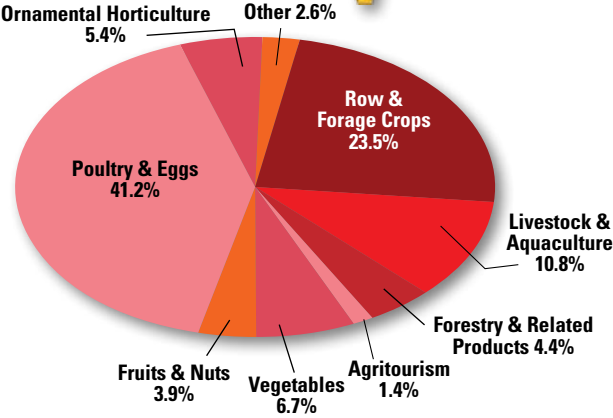
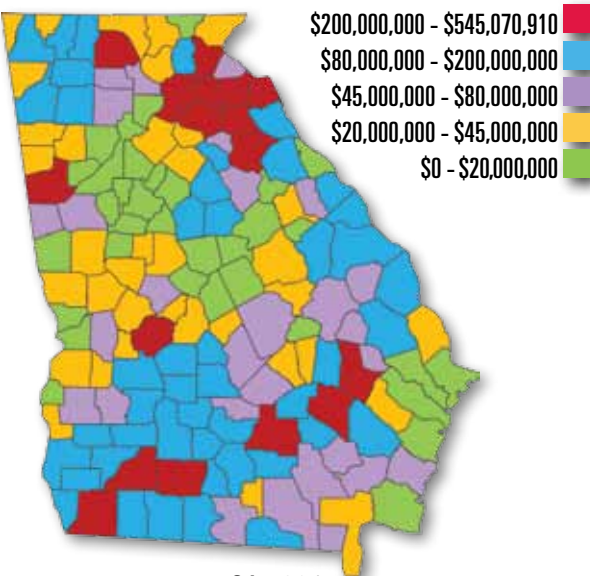


2014 Ag Snapshots

A brief focus on Georgia's agricultural industry



2012 Total Farm Gate Value



2012 Georgia Agricultural Commodity Rankings

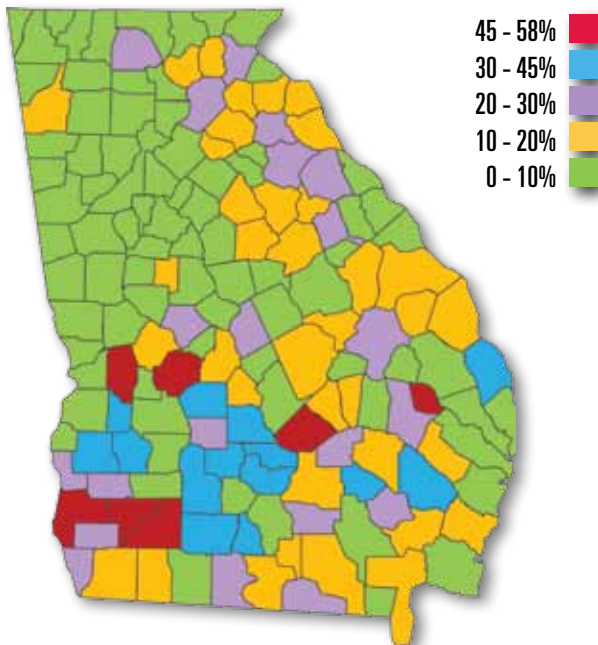
2012 Total Farm Gate Value = \$13.9 billion

2011 = \$13.0 billion

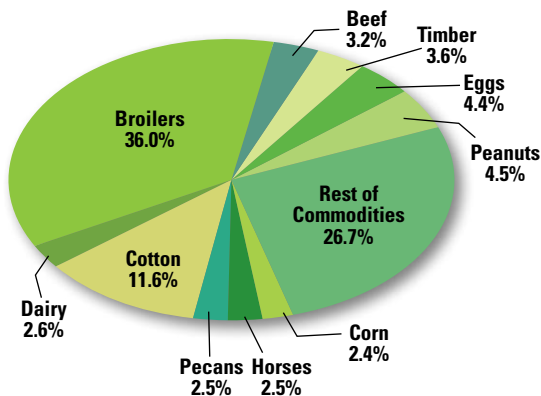
Rank	Commodity	Farm Gate Value	% of GA Total
1	Broilers	\$4,698,860,078	33.8%
2	Cotton	\$1,303,963,388	9.4%
3	Peanuts	\$891,855,186	6.4%
4	Eggs	\$792,868,250	5.7%
5	Beef	\$537,688,093	3.9%
6	Timber	\$523,290,282	3.8%
7	Corn	\$507,140,881	3.7%
8	Horses	\$342,171,919	2.5%
9	Dairy	\$338,351,360	2.4%
10	Greenhouse	\$259,160,015	1.9%
11	Pecans	\$249,298,409	1.8%
12	Blueberries	\$254,853,216	2.0%
13	Breeder Pullet Unit	\$224,937,059	1.6%
14	Ag-based Tourism	\$194,138,372	1.4%
15	Pork	\$171,607,605	1.2%
16	Onions	\$163,045,682	1.2%
17	Watermelon	\$159,552,119	1.2%
18	Container Nursery	\$141,767,646	1.0%
19	Hay	\$130,368,410	0.9%
20	Soybeans	\$126,664,100	0.9%

