

# **Teaching Supplement for** Meet the Farmer Video **Growing Citrus**



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#### STANDARDS ADDRESSED

### Georgia Agricultural **Education Standards:**

**3AS1.** Relate the importance of how food is produced, handled, prepared and stored in order to protect the safety and nutritional value of the food.

3FA1. Describe how agriculture impacts your daily life.

1.4 Apply the appropriate skill sets to be productive in a changing, technological, diverse workplace to be able to work independently and apply teamwork skills.

## **Key Vocabulary**

**Citrus** - a group of plants that includes oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruit varieties

**Communication** - sharing information or ideas through speaking or writing

**Agriculture** - the practice of growing crops and raising livestock

Horticulture - the practice of growing gardens for food, medicine, or flowers

## **Comprehension Check**

- 1. Where does Farmer Joe grow citrus? Where was he first introduced to satsumas?
- 2. How many varieties of citrus does Farmer Joe grow in total?
- 3. How do you harvest citrus to keep the fruit safe?
- 4. What are some of the different places that Farmer Joe sells his citrus?
- 5. How many people work together to pick and pack citrus at Franklin Farms?

# CHALLENGE What months are satsumas available from Franklin Farms?

## **Reflection Questions**

- 1. If you were a fruit or vegetable farmer, where would you sell your produce? Who would you want to sell produce to in your town?
- 2. Farmer Joe said you need good communication skills to work with a team. What other skills would you want the people that you work with to have?

### **Extension Activities**

- 1. Try a mystery taste test of a citrus fruit. Based on its look. taste, and texture, what would you name this fruit? You can take inspiration from the citrus varieties that Farmer Joe named: tangos, gold nuggets, sugar belles, bingos, Georgia kiss.
- 2. Interview your friends and family. Ask them about all of the ways that they like to eat or use citrus in their cooking and their homes.
- 3. In the warm parts of the United States (zones 8-11), you can grow citrus outdoors in the ground. In the cooler parts of the United States (zone 1-7), it is recommended to grow citrus in containers so they can be moved indoors when it is too cold. Look up what USDA Hardiness Zone you live in. What citrus would you most like to grow and where would you plant it?
- 4. Complete a venn diagram comparing and contrasting fruit farming and vegetable farming. How do you think they would be different and the same?

COMPREHENSION CHECK ANSWERS: 1. Statesboro, Georgia / Louisiana

2. 20-24. 10-12 of satsumas and 10-12 of other citrus 3. Clip the stem so the bacteria doesn't get in 4. Farm stand, farmers market, sells to the school system, ships online orders throughout US 5. 12-24 people Challenge November-December







