



The Maryland Agricultural Education
Foundation presents

2021 Ag Literacy Program



Meet the 2021 Maryland Ag Literacy book!

Tales of the Dairy Godmother: Chuck's Ice Cream Wish
by Viola Butler with Art by Ward Jenkins

"I'm your Dairy Godmother and I'm here to make your dairy wish come moo—uh, I mean true."
Chuck's favorite food is ice cream. People say, "be careful what you wish for," but what harm could wishing for endless ice cream be? With the help of his Dairy Godmother, Chuck is taken—poof! — on a memorable and delicious adventure to a dairy farm. He finds out exactly where ice cream comes from and gains an even deeper love and appreciation for his favorite food.

What is the Ag Literacy program?

We are thrilled to celebrate the 11th year for Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation's annual Ag Literacy Program!

This *Ag in the Classroom* program seeks to instill in Maryland students the importance of agriculture in their daily lives through agriculture-based literature. Any group or individual wishing to promote agriculture is invited to participate – Farmer Bureau members, FFA students, Young Farmers, Commodity group leaders, retirees, or any other interested individuals.

How does the Ag Literacy program work?

Ag Literacy Volunteers purchase a copy of the book from MAEF. Then, they set up a time to read to a class (virtually, most likely) with a nearby elementary school (or a school near & dear to their hearts). MAEF provides you with the book and a volunteer kit of helpful tips and simple supporting activities. Following the reading of the book, volunteers may conduct an activity with the students and share their experiences in agriculture. The book is then left with the teacher or media center as a donation for the students to enjoy.

This year, we are celebrating Ag Literacy Week from March 15 - 19, 2021, although volunteers are welcome to purchase and read books at any time throughout the year!

How do I participate?

These hardback books are available, at a reduced rate, to volunteer readers for \$10 each.

Visit MAEF's website, www.maefonline.com, or [click here](http://bit.ly/maefaglit) (<http://bit.ly/maefaglit>) to order your copies today! Then, contact a local school and set up a time to be a guest reader. If you prefer to be invoiced, please email Shannon Brown at sbrown@maefonline.com. For questions, you may email Shannon or call our office at 410-939-9030.