Economic Importance

Food and fiber production
(plus directly related manufacturing)
as a percentage of total economic output



***\$76.9 billion contribution to
Georgia's \$809.9 billion economy***



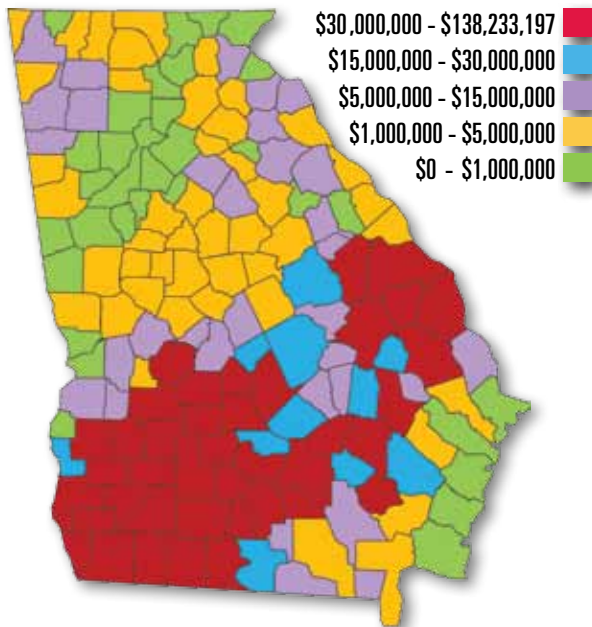
Food and fiber production and directly related processing are key components of Georgia's economy. Agriculture shaped Georgia's history and will continue to be a driving force in local economies across the state.

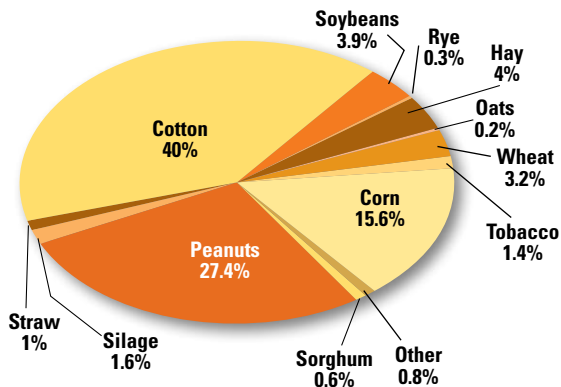
Food and fiber production and directly related processing directly and indirectly generated a **total economic impact of \$76.9 billion** for the state and accounted for **more than 375,800 jobs** in 2012. In nearly two-thirds of Georgia's counties, food and fiber production plus directly related businesses represent the largest or second largest segment of all goods and services produced.

