

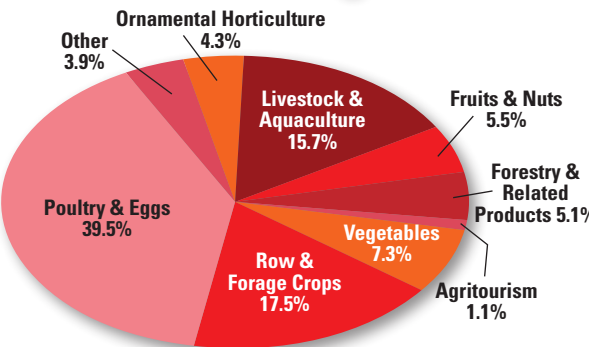
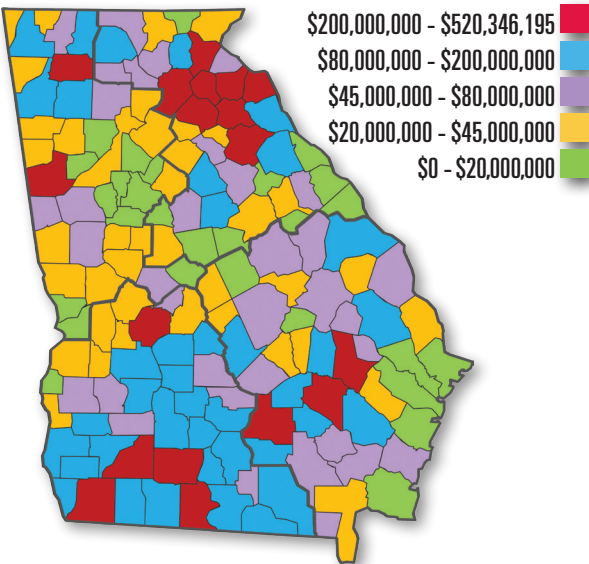
2016Ag Snapshots

A brief focus on Georgia's agricultural industry



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2014 Total Farm Gate Value



2014 Georgia Agricultural Commodity Rankings

2014 Total Farm Gate Value = \$14 billion

2013 = \$13.6 billion

Rank	Commodity	Farm Gate Value	Percent of GA Total
1	Broilers	\$4,543,256,669	32.47%
2	Beef	\$1,003,190,044	7.17%
3	Cotton	\$964,678,523	6.90%
4	Eggs	\$822,870,998	5.88%
5	Timber	\$601,805,142	4.30%
6	Peanuts	\$563,933,740	4.03%
7	Dairy	\$438,112,611	3.13%
8	Blueberries	\$335,250,992	2.40%
9	Horses	\$333,328,738	2.38%
10	Pecans	\$313,313,250	2.24%
11	Pork	\$269,040,986	1.92%
12	Greenhouse	\$265,397,311	1.90%
13	Corn	\$264,768,473	1.89%
14	Ag-based Tourism	\$156,092,226	1.12%
15	Hay	\$152,922,872	1.09%
16	Container Nursery	\$146,818,855	1.05%
17	Breeder Pullet Unit	\$142,877,184	1.02%
18	Onions	\$138,255,865	0.99%
19	Watermelon	\$134,206,241	0.96%
20	Soybeans	\$125,066,896	0.89%

2014 National Agricultural Commodity Rankings*

Georgia Ranking	Commodity
1	Blueberries
1	Broilers
1	Peanuts**
1	Pecans
1	Rye**
1	Spring Season Onions
2	Cotton**
2	Cucumbers
2	Total Pullets**
2	Watermelon
3	Bell Peppers
3	Peaches
3	Sweet Corn

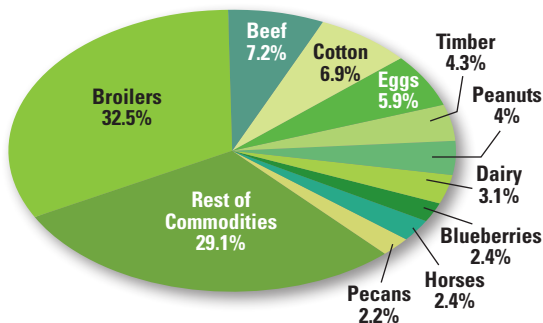
Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service and UGA Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development Georgia Farm Gate Value Report data.

* Ranking in terms of production value unless otherwise noted. Data for some states not available due to nondisclosure, which could affect the Georgia ranking.

** Data ranking in terms of production, not production value.

Agriculture accounted for a \$74.3 billion output contribution to Georgia's \$907.7 billion economy.

