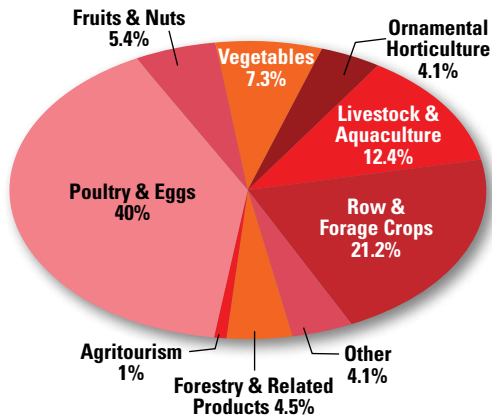
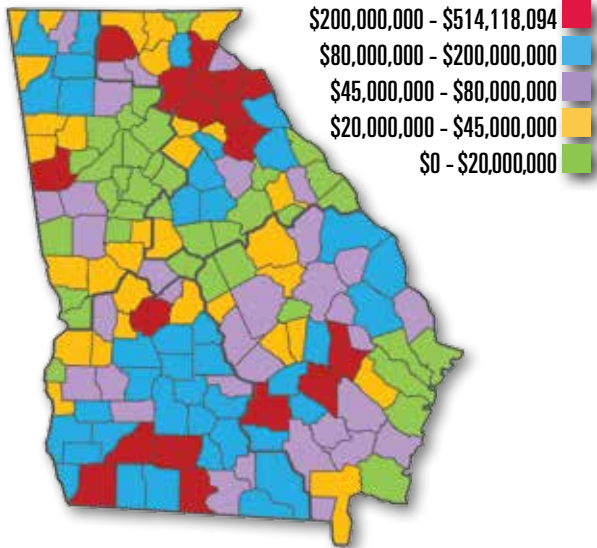


2015 Ag Snapshots

A brief focus on Georgia's agricultural industry



2013 Total Farm Gate Value



2013 Georgia Agricultural Commodity Rankings

2013 Total Farm Gate Value = \$13.6 billion
 2012 = \$13.9 billion

Rank	Commodity	Farm Gate Value	Percent of GA Total
1	Broilers	\$4,429,260,554	32.59%
2	Cotton	\$1,209,766,471	8.90%
3	Eggs	\$779,821,118	5.74%
4	Beef	\$646,096,689	4.75%
5	Timber	\$515,969,350	3.80%
6	Corn	\$510,281,110	3.75%
7	Peanuts	\$507,455,693	3.73%
8	Dairy	\$368,010,233	2.71%
9	Horses	\$343,540,954	2.53%
10	Pecans	\$315,570,610	2.32%
11	Blueberries	\$312,760,786	2.30%
12	Greenhouse	\$245,752,339	1.81%
13	Breeder Pullet Unit	\$217,853,559	1.60%
14	Pork	\$196,489,131	1.45%
15	Wheat	\$154,589,039	1.14%
16	Container Nursery	\$146,738,773	1.08%
17	Watermelon	\$143,754,408	1.06%
18	Hay	\$143,028,890	1.05%
19	Ag-based Tourism	\$142,283,817	1.05%
20	Bell Peppers	\$138,926,595	1.02%

2013 National Agricultural Commodity Rankings*

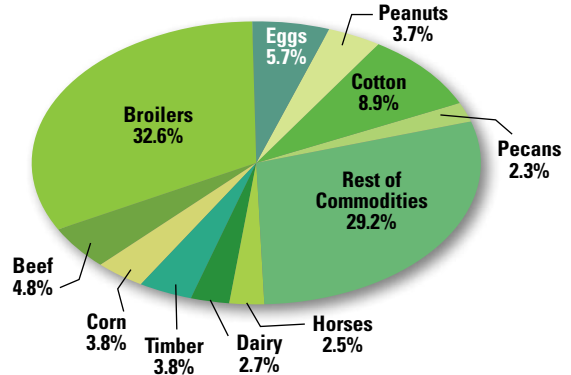
Georgia Ranking	Commodity
1	Blueberries**
1	Broilers
1	Peanuts**
1	Pecans
1	Spring Season Onions
2	Cotton**
2	Cucumbers
2	Total Eggs
2	Rye**
3	Peaches
3	Sweet Corn
3	Total Pullets**
3	Watermelon
4	Bell Peppers
4	Cantaloupe
4	Snap Beans

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development 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.

