

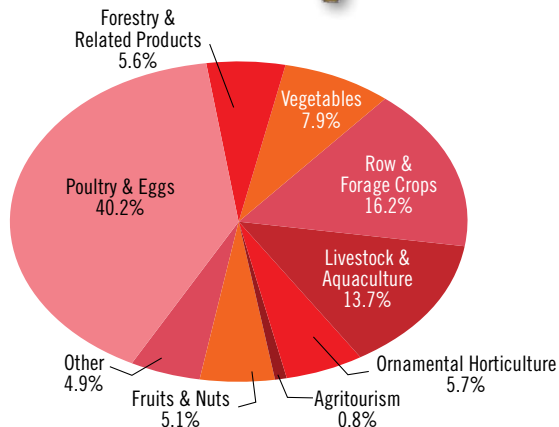
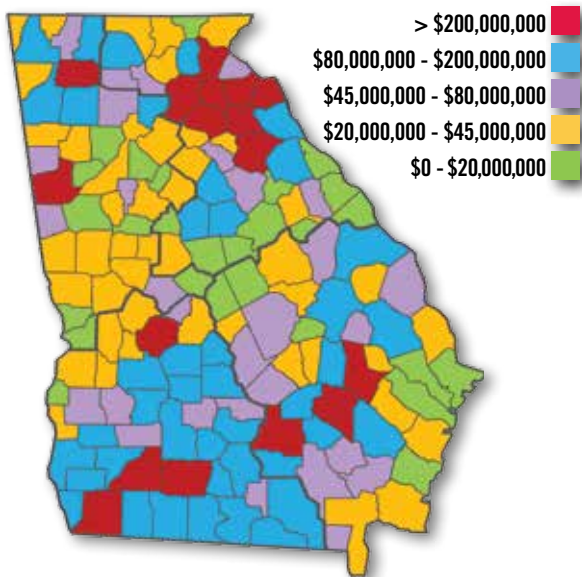
# 2017 Ag Snapshots

A brief focus on Georgia's agricultural industry



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# 2015 Total Farm Gate Value



# 2015 Georgia Agricultural Commodity Rankings

2015 Total Farm Gate Value = \$13.8 billion

2014 = \$14 billion

Rank	Commodity	Farm Gate Value	Percent of Ga. Total
1	Broilers	\$4,428,452,093	32.00%
2	Eggs	\$937,050,097	6.77%
3	Beef	\$923,359,237	6.67%
4	Cotton	\$713,144,293	5.15%
5	Peanuts	\$684,626,931	4.95%
6	Timber	\$681,237,748	4.92%
7	Greenhouse	\$428,051,228	3.09%
8	Dairy	\$407,721,765	2.95%
9	Pecans	\$361,301,753	2.61%
10	Horses	\$280,366,400	2.03%
11	Blueberries	\$255,714,085	1.85%
12	Corn	\$252,970,802	1.83%
13	Hay	\$218,837,630	1.58%
14	Misc. Vegetables	\$199,164,464	1.44%
15	Container Nursery	\$151,384,024	1.09%
16	Onions	\$148,976,285	1.08%
17	Breeder Pullet Unit	\$148,207,859	1.07%
18	Pork	\$141,226,278	1.02%
19	Sweet Corn	\$140,132,554	1.01%
20	Soybeans	\$128,485,343	0.93%

# 2015 National Agricultural Commodity Rankings\*

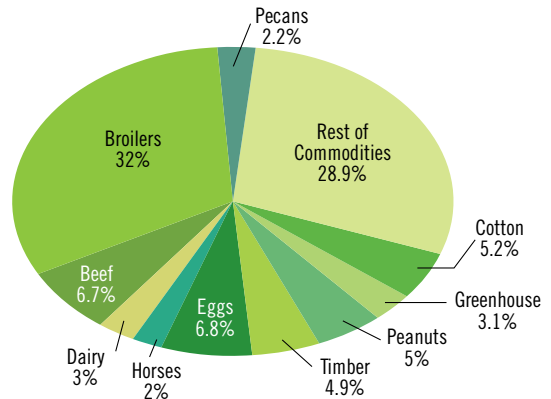
Georgia Ranking	Commodity
1	Blueberries
1	Broilers
1	Peanuts
1	Pecans
1	Spring Season Onions
2	Rye
2	Cotton
2	Cucumbers
2	Total Pullets
2	Watermelon
3	Bell Peppers
3	Peaches
3	Sweet Corn

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

\* Ranking in terms of production or production values, depending upon source. Data for some states not available due to nondisclosure, which could affect Georgia rankings.

