



UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA

Ag Snapshots 2024



The University of Georgia
Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development's
focus on Georgia's agricultural industry

Ag Snapshots 2024

A brief focus on Georgia's agricultural industry

Author: Sharon P. Kane, CAED Senior Public Service Associate, Economist

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.



**Center for Agribusiness
and Economic Development**

College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Top 10 Georgia Commodities

in order of value



Broilers
\$6.7 billion
36.4% of total



Cotton
\$1.3 billion
7.2% of total



Eggs
\$960.2 million
5.2% of total



Peanuts
\$790.8 million
4.3% of total



Timber
\$780.8 million
4.3% of total



Beef
\$730 million
4.0% of total



Greenhouse
\$611.2 million
3.3% of total



Corn
\$522.7 million
2.9% of total



Blueberries
\$449.4 million
2.5% of total



Pecans
\$400.8 million
2.2% of total

Food and fiber production

plus directly related processing and indirect sectors
contributes



83.6 billion dollars



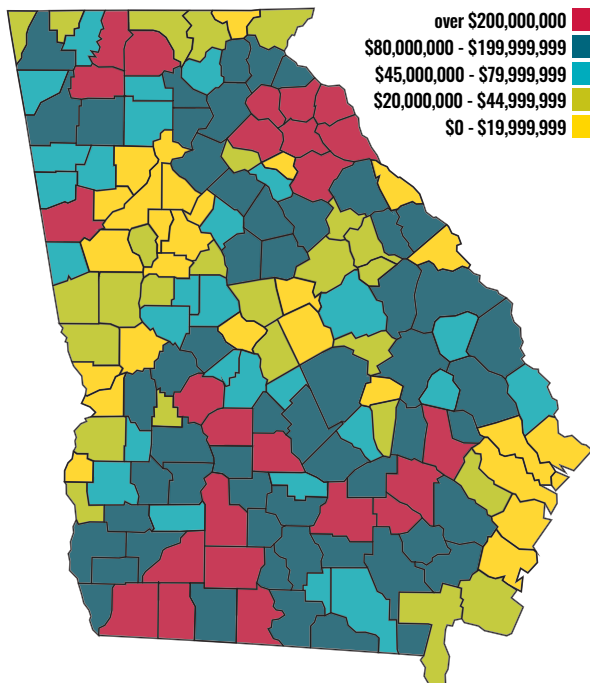
323,300 jobs

to the Georgia economy

2022 TOTAL FARM GATE VALUE

2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$18.3 billion

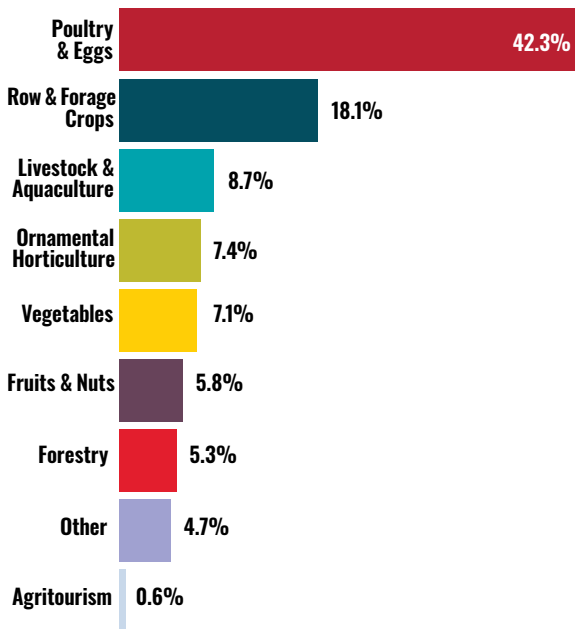
2021 = \$14.7 billion



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.

Total by Commodity Group



In 2022, agriculture and related industries contributed \$83.6 billion in output to Georgia's \$1.4 trillion economy.

2022 NATIONAL COMMODITY RANKINGS*



COMMODITY

Broilers
Peanuts
Pecans, Utilized

COMMODITY

Cantaloupe
Cotton Lint
Cotton Seed
Watermelon



COMMODITY

Bell Peppers
Peaches



COMMODITY

Blueberries
Cucumbers

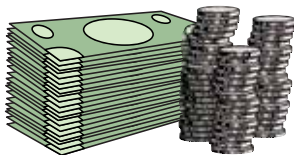


Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service,
Georgia Agricultural Facts, October 2023

*Ranking in terms of total production.