Top 10 Georgia Commodities by Value



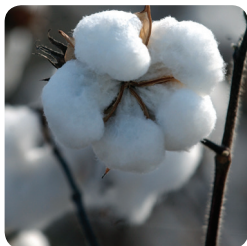
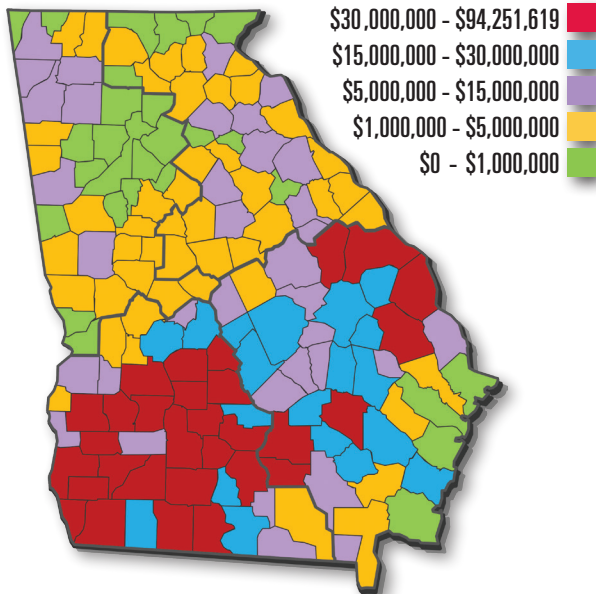
Food and fiber production and directly related processing are key components of Georgia's economy. Agriculture shaped Georgia's history and will continue to be a driving force in local economies across the state and the nation.

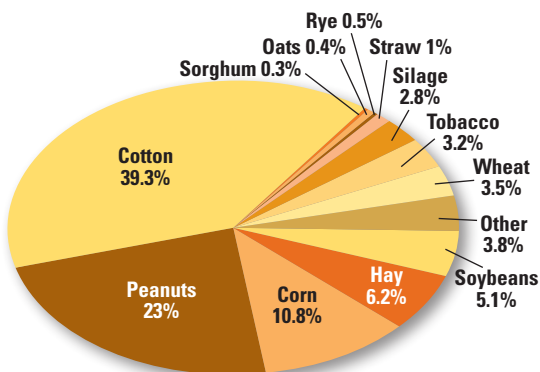
Food and fiber production and directly related processing directly and indirectly generated a **total economic contribution of \$74.3 billion** for the state and accounted for **more than 411,500 jobs** in 2014.

Row & Forage Crops

2014 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$2.5 billion

2013 = \$2.9 billion

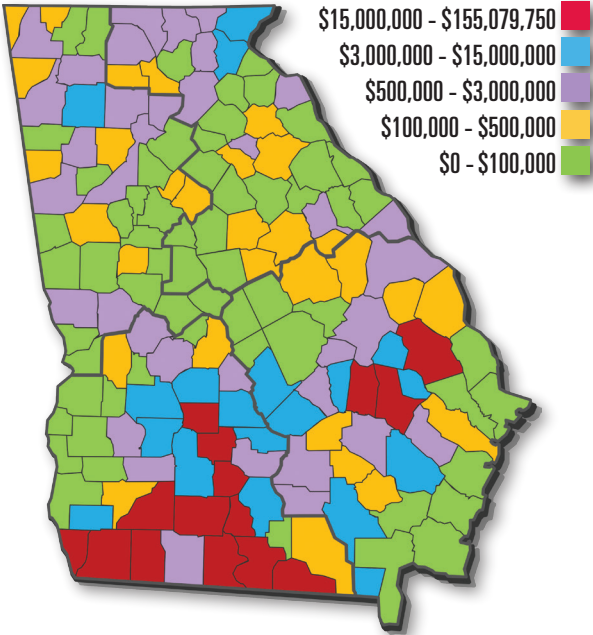


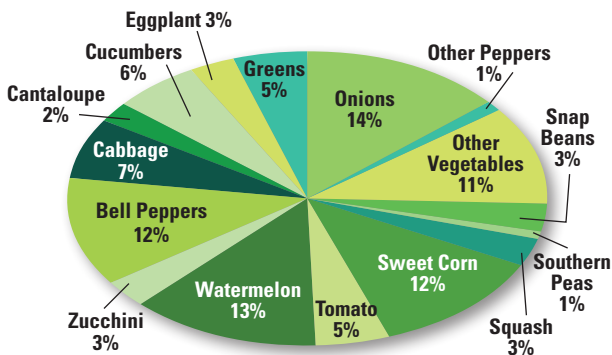


Row and forage crops have traditionally been the backbone of south Georgia agriculture. With 4.5 million acres of cropland, Georgia produced almost half of the nation's peanuts and harvested the second highest cotton acreage in 2014. With long growing seasons and abundant irrigation resources, row and forage crops were responsible for approximately **\$12 billion** of the state's economy and represented **nearly 76,000 jobs** in 2014.