**Agriculture contributed \$74.9 billion in output to Georgia's \$917.6 billion economy.**

# Top 10 Georgia Commodities by Value

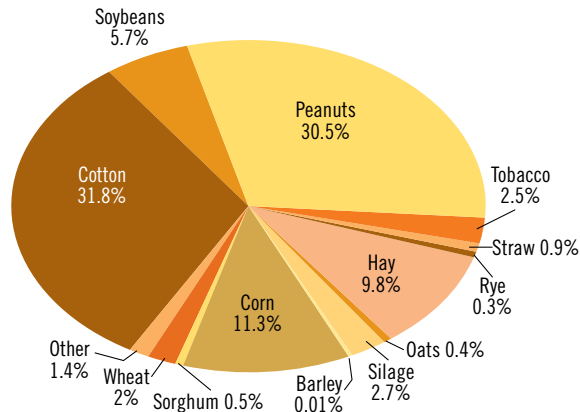
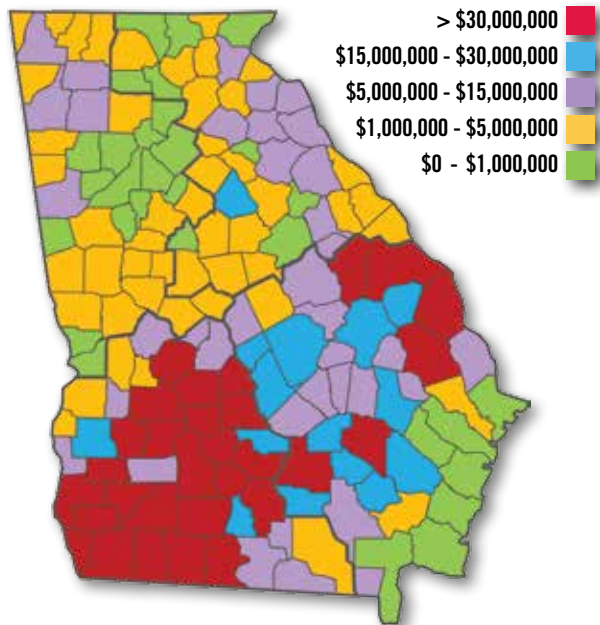


Food and fiber production and directly related processing are key components of Georgia's economy. Agriculture shaped Georgia's history and will continue to be a driving force in local economies across the state and the nation.

Food and fiber production and directly related processing directly and indirectly generated a **total economic contribution of \$74.9 billion** for the state and accounted for **nearly 410,800 jobs** in 2015.

# Row & Forage Crops

2015 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$2.2 billion  
2014 = \$2.5 billion



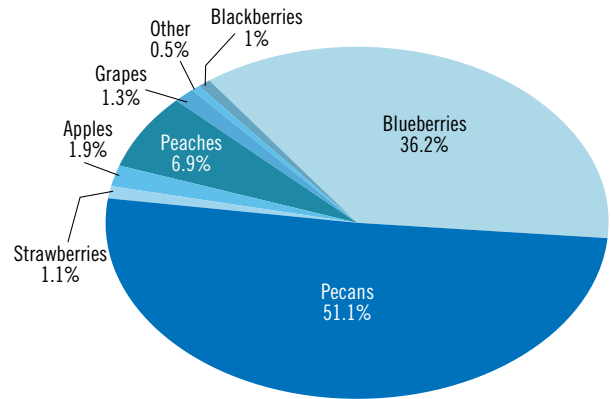
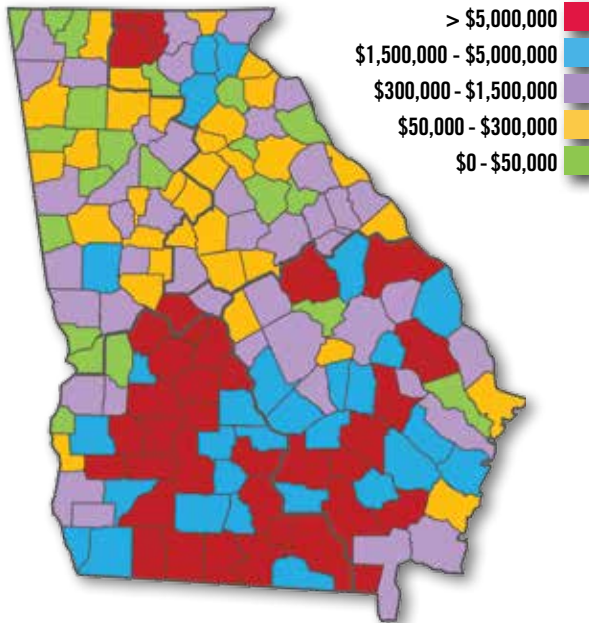
Row and forage crops have traditionally been the backbone of south Georgia agriculture. With 4.1 million acres of cropland, Georgia produced more than half of the nation's peanuts and harvested the second-highest cotton acreage in 2015. With long growing seasons and abundant irrigation resources, row and forage crops were responsible for approximately **\$12 billion** of the state's economy and represented **more than 80,000 jobs** in 2015.