Top Ten 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.

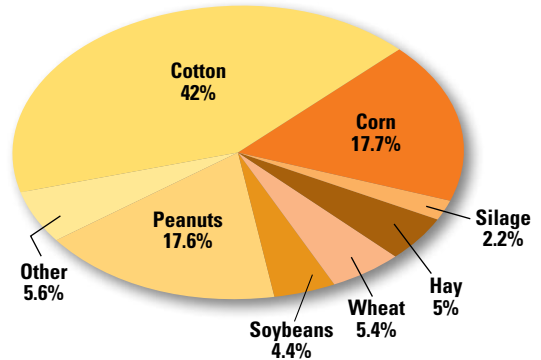
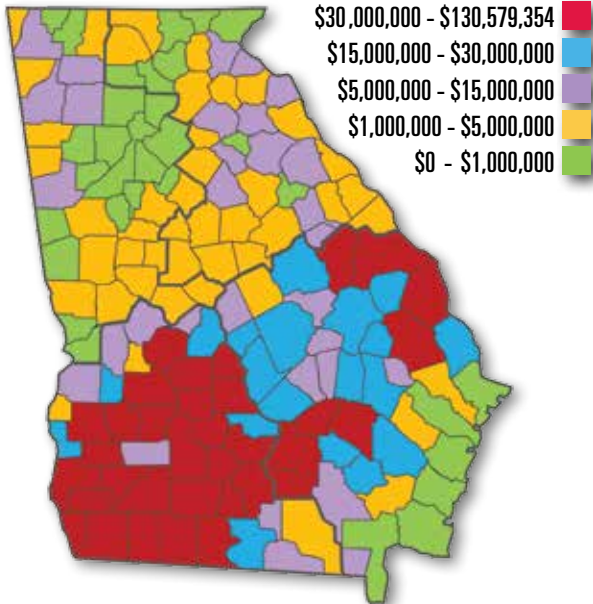
Food and fiber production and directly related processing directly and indirectly generated a **total economic contribution of \$72.5 billion** for the state and accounted for **more than 371,600 jobs** in 2013.

Agriculture accounted for a \$72.5 billion output contribution to Georgia's \$826.6 billion economy.

Row & Forage Crops

2013 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$2.9 billion

2012 = \$3.3 billion

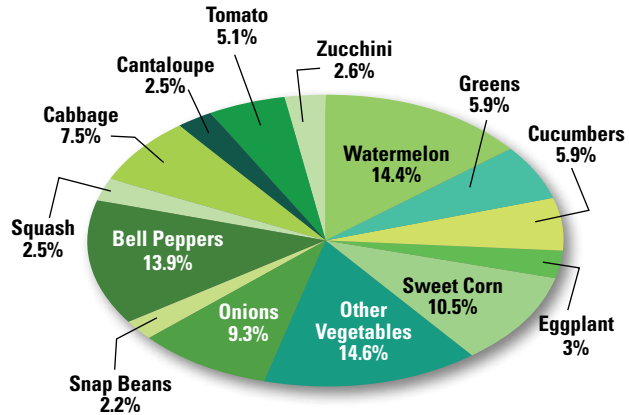
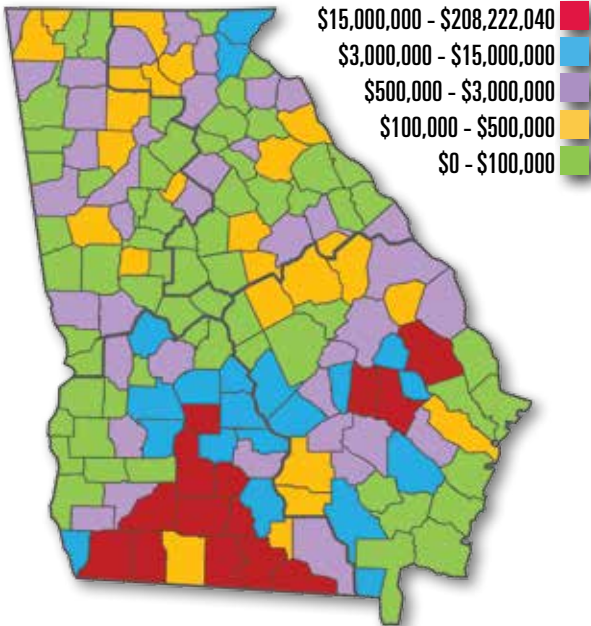