Vegetables

2014 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1 billion
2013 = \$998 million

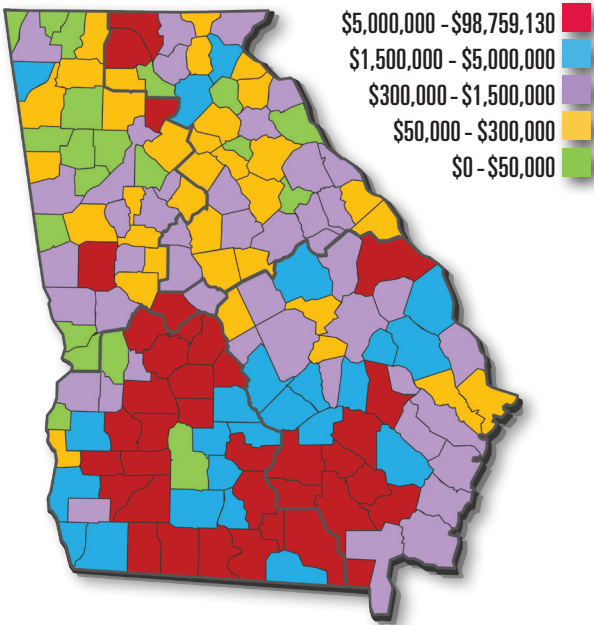


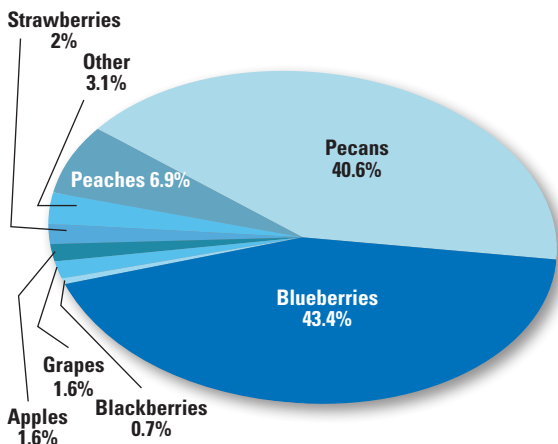


The vegetable industry in Georgia is one of agriculture's most diverse and fastest growing sectors. With a favorable climate often allowing both spring and fall plantings, Georgia ranked among the top five states for fresh market vegetable area harvested, in production and value. Vegetable industry production and processing generated a total economic contribution of **\$2.4 billion** and **more than 14,000 jobs** in 2014.

Fruits & Nuts

2014 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$772 million
2013 = \$729 million