# Fruits & Nuts

2015 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$706.6 million

2014 = \$772 million

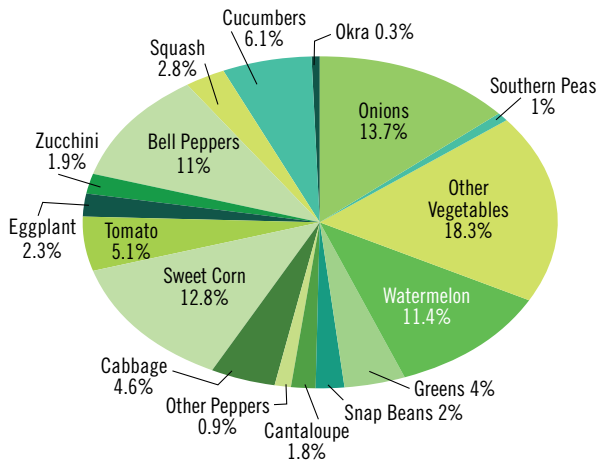
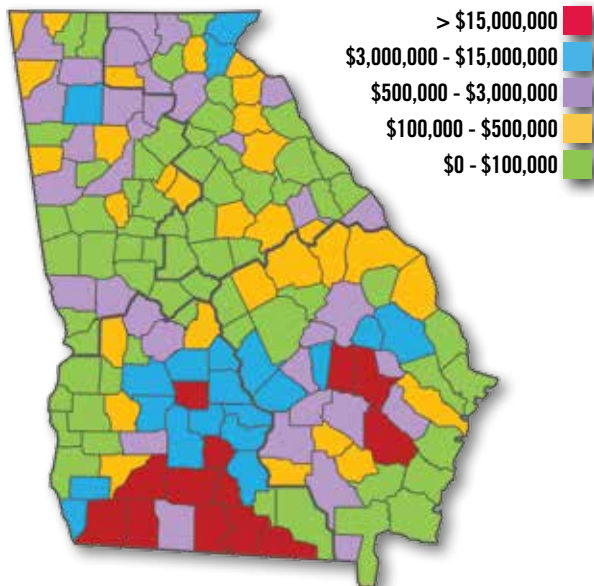


Fruit and tree nuts are important staples in the diet, and many types are grown in Georgia due to the state's favorable climate. Peaches have long been a trademark of Georgia and are the state's official fruit. Georgia has ranked first in pecan production nationwide for the past 20 years, with blueberries ranked first for the last three years. The fruit and nut industry contributed a total of **\$2 billion** to the state in 2015 and accounted for **over 15,200 jobs**.



# Vegetables

2015 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.1 billion  
2014 = \$1 billion



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 represent a total economic contribution of **\$2.5 billion** and **nearly 15,000 jobs** in 2015.