Row & Forage Crops

2012 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$3.3 billion

2011 = \$3.0 billion

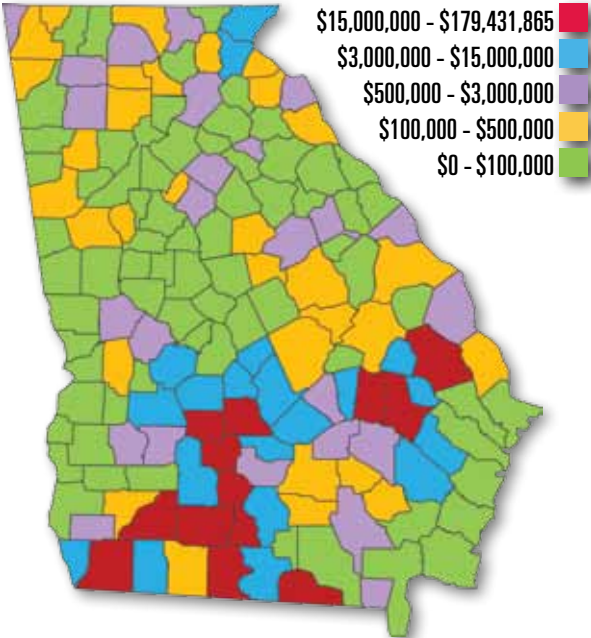


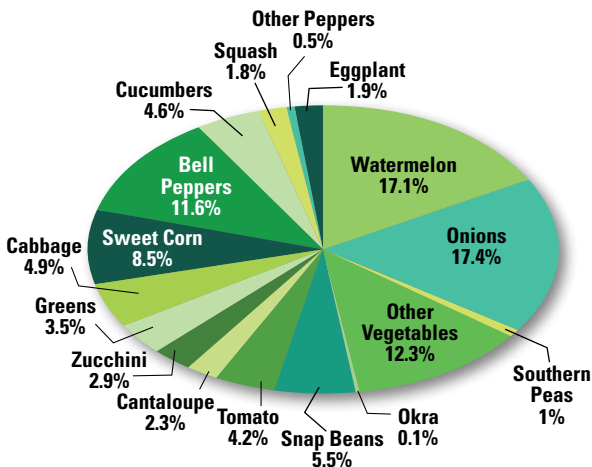


Row and forage crops have traditionally been the backbone of south Georgia agriculture. With 4.5 million acres of cropland, Georgia produced almost half of the nation's peanuts and harvested the second highest cotton acreage in 2012. With long growing seasons and abundant irrigation resources, row and forage crops were responsible for a **\$13.3 billion** impact on the state's economy and represented **more than 67,150 jobs** in 2012.

Vegetables

2012 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$936 million
2011 = \$781 million

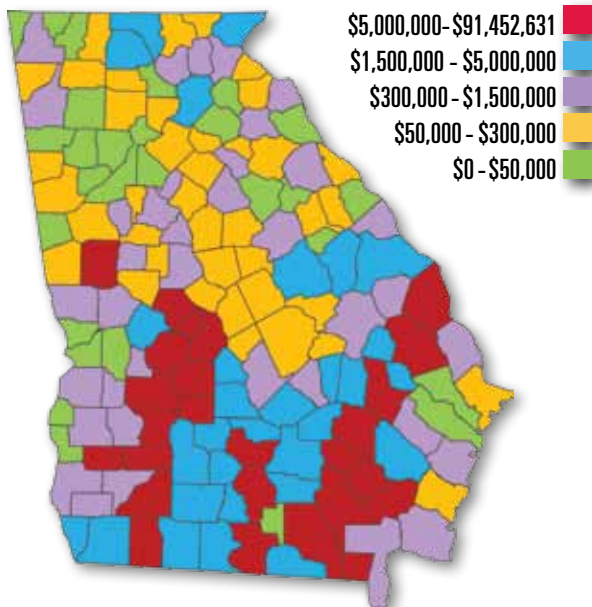


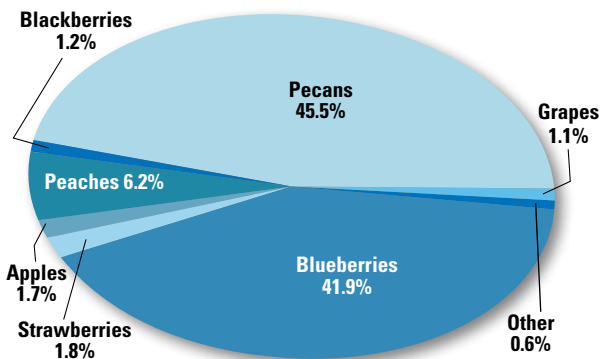


The vegetable industry in Georgia is one of agriculture's most diverse and fastest growing sectors. With a favorable climate often allowing both spring and fall plantings, Georgia ranked among the top four states for fresh market vegetable area harvested, production and value. Vegetable industry production and processing generated a total **economic contribution of \$2.3 billion** and **more than 13,750 jobs** in 2012.

Fruits & Nuts

2012 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$547 million
2011 = \$655 million