Top 10 Indirect Industries Supported in terms of employment

1	Truck transportation	7,833
2	Real estate	4,691
3	Other nondurable goods wholesalers	4,638
4	Employment Services	3,348
5	Management of companies and enterprises	2,788
6	Grocery and related product wholesalers	2,592
7	Couriers and messengers	2,434
8	Other durable goods wholesalers	2,314
9	Warehousing and storage	1,583
10	Services to buildings	1,435



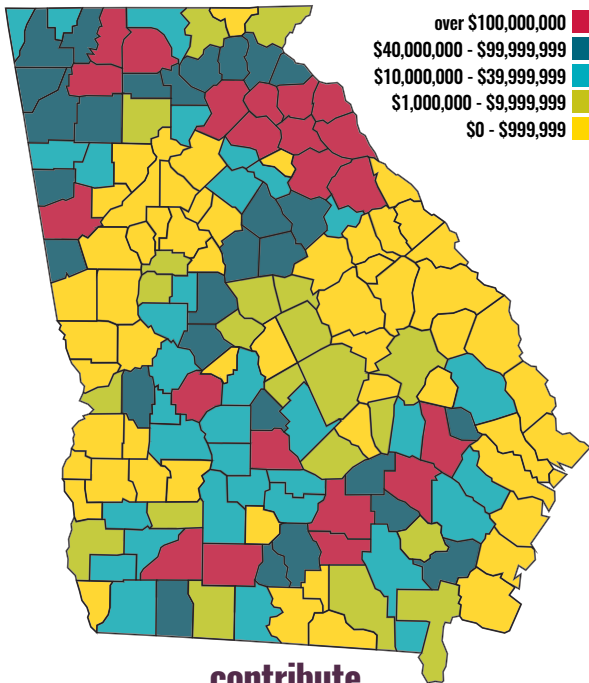
The economic contribution of food and fiber plus related industries adds up to over **\$7,663 per person in Georgia.**

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



contribute

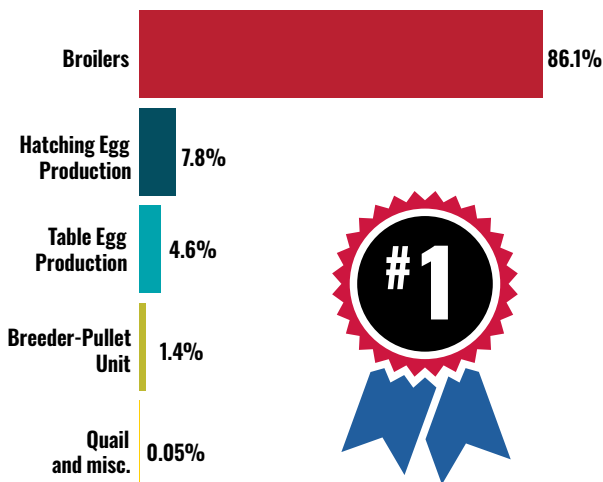


30.2 billion dollars

&

87,900 jobs

to the Georgia economy



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



Three out of four Georgia counties

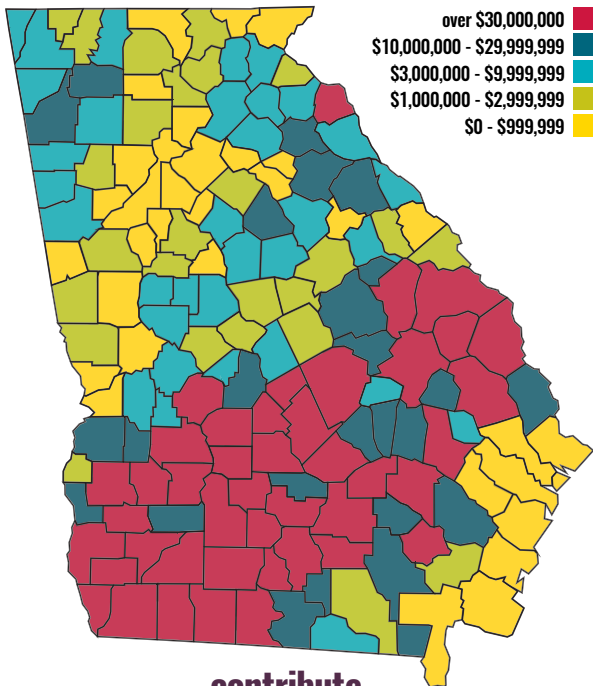
are involved in poultry and egg production.