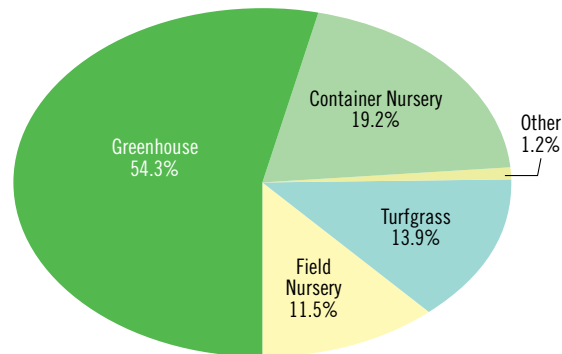
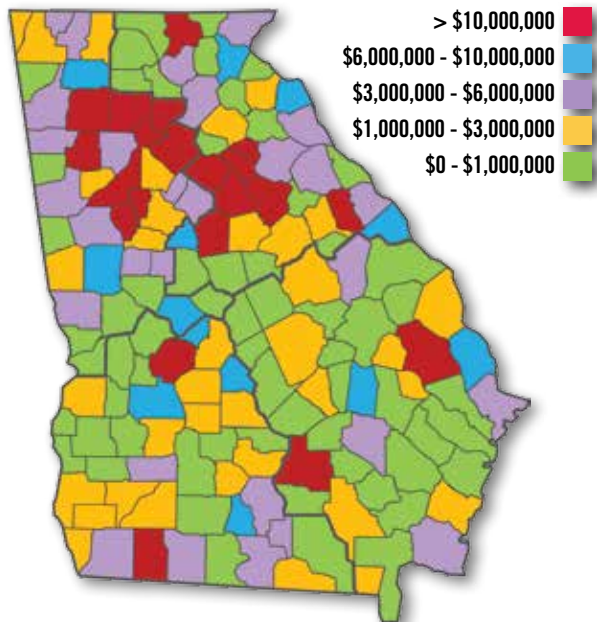




# Ornamental Horticulture

2015 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$788.7 million

2014 = \$608 million



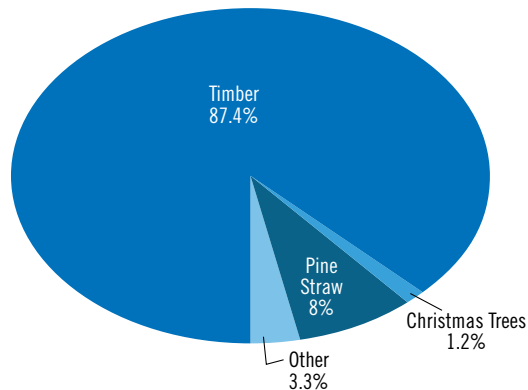
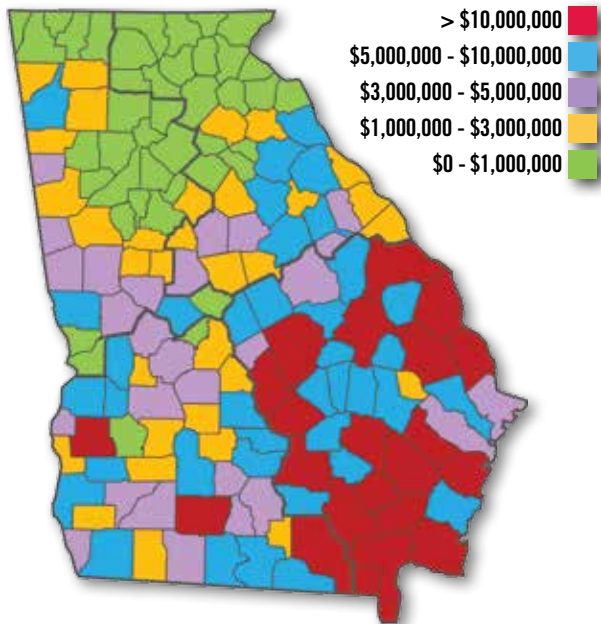
Ornamental horticulture provides a wide range of opportunities across the state. Greenhouses and container nurseries both ranked among the top 20 Georgia agricultural commodities in 2015. Green industry production, plus landscaping services and processing account for a total economic contribution of **\$7.6 billion** and **more than 78,700 jobs**.