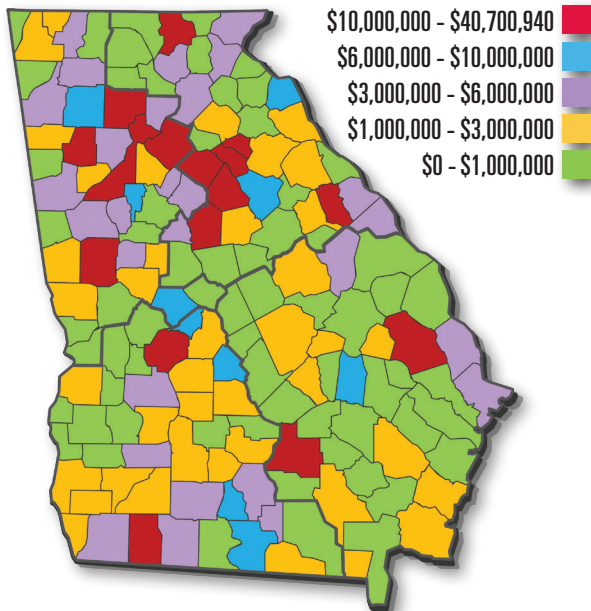


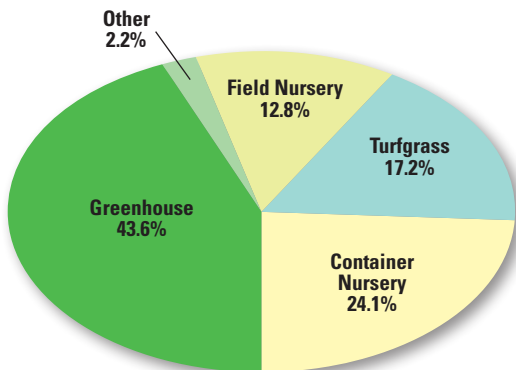
Fruit and tree nuts are important staples in the diet, and many types are grown in Georgia due to its favorable climate. Peaches have long been a trademark of Georgia and are the state's official fruit. Georgia has ranked first in pecan production for the past 19 years, with blueberries ranked first for the last two years. The fruit and nut industry contributed a total of **\$2.1 billion** to the state in 2014 and accounted for **nearly 17,000 jobs**.

Ornamental Horticulture

2014 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$608 million

2013 = \$562 million

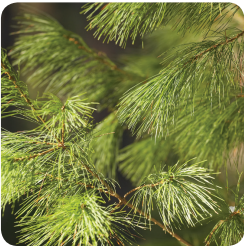
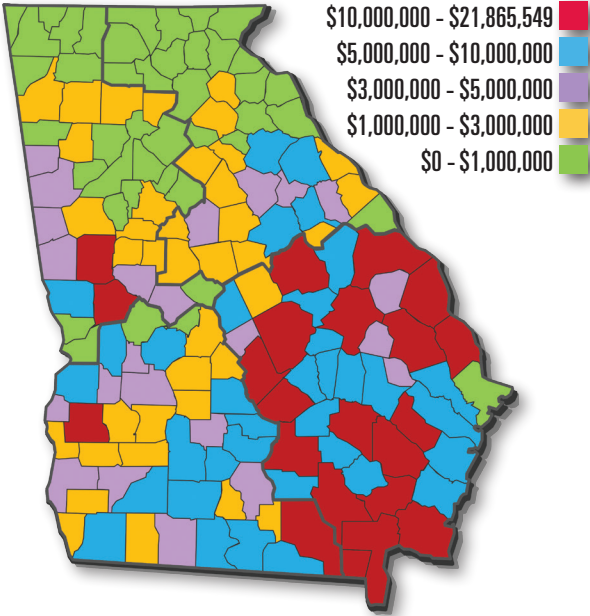


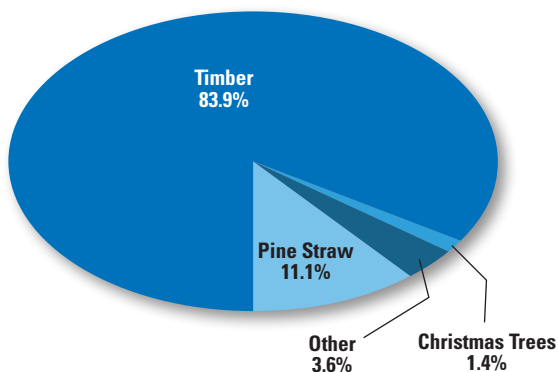


Ornamental horticulture provides a wide range of opportunities scattered across the state. This industry includes ornamentals and other plants in addition to landscape services. Greenhouses and container nurseries both ranked among the top 20 Georgia agricultural commodities in 2014. Green industry production, landscape services and processing generated a total economic contribution of **\$7.1 billion** and accounted for **more than 76,500 jobs**.

Forestry & Products

2014 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$717 million
2013 = \$607 million

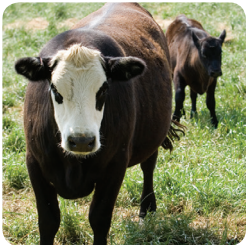
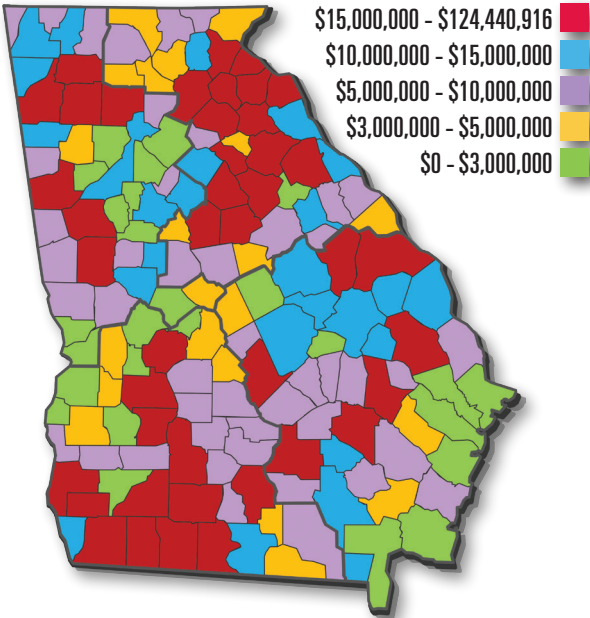