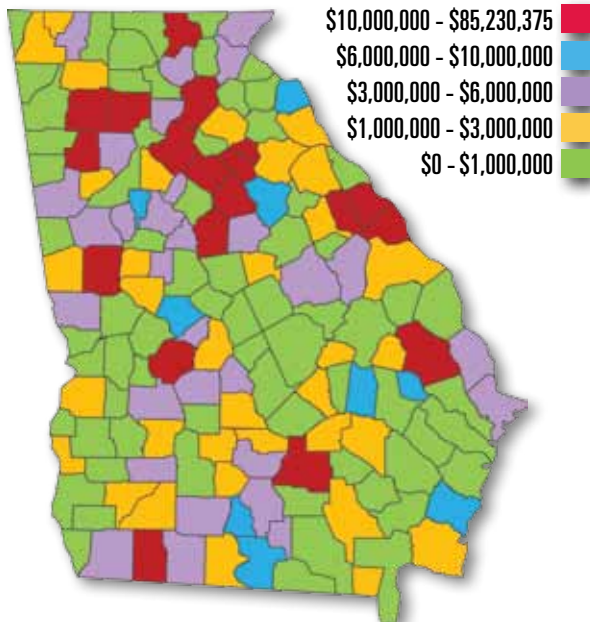


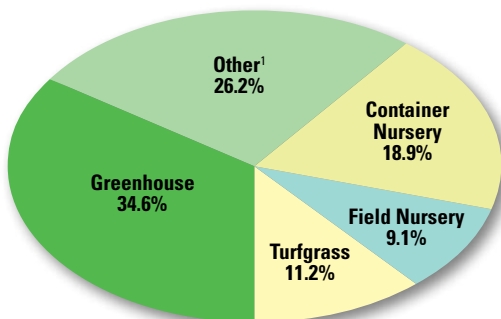


Fruit and tree nuts are important staples in the diet, and many types are grown in Georgia due to its favorable climate. Peaches have long been a trademark and are the state's official fruit. Additionally, Georgia has ranked first in pecan production for the past 17 years. The fruit and nut industry **contributed a total of \$2.3 billion** to the state in 2012 and represented **nearly 12,800 jobs.**

Ornamental Horticulture

2012 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$749 million
2011 = \$568 million





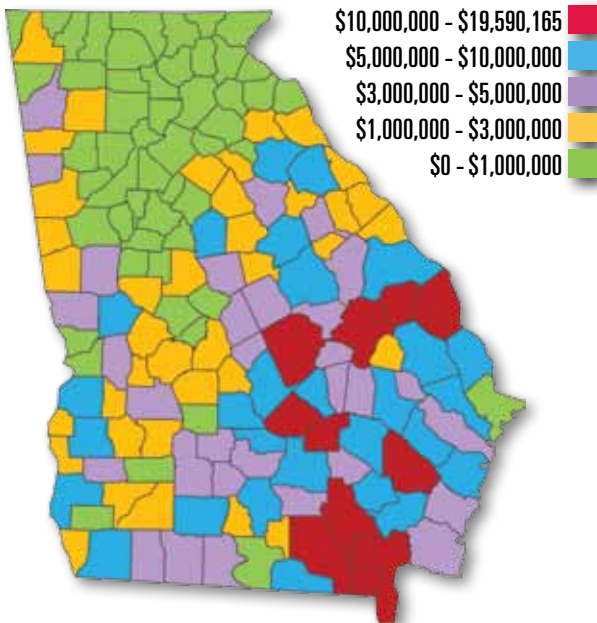
Ornamental horticulture provides a wide range of opportunities scattered across the state. This industry includes ornamentals and other plants in addition to landscape services. Greenhouses and container nurseries both ranked among the top 20 Georgia agricultural commodities in 2012. Green industry production, landscape services and processing generated a total **economic contribution of \$6.4 billion** and accounted for **more than 67,800 jobs**.

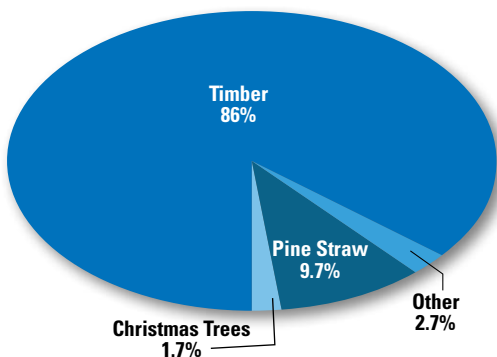
¹An increase in the total value of the Ornamental Horticulture - Other category may be partially attributed to a change in survey methodology which included a broader variety of commodities.