Row and forage crops have traditionally been the backbone of south Georgia agriculture. With 4.5 million acres of cropland, Georgia produced almost half of the nation's peanuts and harvested the second highest cotton acreage in 2013. With long growing seasons and abundant irrigation resources, row and forage crops were responsible for approximately **\$14.6 billion** of the state's economy and represented **more than 64,550 jobs** in 2013.



Vegetables

2013 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$998 million
2012 = \$936 million



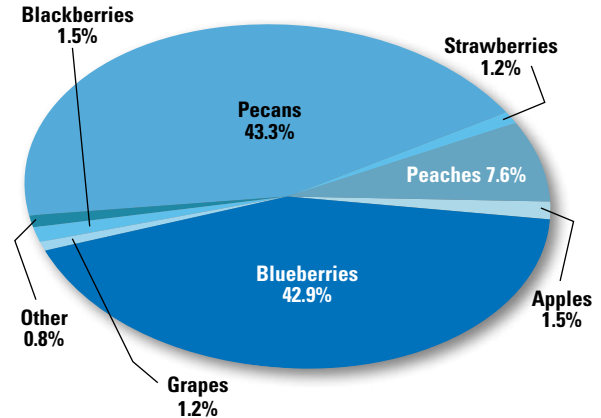
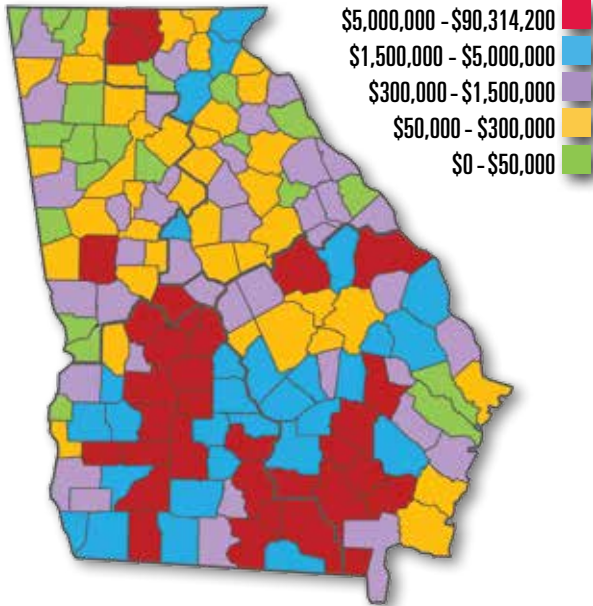
The vegetable industry in Georgia is one of agriculture's most diverse and fastest growing sectors. With a favorable climate often allowing both spring and fall plantings, Georgia ranked among the top five states for fresh market vegetable area harvested, production and value. Vegetable industry production and processing generated a total economic contribution of **\$2.3 billion** and **more than 16,300 jobs** in 2013.