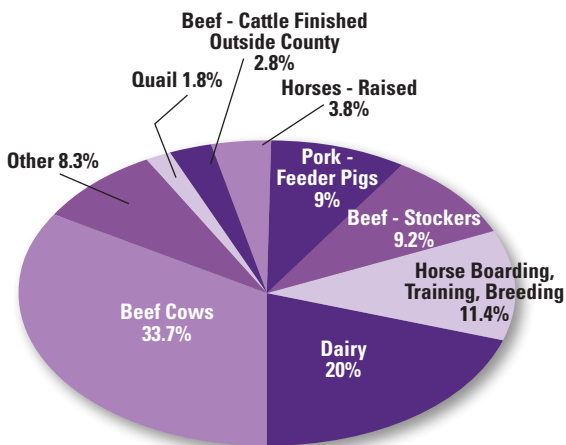


Forests affect nearly every aspect of our lives by providing the raw materials for home building, paper, packaging and many other uses. Forests shape our landscape, help stabilize our farms and enhance our cities. Timber production ranked fifth highest in farm gate value in 2014. Forest industry production and processing accounted for a total economic contribution of **\$17.3 billion** and **nearly 73,000 jobs**.

Livestock & Aquaculture

2014 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$2.2 billion
2013 = \$1.7 billion



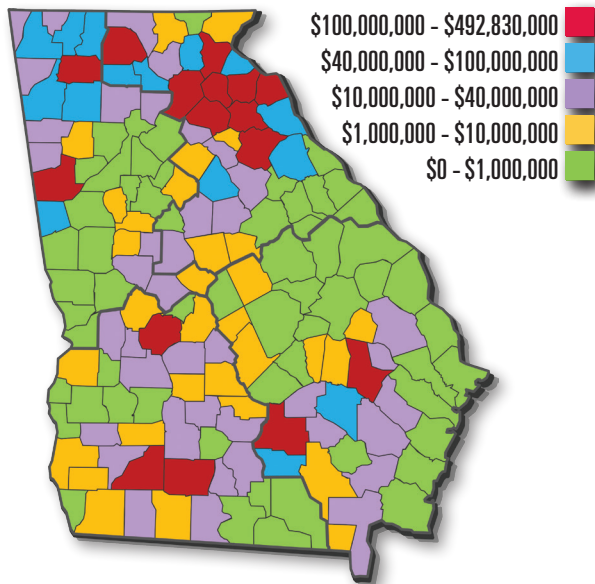


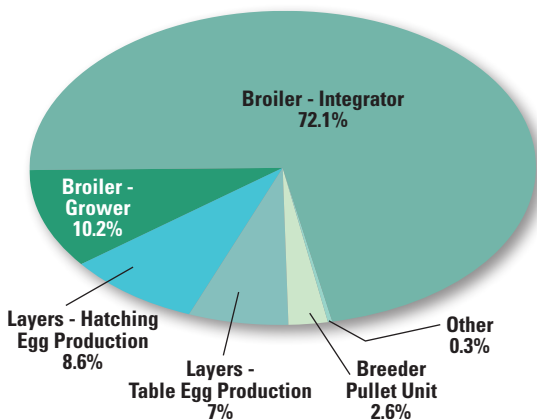
Livestock has long been an important component of Georgia's agricultural economy, with beef and dairy among the top 10 commodities. Raising and breeding horses has become a significant industry, and increasing interest in goat, quail and catfish production keeps this industry dynamic. Livestock and aquaculture production and processing generated a total economic contribution of **\$7.5 billion** to Georgia and led to **nearly 46,500 jobs** around the state in 2014.