Forestry & Products

2012 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$609 million

2011 = \$547 million



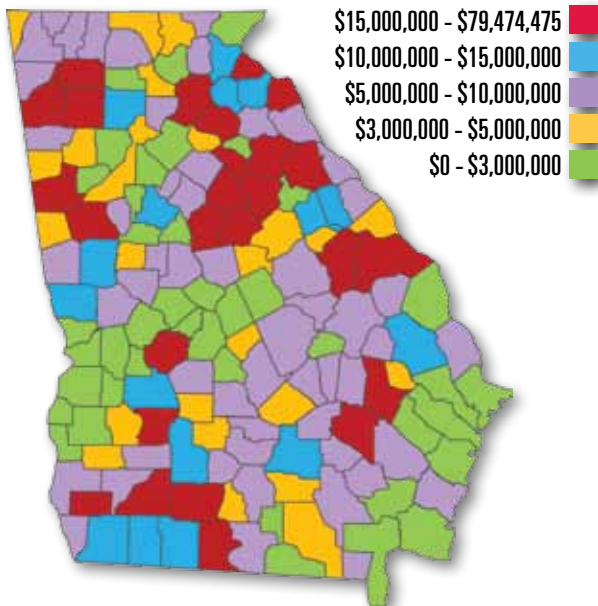


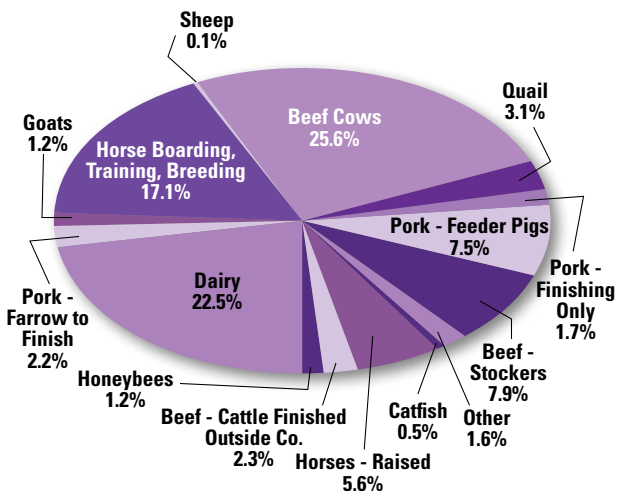
Forests affect nearly every aspect of our lives by providing the raw materials for home building, paper, packaging and many other uses. Forests shape our landscape, help stabilize our farms and enhance our cities. Timber production ranked sixth highest in farm gate value in 2012. Forest industry production and processing accounted for a total **economic contribution of \$15.9 billion** and **nearly 65,800 jobs**.

Livestock & Aquaculture

2012 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.5 billion

2011 = \$1.3 billion



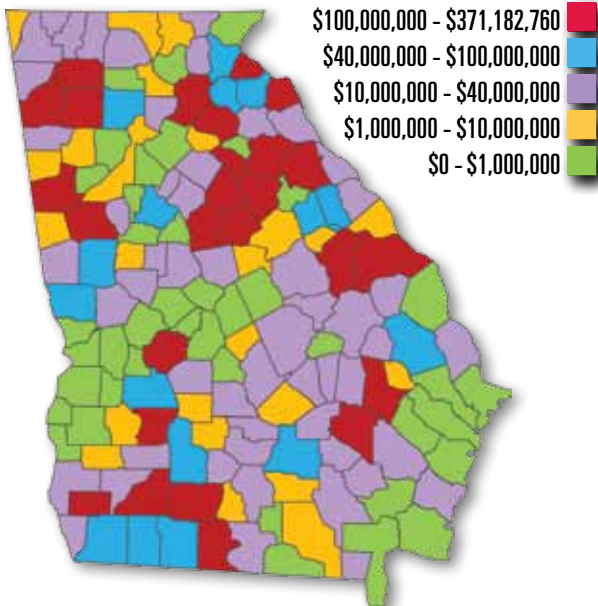


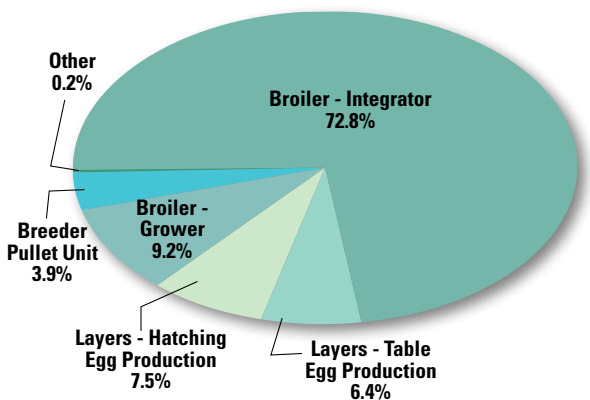
Livestock has long been an important component of Georgia's agricultural economy with beef and dairy among the top 10 commodities. Raising and breeding horses has become a significant industry, and an increasing interest in goats, quail and catfish production keeps this industry dynamic. Livestock and aquaculture production and processing generated a total **economic contribution of \$5.5 billion** to Georgia and led to **nearly 37,400 jobs** around the state.

