercolors create a warm and wonderful bedtime story—best shared together.



#### Fun Facts:

- There are over 42,000 farms in Georgia and those farmers are dedicated to making sure the crops and animals are taken care of, no matter the time of day or the weather.
- The coldest month of the year at in middle Georgia is January. The average low of 38°F and high of 58°F.
- Hundreds of years ago, many farmers would seal their barns with linseed oil, which is an orange-colored oil derived from the seeds of the flax plant. To this oil, they would add milk and lime, but also ferrous oxide, or rust. Rust was plentiful on farms and because it killed fungi and mosses that might grow on barns, and it was very effective as a sealant. It turned the mixture red in color. When paint became more available, many people chose red paint for their barns in honor of tradition.

#### Videos:

- Farm Monitor: [Ensuring Proper Winter Diets For Horses](#)
- Farm Monitor: [Georgia Cattlemen's Work Continues Despite Cold Temperatures](#)

#### Activities:

- [Build a barn using marshmallows and toothpicks](#)
- [Activity Kit for Barn at Night](#)
- [Easy Jet No Bake Cookies](#)- a treat enjoyed by horses and humans!
- Make [snow puff paint](#) and put it in this [barn template](#) after it is colored and details are added
- [Make fake snow](#)
- [Adult & Baby Animal Matching Activity](#)
- [Seasons on the Farm Printable Information Booklet](#)

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