Poultry & Eggs

2014 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$5.5 billion

2013 = \$5.4 billion



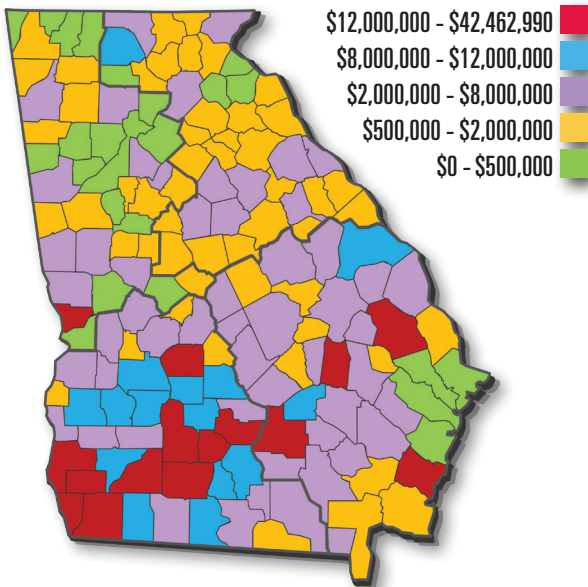


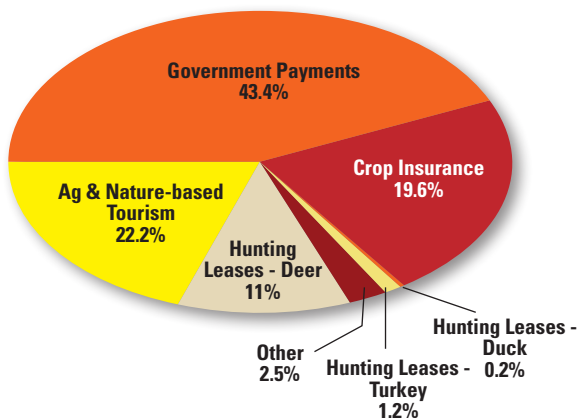
As Georgia's most valuable agricultural sector, the poultry-egg industry has dramatically increased in size, with more than two-thirds of the state's 159 counties now involved in production. Georgia has led the nation in broiler production for several decades. Poultry-egg production and processing contributed **\$25.5 billion** to the state in 2014 and **nearly 103,700 jobs**.

Agritourism & Other Income

2014 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$703 million

2013 = \$698 million

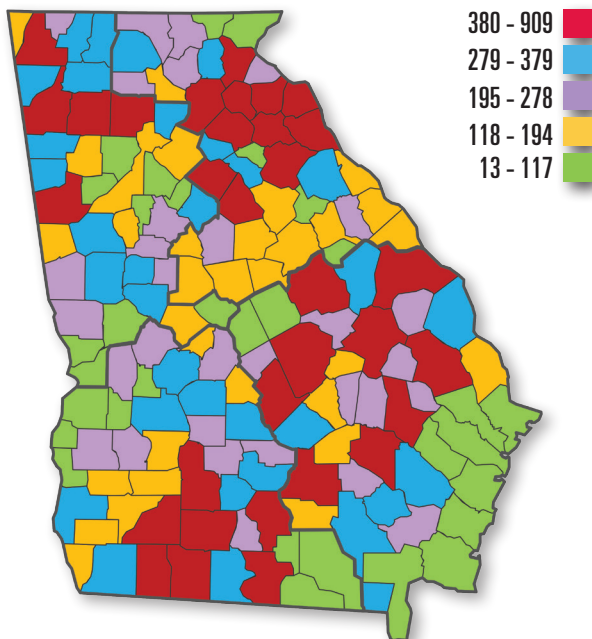




Both agriculture-based and nature-based tourism play a major role in making Georgia a destination for increasing numbers of tourists. Millions of residents and nonresidents enjoy abundant fishing, hunting and wildlife-watching opportunities. Government payments, other than those directly related to crop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

Number of Farms

2012 U.S. Census of Agriculture data



Number of farms = 42,257

Land in farms = 9,620,836 acres

Average farm size = 228 acres

Harvested cropland = 3,609,788 acres

Market value of agricultural products sold = \$9.26 billion

Total farm production expenses = \$7.5 billion

Number of Farms by Size

1 - 9 acres	3,025 (7.2%)
10 - 49 acres	13,834 (32.7%)
50 - 179 acres	14,671 (34.7%)
180 - 499 acres	6,334 (15%)
500 - 999 acres	2,284 (5.4%)
1,000 - 1,999 acres	1,375 (3.3%)
2,000 acres or more	734 (1.7%)

Number of Farms by Value of Sales

Less than \$2,500	18,372 (43.5%)
\$2,500 - \$4,999	3,951 (9.3%)
\$5,000 - \$9,999	4,139 (9.8%)
\$10,000 - \$24,999	4,704 (11.1%)
\$25,000 - \$49,999	2,232 (5.3%)
\$50,000 - \$99,999	1,552 (3.7%)
\$100,000 - \$499,999	2,144 (5.1%)
\$500,000 or more	5,163 (12.2%)

Farmers, Principal Operator

Worked 200-plus days off farm	38.3% (16,199)
Average age of principal owner	59.9
Female	15.1% (6,404)
Black	4.7% (1,986)
Hispanic	1% (443)

DID YOU KNOW?