Fruits & Nuts

2013 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$729 million

2012 = \$547 million

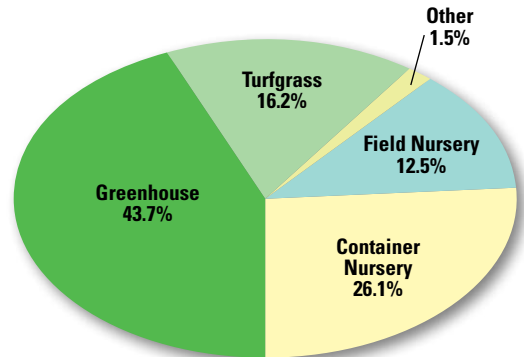
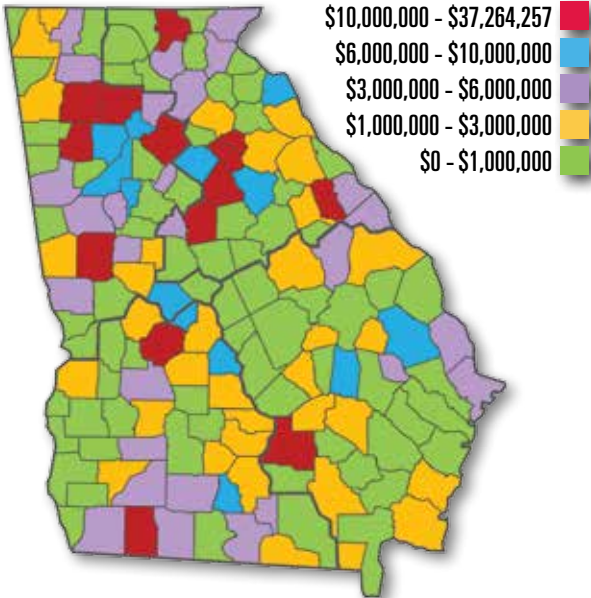


Fruit and tree nuts are important staples in the diet, and many types are grown in Georgia due to its favorable climate. Peaches have long been a trademark and are the state's official fruit. Additionally, Georgia has ranked first in pecan production for the past 18 years. The fruit and nut industry contributed a total of **\$2 billion** to the state in 2013 and accounted for **more than 18,900 jobs**.

Ornamental Horticulture

2013 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$562 million

2012 = \$749 million



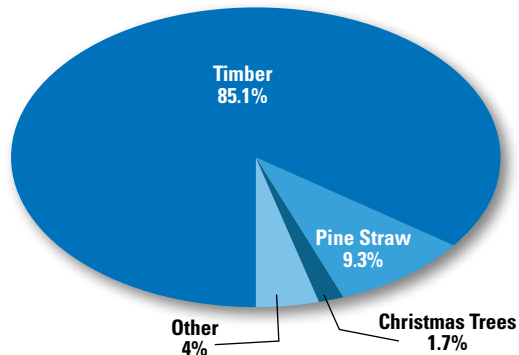
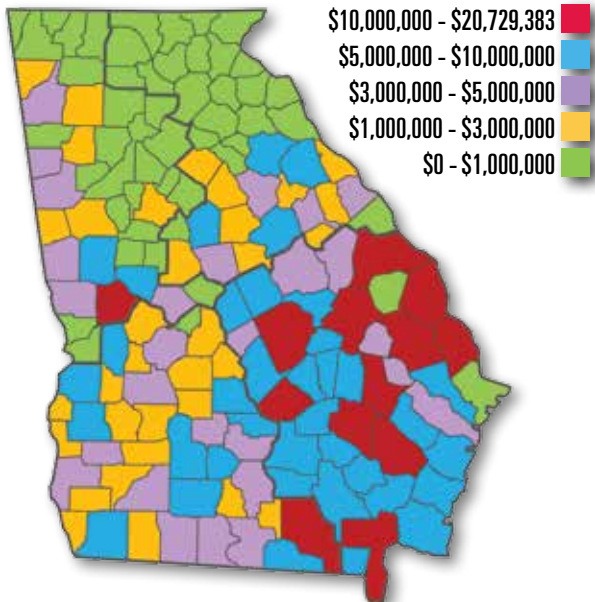
Ornamental horticulture provides a wide range of opportunities scattered across the state. This industry includes ornamentals and other plants in addition to landscape services. Greenhouses and container nurseries both ranked among the top 20 Georgia agricultural commodities in 2013. Green industry production, landscape services and processing generated a total economic contribution of **\$5.4 billion** and accounted for **more than 54,950 jobs**.



