

Reading List for Agriculture, Grades K-5

Title/Author	Description
<i>Rosie's Walk</i> by Pat Hutchins	Through wonderful prepositional phrases that match the action in the pictures, we watch Rosie, the hen, as she goes for a walk around the barnyard stalked by the fox intent on catching her. Unwittingly, she foils the fox at every turn and in the end he is driven off by a swarm of bees. Rosie returns undisturbed and unperturbed to her roost in the hen house.
<i>Farmer Palmer's Wagon Ride</i> by William Steig	A slapstick rendering of the misadventures which befall Farmer Palmer and his hired hand Ebenezer on their return from market. They have to cope with a storm and a fallen tree, a runaway wagon wheel, Ebenezer's "sprained hock," and, finally, the total destruction of their wagon. Persistence wins out, however, and all ends happily.
<i>Whoo-oo Is It?</i> by Megan McDonald	The white faces of the owls in these pastel drawings stand out against the gloom of night and the interior of the barn. Mother owl hears a sound, but cannot determine what it is. She flies out and looks at the snake slithering on a tree branch and a raccoon scratching as he climbs a tree trunk, but they are not the source of the sound. It is all very mysterious, but what a surprise at the end when the true source of the sound is discovered.
<i>Winter Barn</i> by Peter Parnall	A fictionalized account of forest and domestic farm animals in winter that co-exist peacefully in an old barn. From its stone foundation to its stalls and loft, the barn shelters animals as diverse as horses, cats, snakes, porcupines, and swallows - all waiting for spring thaw.
<i>Greenbrook Farm</i> by Bonnie Pryor	Spring at Greenbrook Farm brings many baby animals, including a calf, filly, chicks, ducklings, and a new baby in the family.
<i>Barn Dance</i> by Bill Martin Jr.	A farm boy awakens in the middle of the night and is lured to the barn, where the animals are holding an old-fashioned hoedown.
<i>Chicken Man</i> by Michelle Edwards	At Kibbutz Hanan, Israel's Jezreel Valley, Rody is known as "Chicken Man" because he takes such good care of the chickens that they lay extra eggs! This informative, good-humored glimpse of communal life is vigorously illustrated with bold, freely drawn line and vibrant color.
<i>Amelia's Road</i> by Linda Altman	Amelia hates all roads and all maps. Her family moves frequently to pick the crops and she has always hated the time when her father takes out the road maps. This time she particularly hates to move because she has been going to a school where, for the first time, the teacher has bothered to learn her name.
<i>Just Like My Dad</i> by Tricia Gardella & Margot Apple	Here is a little boy who has one big dream, and that is to be "just like my dad." The boy is very lucky because he gets to go out with his father, and share in his father's work. The boy's father is a cowboy and his son is learning all the skills he will need so that he too will be able to be a fully-fledged "cowhand" one day.
<i>My Father's Boat</i> by Sherry Garland	A Vietnamese-American boy spends a day with his father on his shrimp boat, listening as he describes how his own father fishes on the South China Sea.

<i>Fishing</i> by Ann Love	This book explores a way of life and a kind of work that is undergoing major change. It is part of a series of books called "America at Work"
<i>Little Panda</i> by Joana Ryder	Meet Hua Mel. She's the first giant panda cub ever to survive in captivity in the Western Hemisphere
<i>Grand Canyon</i> by Patricia Polacco	One of the most beautiful places on earth is the Grand Canyon. Each year almost 5 million people behold its beauty for themselves.
<i>Mrs. Mack</i> by Patricia Polacco	Share the unforgettable story of Mrs. Mack, who taught young people how to ride a horse, helped them grow up and became a hero to them all.
<i>Animal Rescue: The Best Job There Is</i> by Susan Goodman	John Walsh travels the world, risking his life in fires and wars, floods and volcanoes to save animals in need. This book tells three stories of his brave animal rescues.
<i>Extra Cheese, Please! Mozzarella's Journey from Cow to Pizza</i> by Cris Peterson	Every Friday on their farm, Cris Peterson and her family make pizza with cheese that comes from the cows in their own barn. In this clear and concisely written book, the author outlines the steps of cheese making for younger readers.
<i>Amazing Grazing</i> by Cris Peterson	Three ranches in Montana carry out innovative work in "rotational grazing" to cultivate healthy ranchlands and streams.
<i>The Ugly Vegetables</i> by Grace Lin	Making a garden is hard work: digging, watering, planting, and waiting. Discover what grows in the garden and how the young girl's mother turns ugly vegetables into something special and delicious. You might even decide to grow some ugly vegetables of your own!
<i>Animals Who Have Won Our Hearts</i> Jean Craighead George	Ten true stories of some wonderful animals are told in this book. You'll read about Balto the sled dog that helped save sick people of Nome, Alaska. The story of Punxsutawney Phil, the king of Groundhog Day, is told. Koko the gorilla amazed scientists by learning American Sign Language.
<i>How Dogs Really Work</i> by Alan Snow	<i>How Dogs Really Work</i> offers a wonderfully fun tongue-in-cheek look at dogs, their anatomy, their habits, and their relations with other members of the animal kingdom, in particular, humans.
<i>Gifford Pinchot: American Forester</i> by Peter Anderson	Pinchot is the man who worked with President Theodore Roosevelt to preserve America's forests
<i>Come Back Salmon: How a Group of Dedicated Kids Adopted Pigeon Creek and Brought it Back to Life</i> , by Sidnee Wheelwright	A group of children and their teacher clean up a polluted salmon creek and reintroduce salmon to the waters in this true conservation story.
<i>Can We Save Them?: Endangered Species of North America</i> , by David Dobson	This book lists the physical characteristics, habits, natural habitat, and protection of many endangered plants and animals in North America.

<i>Working at a Zoo</i> , by Bertram Knight	This photo-essay book shows all the work done in a zoo.
<i>I Want to be a Veterinarian</i> , by Stephanie Maze	Veterinarians and other animal care workers are shown in various settings, performing tasks they perform to care for pets, zoo animals, farm animals and wildlife.
<i>No More Dodos: How Zoos Help Endangered Wildlife</i> , by Nicholas Nirgiotis	This book describes the measures that zoos and wildlife biologists are taking to prevent animal extinction.