# Forestry & Products

2015 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$779.2 million

2014 = \$717 million



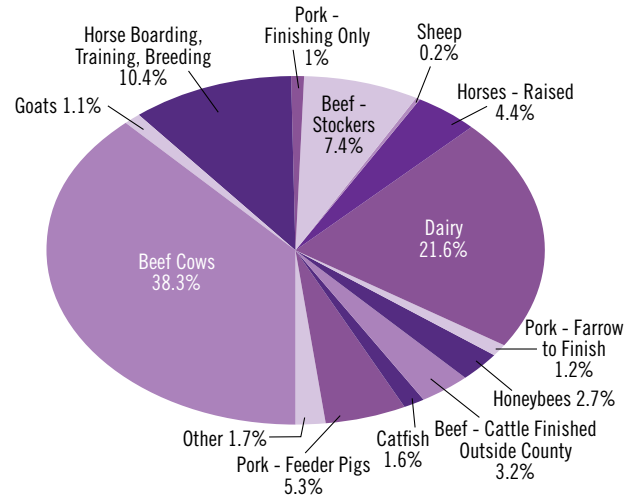
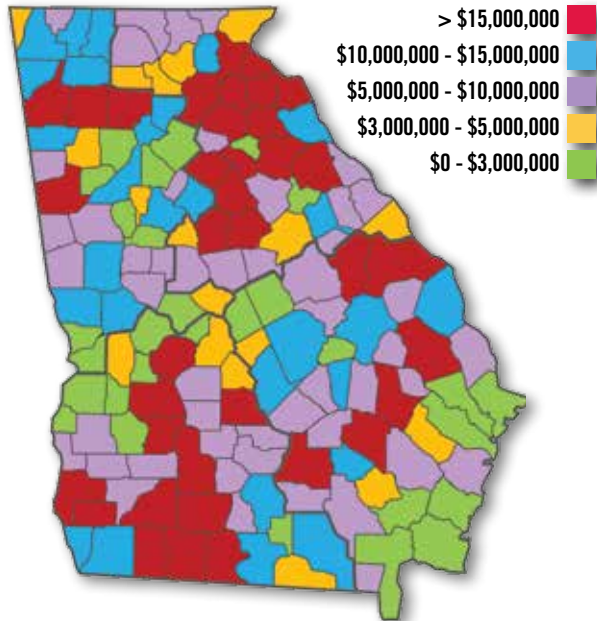
Forests affect nearly every aspect of our lives by providing the raw materials for home building, paper, packaging and many other uses. Forests shape our landscape, help stabilize our farms and enhance our cities. Timber production ranked sixth-highest in farm gate value in 2015. Forest industry production and processing accounted for a total economic contribution of **\$17.7 billion** and **over 73,300 jobs**.





# Livestock & Aquaculture

2015 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.9 billion  
2014 = \$2.2 billion



<sup>1</sup> The 2015 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report categorizes quail under the poultry and eggs commodity group. In the past it was part of the livestock and aquaculture group.

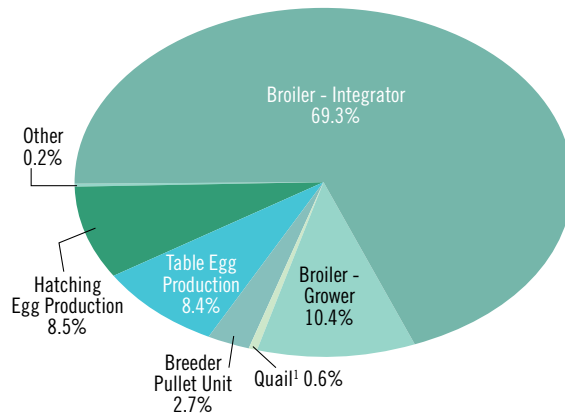
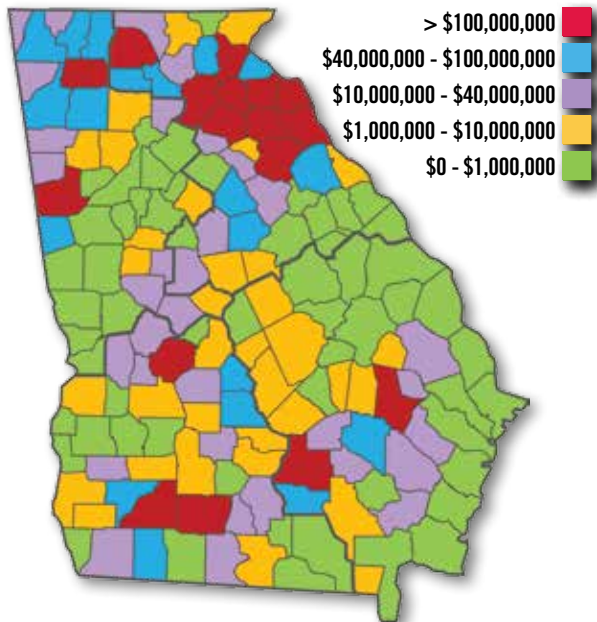
Livestock has long been an important component of Georgia's agricultural economy, with beef, dairy and horses among the top 10 commodities in 2015. The sustained interest in pork, honeybees, goats and catfish keep this industry dynamic. Livestock and aquaculture production and processing generated a total economic contribution of **\$7.1 billion** and led to **over 41,300 jobs** around the state in 2015.