Forestry & Products

2013 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$607 million

2012 = \$609 million

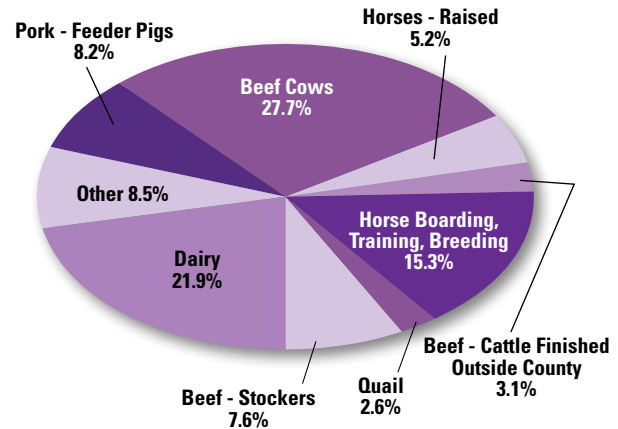
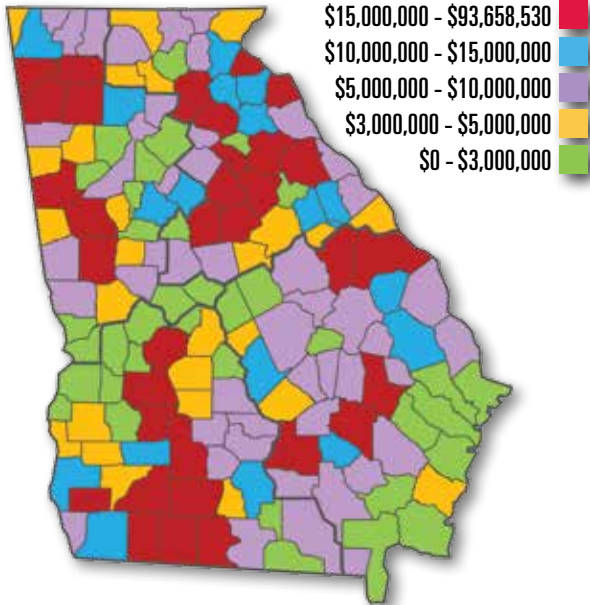


Forests affect nearly every aspect of our lives by providing the raw materials for home building, paper, packaging and many other uses. Forests shape our landscape, help stabilize our farms and enhance our cities. Timber production ranked fifth highest in Farm Gate Value in 2013. Forest industry production and processing accounted for a total economic contribution of **\$15.3 billion** and **more than 75,000 jobs**.



Livestock & Aquaculture

2013 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.7 billion
2012 = \$1.5 billion



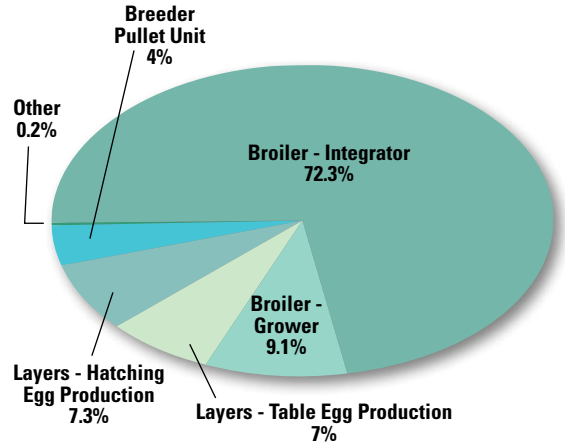
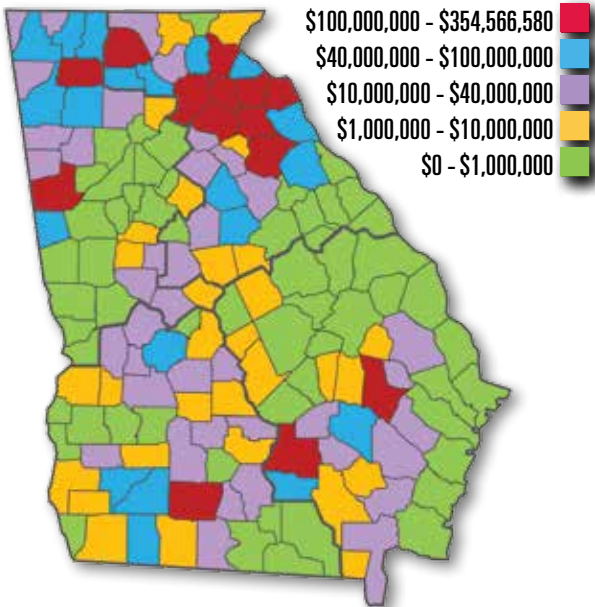
Livestock has long been an important component of Georgia's agricultural economy, with beef and dairy among the top 10 commodities. Raising and breeding horses has become a significant industry, and increasing interest in goat, quail and catfish production keeps this industry dynamic. Livestock and aquaculture production and processing generated a total economic contribution of **\$7 billion** to Georgia and led to **36,325 jobs** around the state.



