

MENTOR TEXTS

with an agricultural theme

Concept Books [focus on one concept or literary element: usually for the very young]

A Seed in Need by Sam Godwin and Simone Abel [plant life cycle]
ABC on the Farm [ABC] by Rosie Winget and Steve Wood
One Earth by Eileen Spinelli and Rogerio Coelha [counting]

Expository Nonfiction

Clarabelle, Making Milk and So Much More by Cris Peterson and David R. Lundquist
Milk, From Cow to Carton by Alike
Machine on the Farm by Lisa J. Amstutz
Clydesdales by Pamela Dell

Survey Books [Expository with a little bit of info on subtopics within a larger subject]

Milk to Ice Cream
Farm Anatomy by Julia Rothman
What Lily Gets from Bee by Ellen Lawrence
Machines on the Farm by Sian Smith
The Everything Book of Horses & Ponies by Andrea Mills
The Farm that Feeds Us: A Year in the Life of an Organic Farm by Nancy Castaldo and
Ginnie Hsu

Narrative Nonfiction/ Story Arc

Honeybee, The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera by Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann
Full of Beans by Peggy Thomas
Farmer George Plants a Nation by Peggy Thomas and Layne Johnson
The Kid Who Changed the World by Andy Andres and Philip Hurst
Applesauce Day by Lisa Amstutz and Talitha Shipman

Fiction/Story Arc

Gwendolyn's Pet Garden by Anne Renaud and Rashin Kheiriyeh
Who Grew My Soup? by Tom Darbyshire and C.F. Payne
Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle
Tales of the Dairy Godmother by Viola Butler and Ward Jenkins
Bea's Bees by Katherine Pryor and Ellie Peterson
First Peas to the Table by Susan Grigsby and Nicole Tadgell
The Chickens are Coming by Barbara Samuels
Tractor Mac, You're a Winner by Billy Steers
Click Clack Moo, Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin
Chicken Talk by Patricia MacLachlan and Jarrett J. Krosoczka (similar to Click Clack Moo)

Zee Grows a Tree by Elizabeth Rusch and Will Hillenbrand
How to Grow an Apple Pie by Beth Charles and Katie Rewse

A Day / Year in the Life of...

Honeybee: The Busy Life of *Apis Mellifera* by Candace Fleming
My Family's Soybean Farm by Katie Olthoff and Joe Hax
The Barn by Leah H. Rogers and Barry Root

Other Plot Structures

ABC on the Farm by Rosie Winget and Steve Wood
The Bee Box that Jack Built by Margo Linn and Brian Fitzgerald

Figurative Language [vivid verbs, alliteration, onomatopoeia, etc]

Farmer George Plants a Nation by Peggy Thomas and Layne Johnson [analogies]
Thomas Jefferson Grows a Nation by Peggy Thomas and Stacy Innerst [alliteration]
Lincoln Clears a Path by Peggy Thomas and Stacy Innerst [onomatopoeia]
Right This Very Minute by Lisl Detlefsen and ...[repetition]
The Barn by Leah H. Rogers and Barry Root [vivid verbs]
My Life as a Chicken by Ellen B. Kelley[onomatopoeia]
Let's Pop, Pop, Popcorn! by Cynthia Schumerth and Mary Reaves Uhles[onomatopoeia]

Rhyme

Who Grew My Soup? by Tom Darbyshire and
Hey, Hey, Hay! By Christy Mihaly and Joe Cepeda
Good night Tractor by Michelle Robinson and Nick East
Before We Eat: From Farm to Table by Pat Brisson and Mary Azarian

Sensory Detail

Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner and Christopher Silas Neal
Farmer George by Peggy Thomas and Layne Johnson
Kiss The Cow by Phyllis Root and Will Hillenbrand
Clarabelle, Making Milk and So Much More by Cris Petersen and David Lundquist

Effective Turn of the Page

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Lincoln Clears a Path by Peggy Thomas and Stacy Innerst