

# Hi, Cotton!

## Introduction



North Carolina Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom is pleased to offer the integrated Pre-Kindergarten through High School curriculum set, "Hi, Cotton!" The curricula includes one central lesson for each grade level along with extension and expansion suggestions, instructional writing prompts, and musical skits focused on the geography of U.S. cotton production and the history of cotton in the U.S.

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"Hi, Cotton!" lesson plans are aligned with the goals and objectives of the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and many standards from other states. Most lessons are hands-on/activity based and all require student participation through reading, discussion, and development of work products.

The rationale for developing "Hi, Cotton" was to emphasize the importance of cotton in America's economy and way of life. Cotton has a strong and abiding presence in the history of our nation. Advances in the production of cotton have transferred into the world of science, business, transportation, labor, and industry. "Hi, Cotton" lessons provide an opportunity for real life learning and help students to see the relevance of school work to their lives outside the classroom both in the present and in future days.

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