Poultry & Eggs

2013 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$5.4 billion

2012 = \$5.7 billion



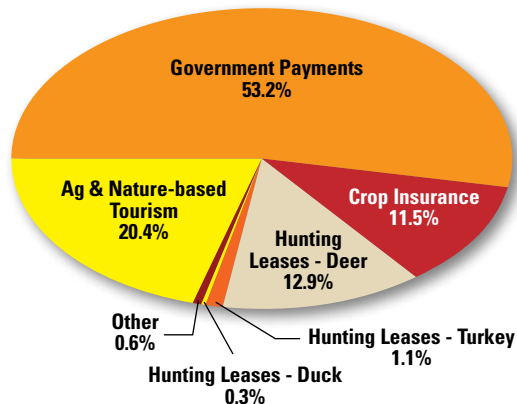
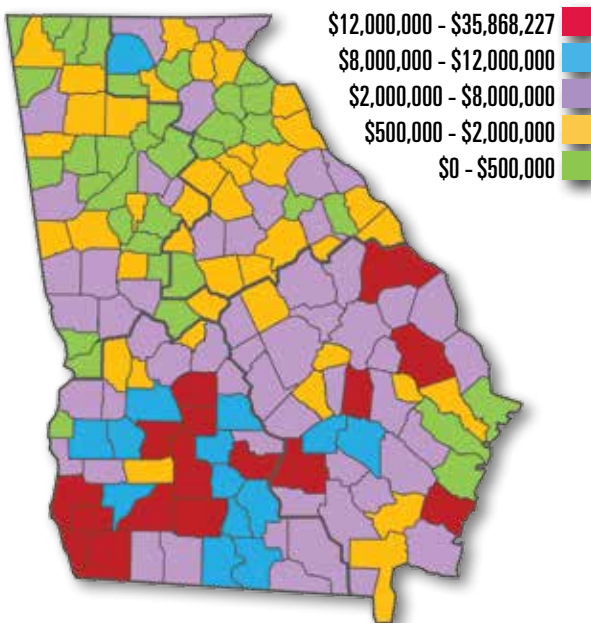
As Georgia's most valuable agricultural sector, the poultry-egg industry has dramatically increased in size over several decades, with more than two-thirds of the state's 159 counties now involved in production. Georgia has led the nation in broiler production for 30 consecutive years. Poultry-egg production and processing contributed **\$25.2 billion** to the state in 2013, and **nearly 109,000 jobs**.



