

# Flat Farmer Visits Virginia

Flat Farmer came to visit Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom in January. He traveled to us from North Carolina. We had just had a big snow storm so everything was cold and wet, but there were plenty of people, farms and animals to visit.



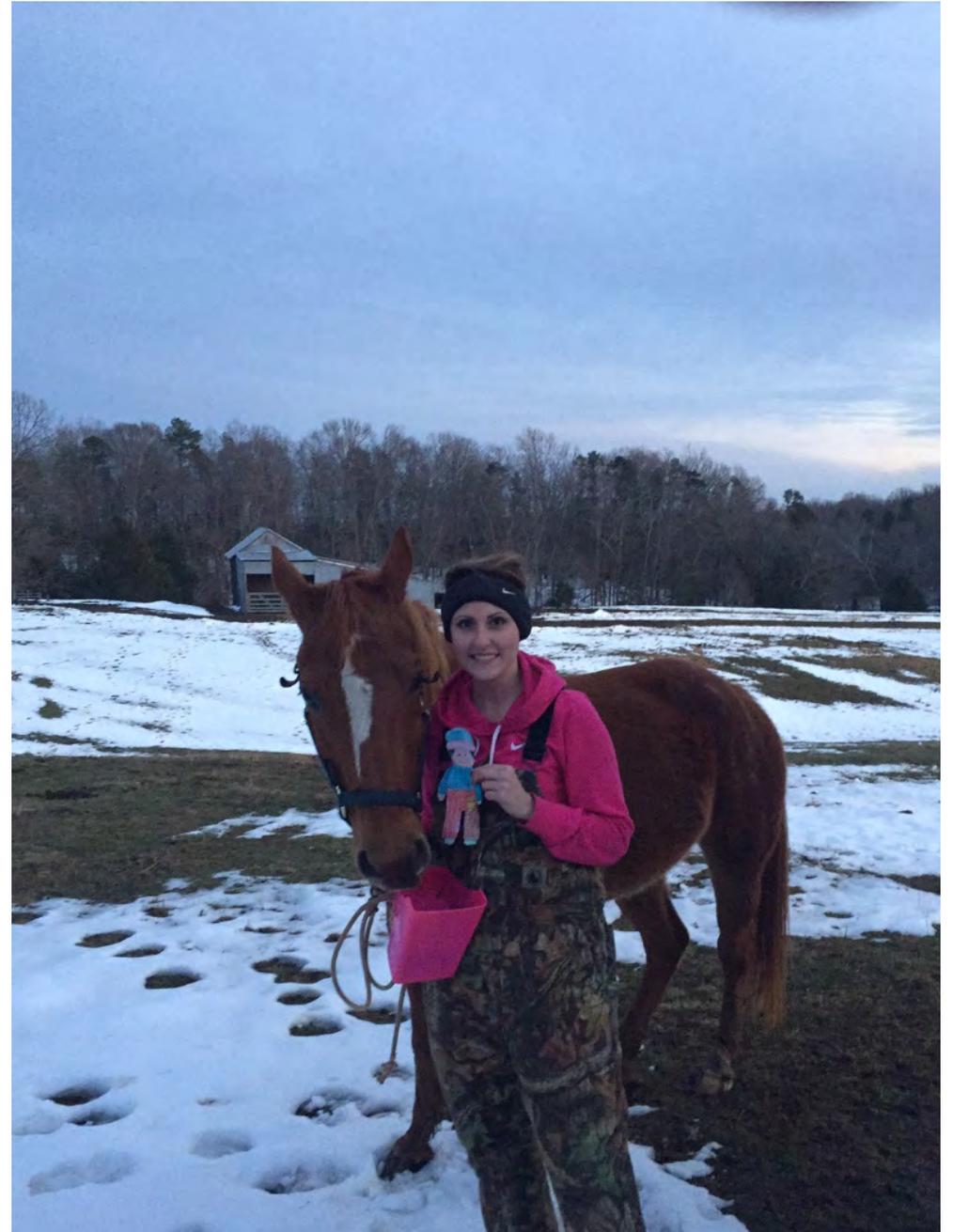
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with Flat Farmer!**





First our Flat Farmer visited my friend Farmer Robert. He has a bale of hay in his truck to feed his cows after work. It is fun to see the truck with hay in our parking lot.

Next Flat Farmer went home with Farmer Whitney to help feed her horse Quincy. She also works for Agriculture in the Classroom. Her family also has cattle.



Flat Farmer helped Farmer Greg and I on our farm in Amelia, Virginia. We have beef cows. Everyday we need to take care of our animals.



First we count the cows to see that all are in the pasture. Charlie is our cow that likes to be rubbed.



Calves are playing in the snow just like boys and girls.



Next we go to the red barn to get feed for our new bull. He is still growing so he gets extra food. Can you find Flat Farmer?



We measure out 3 scoops for Denver the bull. He often brings a few friends to eat. Denver is on the left.





Gathering 5 foot tall hay bales to go in the feeders for the cows. Watch [here](#).





Can you see  
Flat Farmer?





The spear on the tractor goes into the hay bale so it can be moved to the feeder. [Watch the tractor in action!](#)





Here is one  
mama cow  
and her  
baby  
following  
the tractor  
to the bale  
feeder.

Now we need to check to see if the cattle water fountains are working. We give the cows fresh water from a fountain.



The red cow is pushing down the ball on the water fountain and drinking.



Denver the bull has finished his feed goes through the gate to the hay ring.





Farmer Greg and I enjoyed sharing our chores with Flat Farmer.



# Want to take your own trip with Flat Farmer?

- Any online template for Flat Farmer's cousin, Flat Stanley, will work.
- Have students color and cut out Flat Farmer.
- Learn about farms and farmers all across the country by sending them to Agriculture in the Classroom state contacts - <http://www.agclassroom.org/affiliates/contacts.cfm> to ask for their help in sending Flat Farmer along on his journey.

