The University of Georgia Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development’s focus on Georgia’s agricultural industry
Agriculture, a driving force for local economies across Georgia, has long shaped the state’s history. The 2024 Ag Snapshots report on Georgia’s agricultural economy is based on the 2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report, an annual, county-level economic valuation for food and fiber production in the state. Together these commodities directly represent a value of $18.3 billion to the Georgia economy.

Beyond their farm gate values, these commodities form a foundation for our diverse agricultural supply chain, providing key resources to many sectors and adding value within the economy. Ag Snapshots provides the output and jobs supported by food and fiber production, which include the directly related industries along the supply chain – the total economic contribution – to highlight the importance of the agricultural economy to Georgia. In 2022, food and fiber production and related industries contributed $83.6 billion in output to Georgia’s $1.4 trillion economy and more than 323,300 jobs in the economy.
### Top 10 Georgia Commodities in order of value

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<th>Commodity</th>
<th>Value (in millions)</th>
<th>Percentage of Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>Broilers</td>
<td>$6.7 billion</td>
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<td>Cotton</td>
<td>$1.3 billion</td>
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<td>Eggs</td>
<td>$960.2 million</td>
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<td>Beef</td>
<td>$730 million</td>
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<td>Greenhouse</td>
<td>$611.2 million</td>
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<td>Corn</td>
<td>$522.7 million</td>
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<td>Blueberries</td>
<td>$449.4 million</td>
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**Food and fiber production plus directly related processing and indirect sectors contributes**

- **83.6 billion dollars**
- **323,300 jobs**

To the Georgia economy
2022 TOTAL FARM GATE VALUE

2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value = $18.3 billion
2021 = $14.7 billion

Data Sources: Georgia Farm Gate Value Report 2022 and IMPLAN® model
2022 Data, using inputs provided by the user and IMPLAN Group LLC,

IMPLAN System (data and software), 16905 Northcross Dr., Suite 120,
Huntersville, NC 28078 www.IMPLAN.com.
In 2022, agriculture and related industries contributed $83.6 billion in output to Georgia’s $1.4 trillion economy.
2022 NATIONAL COMMODITY RANKINGS*

#1 GEORGIA COMMODITY
- Broilers
- Peanuts
- Pecans, Utilized

#2 GEORGIA COMMODITY
- Cantaloupe
- Cotton Lint
- Cotton Seed
- Watermelon

#3 GEORGIA COMMODITY
- Bell Peppers
- Peaches

#4 GEORGIA COMMODITY
- Blueberries
- Cucumbers

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Georgia Agricultural Facts, October 2023
*Ranking in terms of total production.
# Top 10 Indirect Industries Supported in terms of employment

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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Truck transportation</td>
<td>7,833</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Real estate</td>
<td>4,691</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Other nondurable goods wholesalers</td>
<td>4,638</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Employment Services</td>
<td>3,348</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Management of companies and enterprises</td>
<td>2,788</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Grocery and related product wholesalers</td>
<td>2,592</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Couriers and messengers</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Other durable goods wholesalers</td>
<td>2,314</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Warehousing and storage</td>
<td>1,583</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Services to buildings</td>
<td>1,435</td>
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The economic contribution of food and fiber plus related industries adds up to over $7,663 per person in Georgia.

Source: Calculations using the U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts, 2022 Georgia Population Estimates
POULTRY & EGGS

2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value = $7.75 billion
2021 = $4.94 billion

30.2 billion dollars & 87,900 jobs

contribute

to the Georgia economy
Hatching Egg Production  7.8%
Table Egg Production  4.6%
Breeder-Pullet Unit  1.4%
Quail and misc.  0.05%

Georgia has led the nation in the number of broilers produced for decades.

Three out of four Georgia counties are involved in poultry and egg production.
ROW & FORAGE CROPS

2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value = $3.31 billion
2021 = $2.92 billion

14.9 billion dollars & 60,700 jobs
contribute
to the Georgia economy

over $30,000,000
$10,000,000 - $29,999,999
$3,000,000 - $9,999,999
$1,000,000 - $2,999,999
$0 - $999,999
In 2022, Georgia produced more than one half of the nation’s peanuts.

Cotton ranks No. 1 in production value among row and forage crops in Georgia and No. 2 in the nation.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, Quick Stats, Peanut Production Measured in lbs. 2022
LIVESTOCK & AQUACULTURE

2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value = $1.59 billion
2021 = $1.40 billion

contribute

11.0 billion dollars & 33,400 jobs to the Georgia economy
Honey bees include commodities ranging from catfish to honey bees.

Beef ranked seventh among commodities listed in the 2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.
ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value = $1.36 billion
2021 = $1.24 billion

contributes

10.1 billion dollars & 66,900 jobs

to the Georgia economy
Ornamental horticulture is ranked the No. 4 commodity group in Georgia.
VEGETABLES

2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value = $1.31 billion
2021 = $1.34 billion

contribute

2.8 billion dollars & 10,700 jobs
to the Georgia economy
Vegetables are the No. 5 ranked commodity group in Georgia.

Watermelon, bell pepper and cucumber production are among the top ranked in Georgia and the U.S.
The FRUITS & NUTS sector contributes significantly to the Georgia economy.

2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value = $1.06 billion
2021 = $912.08 million

3.1 billion dollars & 12,800 jobs contribute to the Georgia economy.
Georgia blueberries, pecans, and peaches are among the top-ranked crops nationally.
2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value = $976.88 million
2021 = $858.21 million

12.6 billion dollars & 53,000 jobs contribute to the Georgia economy
Timber was the No. 5 ranked individual commodity in the 2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.

Georgia is consistently ranked the top forestry state in the nation.

Source: www.gfagrow.org
Agriculture and nature-based activities such as camping, trail riding and corn mazes make Georgia a popular destination for tourists. Millions of residents and nonresidents enjoy outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing and wildlife-watching.
Ag & Nature-based Tourism: 53.8%

Hunting Leases – Deer: 33.7%

Hunting Leases – Turkey: 11.6%

Hunting Leases – Duck: 0.9%
Source of farm size and sales value data: U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2017 Census of Agriculture
Georgia Farms by Size

- 31.7% (13,444) 10 to 49 acres
- 31.8% (13,479) 50 to 179 acres
- 15.3% (6,514) 50 to 179 acres
- 10.6% (4,516) 10 to 49 acres
- 5.3% (2,233) Less than $2,500
- 3.5% (1,498) $2,500 to $4,999
- 1.8% (755) $50,000 to $99,999

Georgia Farms by Sales Value

- 43.8% (18,594) Less than $2,500
- 9.9% (4,216) $5,000 to $9,999
- 11.3% (4,789) $25,000 to $49,999
- 10.6% (4,492) $10,000 to $24,999
- 5.5% (2,335) $100,000 to $499,999
- 5.38% (2,257) $10,000 to $49,999
- 3.5% (1,498) $25,000 to $49,999
- 10% (4,258) Less than $2,500

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Number of farms statewide • 42,439
Land in farms • 9,953,730 acres
Average farm size • 235 acres
Harvested cropland • 3,628,707 acres
Market value of agricultural products sold • $9.57 billion
Total farm production expenses • $7.1 billion

FARMERS, PRIMARY PRODUCERS
(formerly called principal operators)
Worked 200+ days off farm • 37.3% (15,838)
Average age of primary producer • 59.8 years
Female • 22.9% (9,717)
Black • 4.4% (1,878)
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin • 1.2% (525)

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