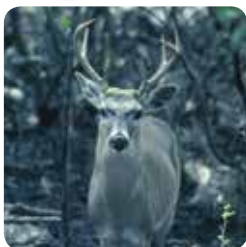
Agritourism & Other Income

2013 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$698 million

2012 = \$557 million

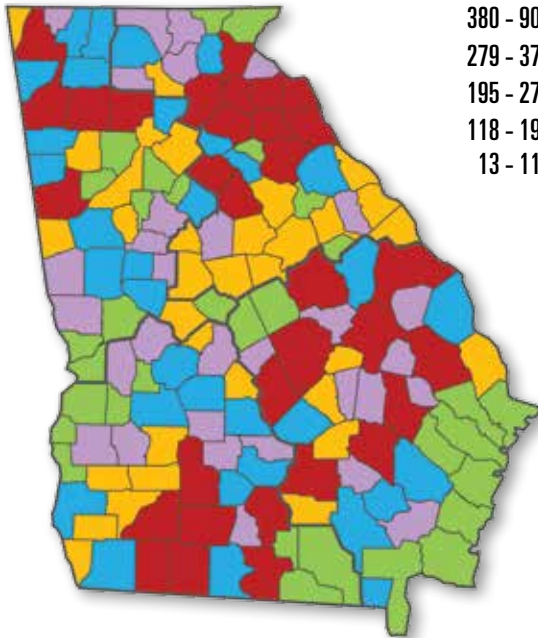


Both agriculture-based and nature-based tourism play a major role in making Georgia a destination for increasing numbers of tourists. Millions of residents and non-residents enjoy abundant fishing, hunting and wildlife watching opportunities. Government payments, other than those directly related to 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	25 (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	225,844,432	389,776,755	2,534
Atkinson	114,589,710	130,536,659	532
Bacon	183,153,580	326,362,742	2,844
Baker	110,248,841	127,184,061	443
Baldwin	15,092,625	68,973,107	620
Banks	291,143,973	387,530,537	1,407
Barrow	34,613,872	370,836,660	2,426
Bartow	91,713,995	165,764,935	1,246
Ben Hill	66,500,402	303,041,625	1,970
Berrien	117,452,400	154,422,498	1,162
Bibb	9,545,447	651,512,923	2,530
Bleckley	34,245,444	48,242,554	539
Brantley	56,277,969	114,032,873	1,193
Brooks	210,188,617	276,988,816	2,031
Bryan	11,825,111	20,292,464	361
Bulloch	170,200,964	386,913,131	2,700
Burke	153,841,709	201,305,690	1,469
Butts	13,379,818	24,234,133	585
Calhoun	97,258,747	115,139,048	593
Camden	12,256,225	129,320,218	653
Candler	60,965,970	77,772,826	1,118
Carroll	258,446,611	545,280,020	3,371
Catoosa	42,503,053	78,594,707	443
Charlton	36,207,631	64,070,051	608
Chatham	5,291,406	1,388,470,131	5,085
Chattahoochee	687,404	979,089	31
Chattooga	40,968,621	132,620,013	854
Cherokee	66,331,036	403,842,294	3,147
Clarke	41,033,671	520,433,637	3,145
Clay	26,481,873	28,240,498	175
Clayton	12,865,812	119,412,058	1,324
Clinch	107,503,997	157,374,724	3,879
Cobb	10,324,015	924,276,055	6,243
Coffee	260,386,868	533,528,651	2,995
Colquitt	514,118,094	1,503,051,955	8,481
Columbia	17,699,137	436,295,485	2,186
Cook	101,768,244	160,000,216	1,372
Coweta	52,372,690	327,116,161	3,341
Crawford	59,144,247	78,954,322	686

Ag, Food & Fiber-Related Industries TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION			
County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Crisp	102,412,537	399,042,492	1,804
Dade	33,218,167	36,208,450	225
Dawson	49,749,078	67,748,457	405
Decatur	237,198,931	367,307,176	2,123
DeKalb	3,562,200	1,496,306,083	7,639
Dodge	69,385,105	93,652,833	988
Dooley	162,548,767	376,548,767	1,985
Dougherty	71,983,862	408,442,218	1,682
Douglas	1,867,684	26,104,104	333
Early	112,340,350	660,855,152	2,324
Echols	150,328,794	184,772,377	1,756
Effingham	45,211,274	1,186,489,857	3,245
Elbert	117,530,491	340,000,934	1,718
Emanuel	56,396,224	455,479,692	2,066
Evans	62,714,247	75,831,148	546
Fannin	41,424,132	59,425,063	908
Fayette	10,579,435	104,202,751	1,438
Floyd	93,247,891	1,389,300,170	4,275
Forsyth	15,623,551	1,020,069,961	5,124
Franklin	374,798,616	451,361,418	1,435
Fulton	18,945,157	612,300,484	3,833
Gilmer	206,796,449	578,413,206	2,549
Glascocock	18,506,402	20,348,405	334
Glynn	48,595,913	809,681,452	3,761
Gordon	196,001,072	358,187,187	1,422
Grady	177,317,433	296,701,821	2,756
Greene	64,229,393	121,484,797	1,444
Gwinnett	18,661,633	948,005,733	7,563
Habersham	276,477,531	739,114,759	3,042
Hall	285,902,501	5,044,853,388	17,642
Hancock	17,257,796	21,343,433	392
Haralson	38,506,039	77,638,631	393
Harris	22,926,233	295,394,697	2,255
Hart	324,034,500	421,481,173	1,368
Heard	67,604,905	87,426,194	405
Henry	16,589,087	41,348,231	683
Houston	38,727,950	667,788,332	3,553
Irwin	115,629,748	184,541,436	749
Jackson	351,360,674	830,167,766	3,718
Jasper	87,069,221	118,420,292	1,559
Jeff Davis	88,637,177	319,804,848	1,730