# Poultry & Eggs

2015 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$5.6 billion

2014 = \$5.5 billion



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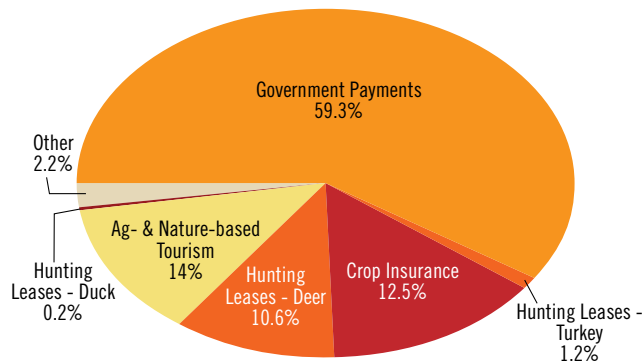
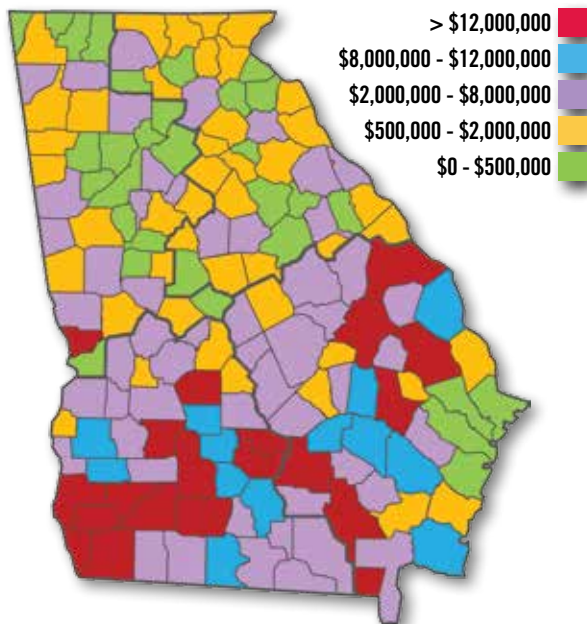
As Georgia's most valuable agricultural sector, the poultry-egg industry has dramatically increased in size over several decades, with more than three-quarters of the state's 159 counties involved in production. Georgia has led the nation in broiler production for several decades. Poultry-egg production and processing contributed **\$25.9 billion** to the state in 2015 and accounted for **104,000 jobs**.