You could make 516 million pairs of blue jeans from Georgia's annual cotton production.

It takes 540 peanuts to make a 12 oz. jar of peanut butter.

You could make 11 basketballs from the hide of one cow.

County Economic Importance

Ag, Food & Fiber-Related Industries' TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION			
County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Appling	224,235,665	343,815,502	2,131
Atkinson	115,261,353	144,315,121	737
Bacon	165,106,644	395,637,619	3,165
Baker	123,868,386	158,133,248	889
Baldwin	15,260,991	45,693,526	672
Banks	321,746,582	407,335,764	1,275
Barrow	34,781,018	408,233,829	2,752
Bartow	99,469,348	333,761,601	1,972
Ben Hill	53,948,879	355,228,683	1,970
Berrien	137,567,117	172,986,877	1,737
Bibb	11,148,223	1,049,744,675	3,763
Bleckley	31,633,168	46,810,872	791
Brantley	60,966,839	146,623,280	1,078
Brooks	210,323,564	273,435,202	1,594
Bryan	11,891,014	20,942,159	446
Bulloch	149,648,830	379,312,647	3,213
Burke	144,950,576	235,686,260	1,468
Butts	18,915,504	34,369,909	775
Calhoun	87,494,202	108,147,255	732
Camden	13,660,354	34,390,598	1,120
Candler	68,263,622	87,065,511	2,005
Carroll	270,848,701	570,440,665	4,060
Catoosa	34,052,334	176,880,972	974
Charlton	31,214,172	65,021,920	620
Chatham	5,727,141	1,437,765,180	5,468
Chattahoochee	1,735	625,144	26
Chattooga	41,138,679	93,630,230	990
Cherokee	52,243,289	432,663,316	3,871
Clarke	42,979,937	787,449,605	4,226
Clay	25,285,978	27,872,541	330
Clayton	11,477,879	213,294,848	2,423
Clinch	114,064,509	159,585,489	925
Cobb	7,868,156	1,277,270,632	8,756
Coffee	271,198,235	634,622,997	3,525
Colquitt	447,584,209	1,446,203,088	7,686
Columbia	15,565,231	232,343,762	2,226
Cook	90,734,763	151,339,623	1,242
Coweta	55,710,256	345,169,607	4,505
Crawford	55,179,213	76,058,490	704

Ag, Food & Fiber-Related Industries' TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION			
County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Crisp	97,161,003	417,111,135	1,969
Dade	29,713,469	34,728,589	267
Dawson	56,865,325	121,427,417	721
Decatur	235,188,906	391,060,501	2,559
DeKalb	5,865,321	2,074,177,132	10,625
Dodge	81,819,036	110,604,936	1,856
Dooly	130,889,758	387,457,173	2,388
Dougherty	68,375,320	454,815,661	2,824
Douglas	2,101,534	46,479,481	860
Early	106,430,357	762,124,268	3,081
Echols	162,416,545	224,337,368	3,055
Effingham	36,931,501	1,248,628,269	3,359
Elbert	113,158,077	307,949,103	1,541
Emanuel	64,249,919	433,543,857	2,140
Evans	60,198,487	610,558,056	2,764
Fannin	45,493,865	67,483,677	751
Fayette	9,446,934	133,087,082	1,741
Floyd	97,187,020	1,515,379,969	4,812
Forsyth	35,397,924	1,148,997,781	6,058
Franklin	403,653,114	534,494,609	1,679
Fulton	27,259,497	1,583,582,408	7,660
Gilmer	197,714,343	592,526,688	2,357
GlascocK	18,490,745	20,017,693	403
Glynn	75,362,033	784,472,558	5,043
Gordon	252,857,038	653,017,124	2,037
Grady	161,255,657	273,763,414	2,941
Greene	73,432,938	230,599,619	1,541
Gwinnett	20,279,828	1,554,282,917	10,048
Habersham	276,794,382	789,805,185	2,913
Hall	326,899,934	4,125,263,209	17,937
Hancock	20,577,246	24,957,343	408
Haralson	41,301,157	95,120,989	463
Harris	23,645,400	258,606,473	2,591
Hart	340,197,093	521,824,502	1,597
Heard	67,358,044	87,843,341	483
Henry	18,547,014	61,446,830	1,855
Houston	44,414,784	740,953,976	4,120
Irwin	100,853,883	155,524,431	1,061
Jackson	313,060,234	838,198,864	3,778
Jasper	79,754,391	106,743,966	1,510
Jeff Davis	84,953,623	402,318,137	2,067