ROW & FORAGE CROPS

2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$3.31 billion

2021 = \$2.92 billion



contribute

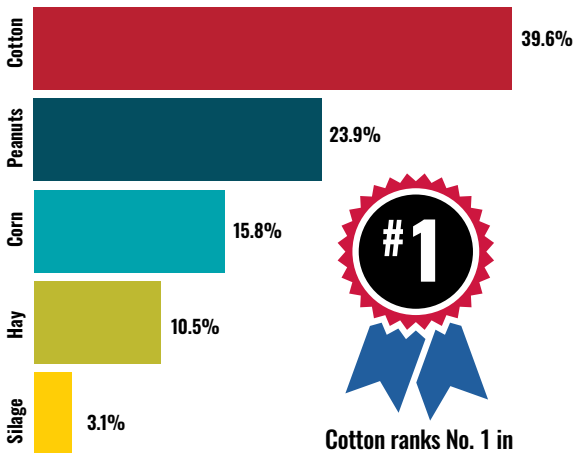


14.9 billion dollars



60,700 jobs

to the Georgia economy



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



In 2022, Georgia produced more than one half of the nation's peanuts.

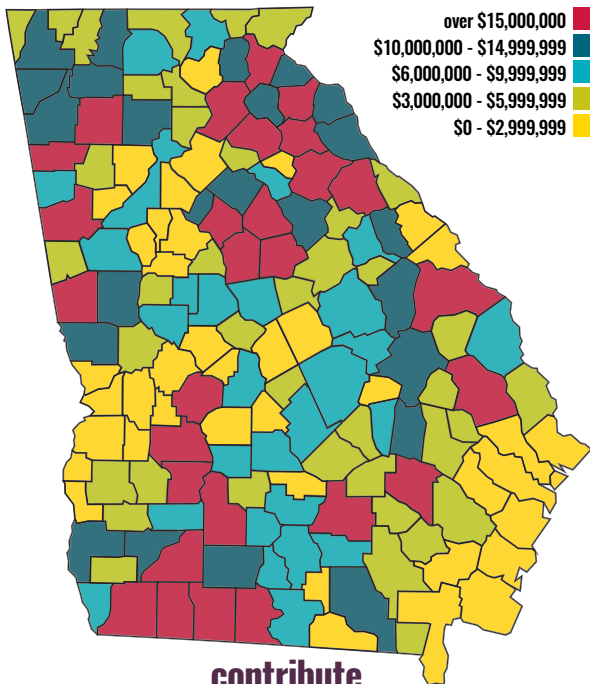


Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, Quick Stats, Peanut Production Measured in lbs. 2022

LIVESTOCK & AQUACULTURE

2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.59 billion

2021 = \$1.40 billion

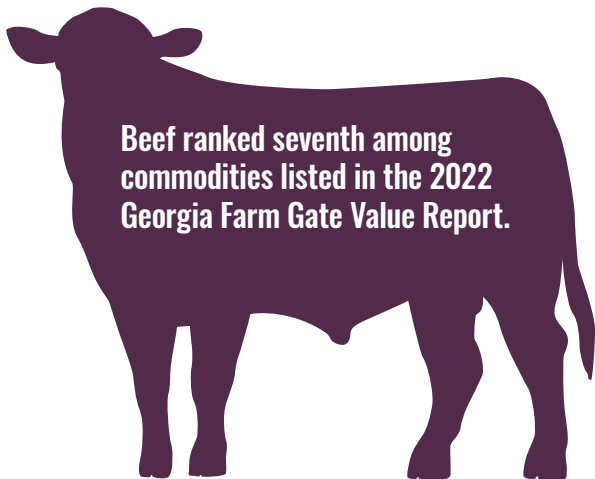
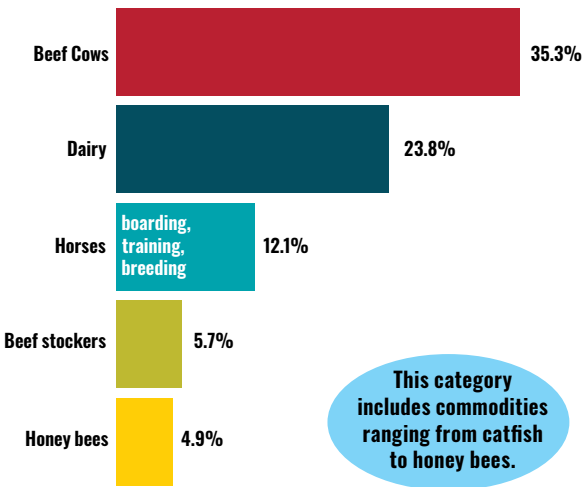