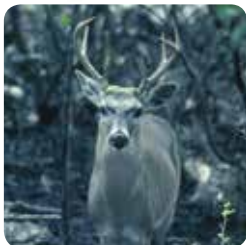
# Agritourism & Other Income

2015 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$781.8 million

2014 = \$703 million

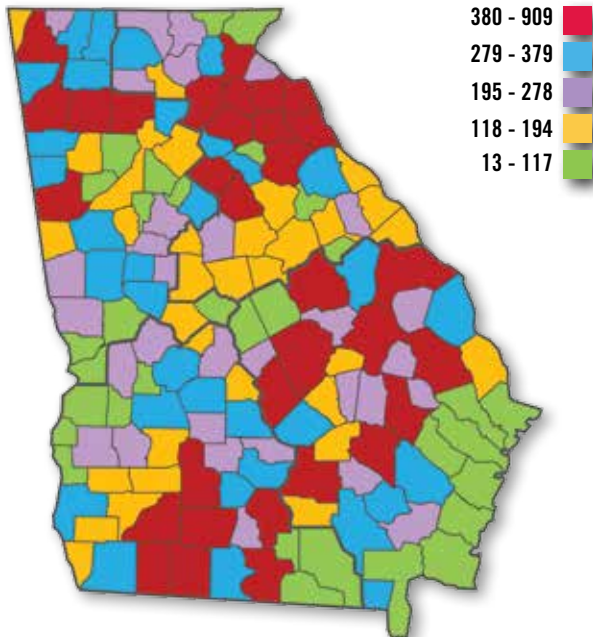


Both agriculture-based and nature-based tourism play a major role in making Georgia a destination for increasing numbers of tourists. Millions of residents and nonresidents enjoy abundant fishing, hunting and wildlife-watching opportunities. Government payments – other than those directly related to 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	215,412,703.82	331,419,680	1,877
Atkinson	98,154,836.07	123,549,605	596
Bacon	152,003,167.11	376,932,185	2,939
Baker	127,851,183.50	161,534,170	776
Baldwin	14,079,138.30	45,499,990	673
Banks	273,157,477.50	349,016,079	1,180
Barrow	32,377,317.20	410,389,659	2,751
Bartow	98,382,564.04	336,823,022	2,020
Ben Hill	61,692,797.65	373,678,847	2,395
Berrien	113,582,225.40	142,921,194	1,321
Bibb	11,079,511.45	1,068,696,050	3,761
Bleckley	32,009,343.55	46,438,888	923
Brantley	62,573,179.99	148,579,465	951
Brooks	180,770,395.91	238,813,427	1,561
Bryan	10,514,275.15	19,823,017	395
Bulloch	144,328,672.55	374,561,664	3,519
Burke	146,652,096.25	236,374,497	1,568
Butts	13,209,502.00	34,807,639	775
Calhoun	92,455,419.30	114,838,726	805
Camden	29,862,259.17	54,582,586	1,683
Candler	50,859,747.54	64,430,447	1,199
Carroll	240,808,652.54	538,391,660	3,805
Catoosa	30,309,920.09	174,673,627	937
Charlton	25,746,240.41	59,525,219	633
Chatham	9,748,787.70	1,470,619,335	5,508
Chattahoochee	474,033.00	1,123,683	45
Chattooga	35,030,776.59	86,610,686	666
Cherokee	54,312,122.15	443,130,200	3,955
Clarke	44,253,353.57	801,336,463	4,292
Clay	21,660,358.75	23,276,092	302
Clayton	47,922,878.00	267,647,207	3,071
Clinch	110,177,299.70	154,992,098	935
Cobb	9,487,526.25	1,303,439,072	8,795
Coffee	257,222,318.21	621,827,732	3,591
Colquitt	473,233,568.61	1,495,490,360	8,109
Columbia	17,326,249.00	239,391,945	2,385
Cook	94,073,880.20	152,939,101	1,278
Coweta	17,151,501.86	292,816,890	2,908
Crawford	53,427,527.90	71,780,450	672

Ag-, Food- & Fiber-Related Industries' TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION			
County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Crisp	99,478,629.72	422,060,067	2,019
Dade	28,958,362.85	33,994,939	266
Dawson	63,755,404.64	130,770,775	758
Decatur	282,226,106.99	395,217,125	2,559
DeKalb	7,670,647.60	2,111,832,672	10,656
Dodge	75,451,216.50	102,891,425	1,891
Dooley	134,281,776.75	392,923,396	2,531
Dougherty	73,243,004.18	466,502,503	2,907
Douglas	2,730,497.00	47,721,740	866
Early	107,860,493.00	775,937,507	3,232
Echols	194,625,931.56	267,265,359	3,602
Effingham	35,538,891.05	1,270,567,390	3,345
Elbert	142,372,231.50	338,788,634	1,628
Emanuel	88,613,115.00	474,776,538	3,259
Evans	40,272,607.75	594,879,612	2,674
Fannin	37,665,682.16	56,827,280	623
Fayette	22,168,020.35	155,919,461	2,069
Floyd	94,574,972.45	1,534,747,840	4,791
Forsyth	86,759,808.90	1,235,693,238	6,643
Franklin	401,762,961.50	534,319,271	1,711
Fulton	26,161,152.00	1,608,347,861	7,622
Gilmer	184,325,493.60	581,953,218	2,290
Glascocok	19,520,966.50	24,542,477	503
Glynn	12,607,983.98	703,615,231	2,917
Gordon	279,167,245.21	689,544,749	2,101
Grady	185,401,171.49	307,861,318	3,330
Greene	62,924,745.06	216,530,464	1,252
Gwinnett	31,216,715.00	1,600,030,066	10,189
Habersham	269,793,327.90	789,589,417	2,996
Hall	280,710,574.40	4,107,448,018	17,505
Hancock	15,521,304.00	19,935,704	221
Haralson	45,177,934.95	100,373,375	600
Harris	31,495,632.00	271,935,687	3,112
Hart	445,358,747.65	645,648,507	1,876
Heard	64,958,448.58	85,739,348	524
Henry	20,454,138.62	65,367,542	1,873
Houston	35,959,638.13	740,310,574	4,049
Irwin	97,006,975.30	152,003,887	1,169
Jackson	323,172,205.00	858,959,598	3,734
Jasper	86,935,503.90	115,147,291	1,447
Jeff Davis	87,170,221.29	409,640,165	2,140