Ag, Food & Fiber-Related Industries TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION

County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Jefferson	70,300,703	223,739,029	1,404
Jenkins	46,271,230	56,985,639	380
Johnson	26,922,696	49,481,881	669
Jones	18,789,775	34,306,112	542
Lamar	37,070,968	182,056,651	780
Lanier	47,291,415	72,060,230	1,118
Laurens	48,749,389	382,998,916	1,885
Lee	104,180,102	132,248,932	1,069
Liberty	6,210,394	96,269,030	325
Lincoln	16,316,993	28,336,479	732
Long	34,038,449	35,074,511	432
Lowndes	79,330,067	1,977,125,084	5,342
Lumpkin	42,526,692	87,631,509	488
Macon	232,916,595	683,016,100	2,014
Madison	345,690,210	400,624,649	1,592
Marion	46,487,538	203,470,044	1,103
McDuffie	49,938,414	132,904,677	3,206
McIntosh	6,604,516	8,709,615	47
Meriwether	51,118,218	74,851,438	1,545
Miller	126,162,734	156,757,131	802
Mitchell	358,378,008	1,130,008,844	5,882
Monroe	31,661,554	73,914,336	540
Montgomery	33,476,284	53,283,114	721
Morgan	133,099,625	208,638,280	1,977
Murray	86,030,782	114,471,863	571
Muscogee	279,300	159,445,462	1,183
Newton	19,895,667	130,936,399	559
Oconee	82,277,398	130,870,675	922
Oglethorpe	260,413,877	298,080,930	1,120
Paulding	43,057,411	89,267,996	1,299
Peach	59,782,789	85,321,505	835
Pickens	55,125,604	80,506,387	510
Pierce	60,079,393	180,492,000	1,175
Pike	19,419,815	29,026,224	501
Polk	27,255,324	128,588,702	755
Pulaski	103,933,251	243,269,338	906
Putnam	98,133,674	248,252,338	1,563
Quitman	4,392,511	6,569,908	88
Rabun	23,906,011	67,256,290	554
Randolph	62,093,857	189,202,423	1,063

Ag, Food & Fiber-Related Industries TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION

County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Richmond	15,592,667	1,638,673,338	4,912
Rockdale	19,463,860	544,490,969	3,603
Schley	32,295,257	35,595,293	216
Screven	81,433,975	125,969,076	989
Seminole	127,032,458	199,048,423	1,120
Spalding	7,335,357	58,241,839	423
Stephens	78,592,843	140,438,541	544
Stewart	25,291,245	30,432,605	266
Sumter	132,540,915	342,928,537	1,787
Talbot	22,408,363	30,835,124	434
Taliaferro	2,876,906	5,056,426	44
Tattnall	262,404,572	407,071,912	2,361
Taylor	43,685,786	54,222,551	1,252
Telfair	45,832,301	814,569,623	3,394
Terrell	79,807,290	210,329,768	1,184
Thomas	92,321,107	294,119,218	2,041
Tift	187,052,433	498,008,910	4,459
Toombs	133,853,003	344,272,780	2,736
Towns	11,014,330	19,189,830	247
Treutlen	18,177,668	23,693,110	242
Troup	16,278,373	39,000,435	463
Turner	93,085,405	220,659,989	1,150
Twiggs	19,413,549	22,765,884	338
Union	28,916,297	50,938,188	912
Upson	38,255,201	83,263,632	648
Walker	88,609,200	108,130,754	531
Walton	40,459,712	79,702,033	1,004
Ware	52,343,515	125,342,717	1,402
Warren	30,338,003	73,501,871	670
Washington	37,865,024	67,062,463	662
Wayne	79,787,681	732,560,622	2,751
Webster	28,867,057	86,236,071	513
Wheeler	26,786,797	39,174,364	455
White	95,494,420	202,073,627	997
Whitfield	66,932,537	108,136,580	701
Wilcox	96,929,112	115,313,462	667
Wilkes	100,407,942	223,704,344	1,095
Wilkinson	11,659,221	20,878,568	375
Worth	194,513,239	389,982,772	1,740

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