Poultry & Eggs

2012 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$5.7 billion

2011 = \$5.5 billion

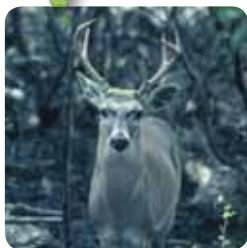
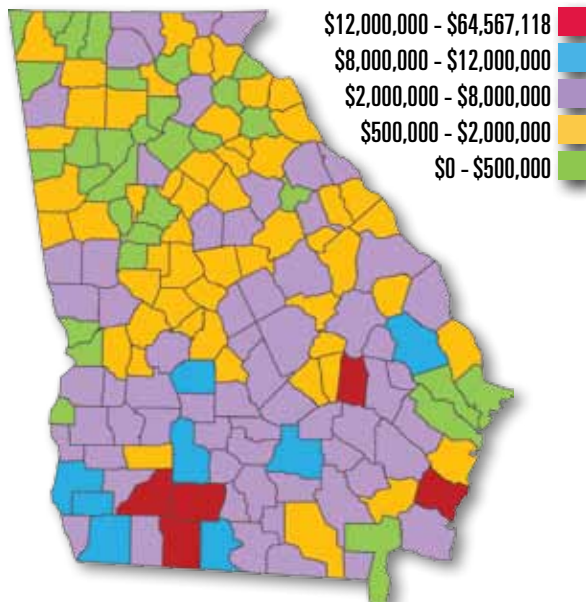


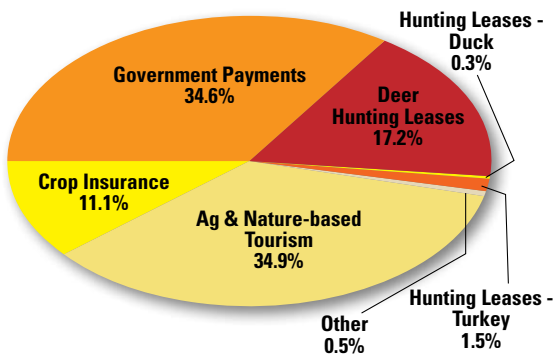


As Georgia's most valuable agricultural sector, the poultry-egg industry has dramatically increased in size over several decades, with more than two-thirds of the state's 159 counties now involved in production. Georgia has led the nation in broiler production for 29 consecutive years. Poultry-egg production and processing **contributed \$38.3 billion** to the state in 2012 and **more than 138,000 jobs**.

Agritourism & Other Income

2012 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$557 million
2011 = \$698 million

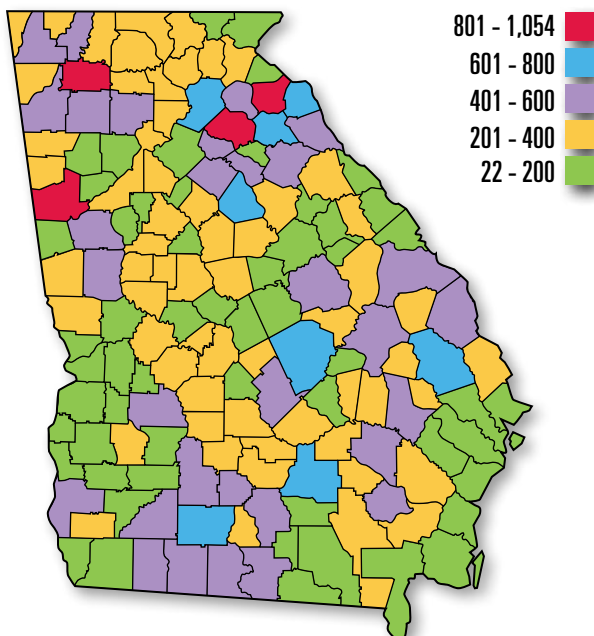




Both ag-based and nature-based tourism play a major role in making Georgia a destination for increasing numbers of tourists. Millions of residents and nonresidents enjoy abundant fishing, hunting and wildlife watching opportunities. Government payments, other than those directly related to crop production, are important for environmental and conservation programs across the state.

Number of Farms

2007 U.S. Census of Agriculture data



Number of farms = 47,846

Land in farms = 10,150,539 acres

Average farm size = 212 acres

Harvested cropland = 3,390,437 acres

Market value of agricultural products sold = \$7.1 billion

Total farm production expenses = \$6 billion

Number of Farms by Size

Less than 10 acres = 7.3% (3,504)
10 to 49 acres = 33.9% (16,243)
50 to 179 acres = 34% (16,244)
180 to 499 acres = 15.5% (74,321)
500 to 999 acres = 5.2% (2,470)
1000+ acres = 4.1% (1,953)

Number of Farms by Value of Sales

Less than \$2,500 = 48.9% (23,391)
\$2,500 to \$4,999 = 9.3% (4,450)
\$5,000 to \$9,999 = 9.5% (4,527)
\$10,000 to \$24,999 = 10.3% (4,906)
\$25,000 to \$49,999 = 4.8% (2,308)
\$50,000 to \$99,999 = 3.1% (1,491)
\$100,000 or more = 14.2% (6,773)

