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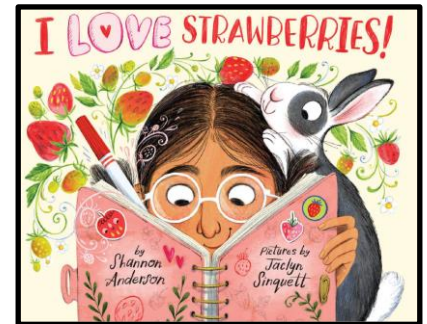


## Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

### I LOVE STRAWBERRIES!

by Shannon Anderson

Jolie LOVES strawberries! She loves them so much she's determined to grow her very own plants. But her parents aren't sure she's ready. Jolie and her faithful rabbit, Munchy, find out just how fun – and complicated – it can be to grow your own food in this delicious story.



#### Fun Facts:

- 130 farms account for the 143 acres of strawberries grown in Georgia, mostly in the southern half of the state where it stays warm.
- The strawberry is the world's most popular berry – used in smoothies, shortcakes, ice cream and pie. But they're super-sensitive to cold weather. Click [here](#) to find a strawberry farm near you!
- March through July in Georgia is strawberry weather.
- The average strawberry has 200 seeds.
- According to the USDA, Americans eat 3.4 lbs. of fresh strawberries a year and 1.8 lbs. of frozen strawberries a year.
- May is national strawberry month
- Strawberries are grown in every single U.S. state and Canadian province.
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#### Videos:

- Farm Monitor: [Short-lived Retirement for Longtime Strawberry Growers](#)
- Farm Monitor: [Ag-Adventure – Erin Learns How You Plant Lots of Strawberry Plants](#)
- [STRAWBERRY | How Does it Grow?](#)
- [Georgia fruit farmers prepare budding crops ahead of weekend cold blast](#)
- [Georgia Grown Strawberries](#)

#### Activities:

- [Eating Plants: Lesson for K-2](#)
- [Parts of a Strawberry Plant Poster](#)
- [Strawberry DNA Lab](#)
- [Strawberry color page](#)
- [Strawberry Fluff Dip](#)
- [Strawberry handprint Mother's Day craft](#)
- [Plant strawberries in your garden](#)

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