Ag-, Food- & Fiber-Related Industries' TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION			
County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Jefferson	74,133,415.00	287,582,107	1,789
Jenkins	44,488,765.13	54,555,432	683
Johnson	26,445,266.70	44,525,792	1,149
Jones	19,951,111.46	35,321,148	648
Lamar	37,090,631.50	158,709,909	843
Lanier	45,156,695.20	68,360,410	1,026
Laurens	58,043,572.82	382,501,430	2,350
Lee	106,959,812.68	137,728,643	1,321
Liberty	7,121,836.50	339,088,660	874
Lincoln	16,699,649.35	34,543,267	811
Long	38,541,477.40	30,479,770	223
Lowndes	81,868,128.70	1,803,555,064	6,436
Lumpkin	43,649,853.23	183,076,076	976
Macon	294,711,849.20	575,802,395	1,799
Madison	452,121,098.50	506,901,468	1,769
Marion	39,520,911.25	222,619,531	1,186
McDuffie	50,457,029.14	125,183,317	1,567
McIntosh	24,332,814.90	31,185,698	195
Meriwether	37,838,984.25	56,923,356	1,199
Miller	121,627,805.50	170,066,579	1,569
Mitchell	356,112,652.43	1,130,883,345	5,866
Monroe	33,081,052.96	72,318,564	651
Montgomery	43,574,615.10	63,084,490	1,196
Morgan	150,560,728.75	235,456,615	2,497
Murray	82,900,098.65	144,565,050	716
Muscogee	16,982,953.63	173,849,259	2,149
Newton	24,469,896.75	161,910,848	1,071
Oconee	66,441,124.63	113,362,216	1,246
Oglethorpe	252,005,629.50	284,501,077	1,083
Paulding	40,934,128.64	93,421,871	1,652
Peach	63,744,830.25	90,562,205	2,320
Pickens	48,973,181.50	72,555,882	477
Pierce	55,330,733.32	223,823,288	1,601
Pike	22,103,678.75	30,759,424	679
Polk	39,771,486.25	275,677,320	1,530
Pulaski	108,348,502.00	269,932,548	1,161
Putnam	106,941,071.25	211,977,414	1,238
Quitman	8,326,503.41	9,110,067	129
Rabun	22,753,171.70	79,654,453	585
Randolph	55,579,551.34	154,378,030	1,142

Ag-, Food- & Fiber-Related Industries' TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION			
County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Richmond	15,390,354.40	1,849,345,792	5,001
Rockdale	16,696,954.20	581,357,690	2,988
Schley	25,506,621.50	25,660,422	182
Screven	75,124,289.90	142,971,936	1,371
Seminole	81,328,579.95	157,937,241	1,254
Spalding	9,365,408.25	125,084,552	1,093
Stephens	69,599,746.25	107,106,326	507
Stewart	21,923,732.10	27,396,423	315
Sumter	112,690,029.28	351,931,932	2,356
Talbot	23,597,345.60	32,564,278	834
Taliaferro	3,225,074.00	5,330,372	138
Tattnall	322,139,619.00	506,134,365	3,311
Taylor	37,196,689.50	44,687,653	1,028
Telfair	46,547,154.81	830,807,868	3,937
Terrell	68,568,701.00	180,731,050	1,332
Thomas	97,792,151.56	302,538,434	2,626
Tift	141,658,181.42	418,562,855	3,385
Toombs	129,833,895.15	366,076,214	3,057
Towns	11,691,475.00	20,042,339	445
Treutlen	16,603,953.50	27,632,322	519
Troup	20,243,246.50	89,519,736	783
Turner	78,902,124.30	131,553,493	1,409
Twiggs	19,972,280.09	23,480,554	793
Union	26,915,669.00	53,672,553	663
Upson	36,414,171.30	110,197,059	882
Walker	85,460,547.75	100,730,588	615
Walton	34,424,815.27	78,888,051	1,225
Ware	72,107,962.30	150,333,530	1,771
Warren	28,124,255.50	76,293,345	805
Washington	42,504,649.20	105,681,709	1,090
Wayne	98,172,644.70	771,671,510	3,279
Webster	25,921,233.95	78,730,786	591
Wheeler	25,813,317.30	35,611,422	749
White	104,619,577.40	176,404,283	840
Whitfield	68,053,179.45	128,733,894	1,046
Wilcox	138,739,996.45	151,358,744	912
Wilkes	109,469,045.50	297,834,803	1,275
Wilkinson	11,408,685.30	25,787,862	508
Worth	137,124,565.84	281,068,233	2,005



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