Farmers, Principal Operator

Worked 200+ days off farm = 39.9% (19,087)
Average age of principal operator = 57.8 yrs.
Female = 15.7% (7,532)
Black = 4.3% (2,072)
Hispanic = 0.8% (365)

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**Georgia Conservation Reserve Program Acreage:
309,006 active acres as of October 2012**

Source: USDA-FSA Conservation Reserve Program

**Irrigation system acres = 1,446,754
Acres of irrigated crops = 1,548,772**

Source: 2008 Irrigation Survey, UGA Extension, Tifton, GA

**752 million gallons per day state water withdrawals
for irrigation**

Source: Fanning, J.L. and Trent, V.P., "Water Use in Georgia by County for 2005; and Water Use Trends, 1980-2005," U. S. Geological Survey

County Economic Importance

Ag, Food & Fiber-Related Industries TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION			
County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Appling	220,186,342	386,153,892	1,837
Atkinson	111,184,080	129,699,488	436
Bacon	163,148,958	301,930,357	1,647
Baker	122,156,973	156,380,501	679
Baldwin	15,659,106	81,188,655	721
Banks	293,602,693	474,324,743	1,509
Barrow	34,938,503	448,559,878	1,782
Bartow	92,058,366	193,388,092	1,405
Ben Hill	65,974,366	478,095,020	1,551
Berrien	121,367,845	176,405,156	969
Bibb	9,191,087	818,173,947	3,708
Bleckley	43,183,990	54,988,052	521
Brantley	49,794,314	97,648,708	626
Brooks	190,163,272	249,032,843	1,360
Bryan	12,066,230	19,862,968	293
Bulloch	179,548,288	355,634,128	2,554
Burke	147,022,705	198,058,957	1,532
Butts	13,772,550	21,263,759	415
Calhoun	105,838,606	129,372,651	538
Camden	10,736,328	161,347,469	663
Candler	60,317,991	81,382,398	652
Carroll	252,156,158	695,666,358	3,222
Catoosa	43,092,025	76,257,063	746
Charlton	23,242,500	46,231,729	342
Chatham	5,106,398	1,403,461,812	5,359
Chattahoochee	516,135	918,862	7
Chattooga	21,901,174	56,582,065	527
Cherokee	63,846,208	545,109,015	3,813
Clarke	47,281,457	1,015,215,196	3,729
Clay	29,215,275	32,761,036	194
Clayton	11,420,589	404,798,150	2,530
Clinch	52,564,558	87,246,212	611
Cobb	5,730,726	1,036,216,187	6,958
Coffee	298,694,418	723,311,184	2,881
Colquitt	545,070,910	2,158,855,095	7,502
Columbia	96,756,318	447,586,563	3,525
Cook	99,279,655	134,317,502	813
Coweta	50,280,094	227,708,501	4,118
Crawford	51,594,019	68,929,705	473

Ag, Food & Fiber-Related Industries TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION			
County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Crisp	97,776,656	441,132,714	1,563
Dade	32,226,421	33,487,080	303
Dawson	52,117,778	68,556,290	347
Decatur	201,055,412	306,669,786	1,505
DeKalb	3,479,359	1,681,912,052	8,916
Dodge	69,777,570	94,282,583	883
Dooly	154,666,818	559,835,511	1,732
Dougherty	97,461,343	545,482,129	3,163
Douglas	3,061,819	108,945,030	585
Early	133,018,592	770,599,373	2,628
Echols	153,059,829	179,359,574	1,756
Effingham	37,605,602	1,501,174,683	4,177
Elbert	114,720,497	368,794,092	1,313
Emanuel	66,955,631	514,564,781	2,137
Evans	70,158,188	845,385,217	2,836
Fannin	40,171,624	54,080,011	505
Fayette	12,172,345	98,105,372	1,389
Floyd	105,033,026	1,093,253,138	4,125
Forsyth	14,596,454	1,415,664,510	5,171
Franklin	399,575,898	465,684,266	1,381
Fulton	4,936,730	1,917,820,198	10,172
Gilmer	211,562,092	815,243,230	2,705
GlascocK	15,800,370	18,658,091	235
Glynn	62,408,480	1,003,688,358	4,810
Gordon	178,973,175	290,081,729	1,365
Grady	169,869,397	324,725,353	1,971
Greene	63,993,396	112,128,022	983
Gwinnett	29,742,874	1,134,653,541	9,116
Habersham	327,899,046	1,016,672,985	3,658
Hall	298,175,501	5,410,574,413	17,208
Hancock	14,422,020	25,723,695	327
Haralson	40,085,934	103,480,757	399
Harris	26,980,463	90,751,642	1,242
Hart	322,935,901	398,846,098	1,056
Heard	69,227,468	86,661,132	457
Henry	18,690,147	88,244,836	1,840
Houston	33,277,686	2,232,165,969	6,471
Irwin	110,940,276	213,998,554	738
Jackson	371,869,993	1,137,437,750	3,885
Jasper	88,069,778	137,670,535	2,402
Jeff Davis	91,529,742	314,688,301	1,648