Ag, Food & Fiber-Related Industries' TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION			
County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Jefferson	78,370,334	289,759,380	1,726
Jenkins	44,714,334	54,635,627	510
Johnson	29,413,127	47,139,746	906
Jones	17,674,554	32,765,825	593
Lamar	37,250,495	158,637,745	868
Lanier	46,243,949	69,388,439	984
Laurens	50,361,257	374,062,791	2,255
Lee	101,742,235	130,320,172	1,249
Liberty	8,806,076	334,390,040	871
Lincoln	18,233,669	36,421,431	1,100
Long	38,972,537	30,413,470	218
Lowndes	88,316,517	1,778,469,169	6,447
Lumpkin	46,348,645	184,024,588	975
Macon	273,181,224	544,992,031	1,730
Madison	520,346,195	580,512,193	1,913
Marion	40,849,707	222,258,008	1,198
McDuffie	50,765,463	124,367,454	1,577
McIntosh	9,100,269	12,683,134	39
Meriwether	60,535,463	84,930,446	1,791
Miller	132,951,075	185,328,314	1,633
Mitchell	340,017,661	1,100,002,701	5,610
Monroe	37,207,150	81,861,315	688
Montgomery	33,154,241	54,618,328	1,006
Morgan	160,524,820	245,350,391	2,446
Murray	84,895,183	146,027,480	683
Muscogee	13,383,227	167,463,326	2,030
Newton	23,599,155	158,298,113	994
Oconee	78,574,903	126,254,370	1,310
Oglethorpe	296,328,232	336,218,394	1,487
Paulding	38,278,445	88,834,640	1,603
Peach	54,716,843	78,765,409	2,054
Pickens	52,430,924	76,490,424	490
Pierce	61,890,741	230,487,728	1,588
Pike	21,908,610	30,398,313	727
Polk	32,414,797	263,809,882	1,476
Pulaski	103,242,839	260,511,469	1,105
Putnam	99,194,352	200,373,342	1,251
Quitman	5,821,889	6,020,267	46
Rabun	21,230,440	76,607,057	570
Randolph	56,661,282	154,764,640	1,137

Ag, Food & Fiber-Related Industries' TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION			
County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Richmond	13,497,638	1,815,058,928	4,984
Rockdale	16,955,689	572,669,918	3,009
Schley	27,246,805	30,672,236	338
Screven	77,420,490	144,416,005	1,237
Seminole	115,080,512	200,030,760	1,585
Spalding	9,649,023	122,744,635	1,116
Stephens	75,030,284	112,912,330	530
Stewart	22,270,323	27,741,823	270
Sumter	124,870,858	363,233,530	2,334
Talbot	25,601,668	34,649,200	570
Taliaferro	4,482,824	6,546,986	332
Tattnall	343,113,599	532,158,176	3,551
Taylor	28,300,584	39,654,844	978
Telfair	46,075,437	817,494,552	3,859
Terrell	62,606,688	170,440,531	1,272
Thomas	105,550,700	308,904,844	2,565
Tift	173,360,866	466,285,116	3,978
Toombs	132,049,319	364,816,714	3,144
Towns	13,594,474	22,688,995	462
Treutlen	17,427,928	28,458,383	493
Troup	22,459,381	91,438,911	771
Turner	89,662,866	144,136,822	1,387
Twiggs	21,453,229	25,731,662	872
Union	31,118,790	58,034,104	678
Upton	37,881,346	110,741,583	902
Walker	87,948,683	102,929,223	552
Walton	34,049,899	77,484,828	1,165
Ware	64,253,568	138,294,062	1,436
Warren	35,738,948	83,594,426	958
Washington	48,989,911	113,863,885	993
Wayne	80,202,776	736,078,820	2,916
Webster	27,081,382	81,017,881	579
Wheeler	31,013,549	4,401,253	943
White	109,086,200	180,090,215	835
Whitfield	69,557,581	129,358,242	1,004
Wilcox	79,662,243	94,982,347	850
Wilkes	112,094,837	297,827,678	1,306
Wilkinson	8,699,488	25,523,933	508
Worth	174,653,687	322,060,582	2,238

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