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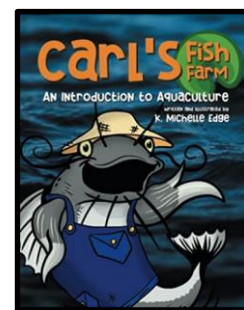


Ag in the Classroom Book of the Month

Carl's Fish Farm by Michelle Edge

Spend a day with Carl the Channel Catfish as he gives a rhyming tour of his daily life on a fish farm in South Georgia. This educational book contains real-life environmental photos as well as illustrations of Carl, our narrator.

Whether you're an experienced fish farmer or just a curious reader, this book is perfect for any and all little ones! Created by the fish farmer's daughter, kids will get up close and personal with the daily aquaculture life through the pictures of "Edge's Aquatics Farm" in Soperton, GA and the beautifully illustrated cartoons by the author-illustrator. There's so much to learn in this book!



[Click on the book to watch on YouTube.](#)

Fun Facts:

- The name catfish refers to the long barbels, or feelers, which are present about the mouth of the fish and resemble cat whiskers. The barbels are used to help find food.
- Catfish have no scales.
- Georgia's public waterways are home to several species of catfish, including channel, white, blue, flathead and bullheads (consisting of several similar species—yellow, brown, snail, spotted and flat).
- Georgia is home to 500,000 acres of lakes, 12,000 miles of warm water streams and 4,000 miles of trout streams.
- Georgia's state fish is the largemouth bass, the state cold water game fish is the Southern Appalachian brook trout, and the state saltwater fish is the red drum.
- There are seven state operated warm water fish hatcheries that supply Georgia with fish from striped bass to catfish and bream. There are numerous private fish farms across the state as well.
- There are public fishing areas throughout the state. Go Fish Center in Perry, Georgia allows fieldtrips!

Videos:

- [Agventures at Edge's Aquatics Services in Treutlen County](#)
- Farm Monitor: [Ranger Nick – Fish in Our Rivers, Lakes and Streams](#)

Activities:

- Explore Aquaponics Lesson Plan: [K-2](#) [3-5](#)
- [Purchase a Classroom Aquaponics Kit](#)
- [Mason Jar Aquaponic](#)
- [DIY Fishing Lures](#)- Use [barb protectors](#) to keep kids from poking themselves.
- [DIY Catfish Bait Recipe](#)
- [Father's Day Card](#) Image of what card could look like.
- [Going Fishing Trail Mix](#)
- Other fun Snacks: [Fishing Pole](#) [Graham Crackers with Goldfish Cookies](#)
- [Craft: Make a fish with pipe cleaners and beads](#)

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