Ag, Food & Fiber-Related Industries TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION			
County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Jefferson	83,969,726	249,383,121	1,790
Jenkins	63,207,971	77,493,893	526
Johnson	27,570,838	50,148,573	621
Jones	17,500,716	28,797,444	431
Lamar	41,071,479	174,782,100	814
Lanier	24,673,985	52,213,577	479
Laurens	51,845,661	357,370,181	2,255
Lee	113,695,930	138,569,053	1,016
Liberty	6,886,034	226,430,107	591
Lincoln	14,207,925	26,612,868	744
Long	35,903,107	39,837,023	226
Lowndes	70,754,314	1,630,466,705	4,938
Lumpkin	44,439,099	144,489,880	528
Macon	249,311,265	629,032,683	1,936
Madison	345,560,955	384,625,972	1,251
Marion	46,113,747	327,582,122	1,163
McDuffie	47,752,568	96,738,487	1,604
McIntosh	7,171,510	10,974,514	64
Meriwether	40,105,745	59,393,758	1,331
Miller	128,235,114	156,158,998	694
Mitchell	389,291,987	1,699,894,635	6,914
Monroe	39,611,155	85,833,627	680
Montgomery	37,531,361	49,879,169	721
Morgan	137,670,265	209,170,976	1,628
Murray	111,602,859	124,994,220	443
Muscogee	390,401	225,349,492	1,496
Newton	16,931,193	125,255,682	1,111
Oconee	80,225,104	126,524,296	1,028
Oglethorpe	272,807,460	305,065,426	1,445
Paulding	43,547,687	93,216,958	1,177
Peach	37,704,160	59,125,821	688
Pickens	58,763,375	86,529,724	450
Pierce	66,077,878	179,746,851	1,258
Pike	19,387,502	24,950,635	322
Polk	27,608,854	188,885,783	993
Pulaski	107,581,438	197,693,042	806
Putnam	96,109,329	236,446,130	1,270
Quitman	3,992,414	7,753,677	72
Rabun	26,471,769	90,304,891	565
Randolph	69,387,665	156,288,107	1,061

Ag, Food & Fiber-Related Industries TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION			
County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Richmond	96,997,095	2,083,551,917	7,571
Rockdale	14,537,172	406,911,515	2,379
Schley	32,463,394	36,928,044	149
Screven	84,280,804	222,283,713	1,152
Seminole	110,041,354	218,488,376	1,086
Spalding	8,222,407	54,742,094	297
Stephens	72,330,781	107,047,132	432
Stewart	24,815,755	30,803,251	216
Sumter	130,587,467	289,088,159	1,642
Talbot	21,742,708	32,546,272	496
Taliaferro	3,019,897	5,027,387	47
Tattnall	275,415,348	372,204,531	2,773
Taylor	37,911,833	44,328,465	298
Telfair	51,341,179	590,205,634	2,247
Terrell	75,585,553	294,630,152	1,125
Thomas	98,855,312	280,222,250	2,937
Tift	161,487,499	470,348,532	2,338
Toombs	140,746,381	280,975,293	2,131
Towns	11,352,868	17,479,698	366
Treutlen	17,266,381	20,848,943	273
Troup	15,858,879	61,027,791	895
Turner	98,273,286	195,715,633	661
Twiggs	19,369,302	27,884,986	210
Union	24,960,804	45,114,787	534
Upton	36,678,487	106,162,148	582
Walker	90,661,896	109,942,122	725
Walton	44,609,510	82,098,949	831
Ware	54,992,025	119,079,062	991
Warren	27,396,142	61,129,724	691
Washington	42,350,761	97,756,880	961
Wayne	81,563,863	746,628,833	2,215
Webster	25,646,384	82,655,837	469
Wheeler	26,508,355	42,224,911	390
White	93,375,732	163,848,984	673
Whitfield	82,477,726	120,879,032	761
Wilcox	101,772,510	120,315,891	629
Wilkes	97,160,077	249,467,598	1,107
Wilkinson	11,985,375	23,028,801	179
Worth	167,496,365	393,623,823	1,655

Based on 2012 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report

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