11.0 billion dollars

&

33,400 jobs

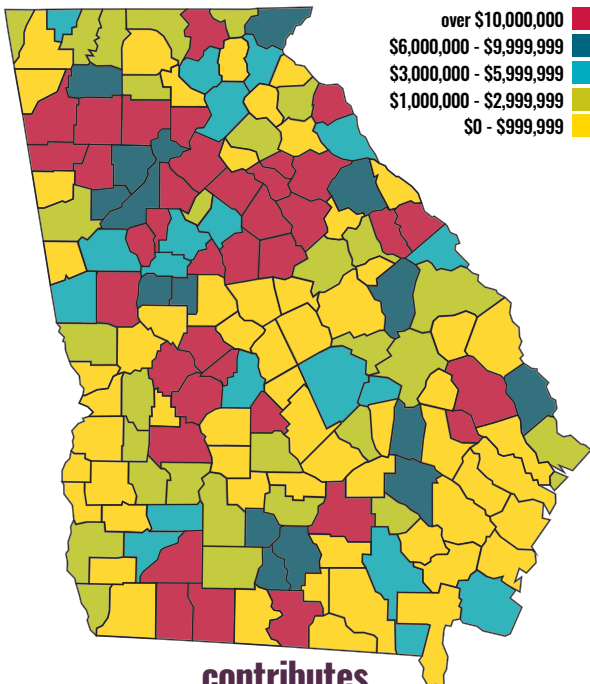
to the Georgia economy



ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.36 billion

2021 = \$1.24 billion



contributes

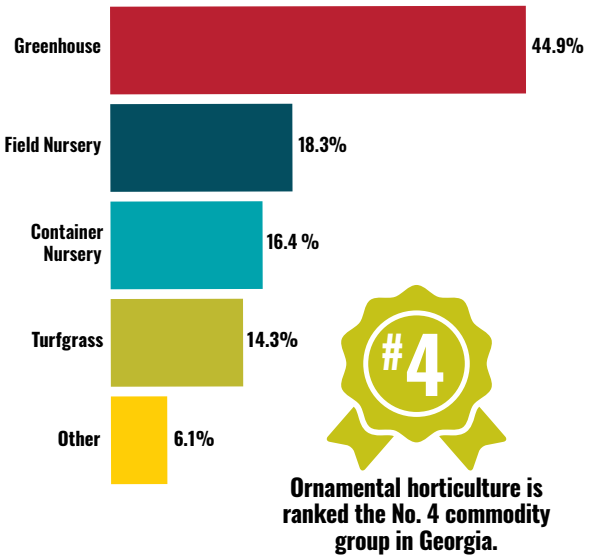


10.1 billion dollars

&

66,900 jobs

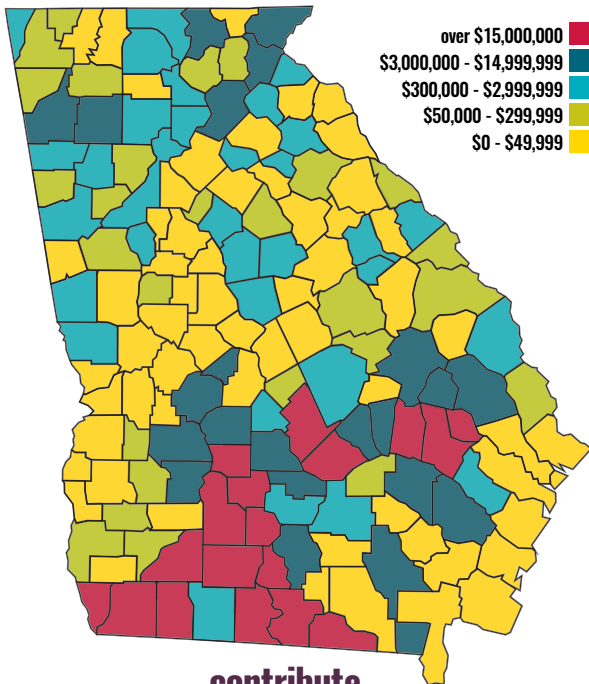
to the Georgia economy



VEGETABLES

2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.31 billion

2021 = \$1.34 billion



contribute

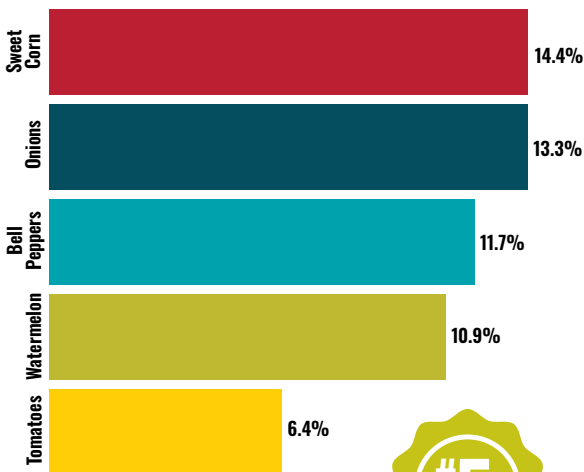


2.8 billion dollars



10,700 jobs

to the Georgia economy

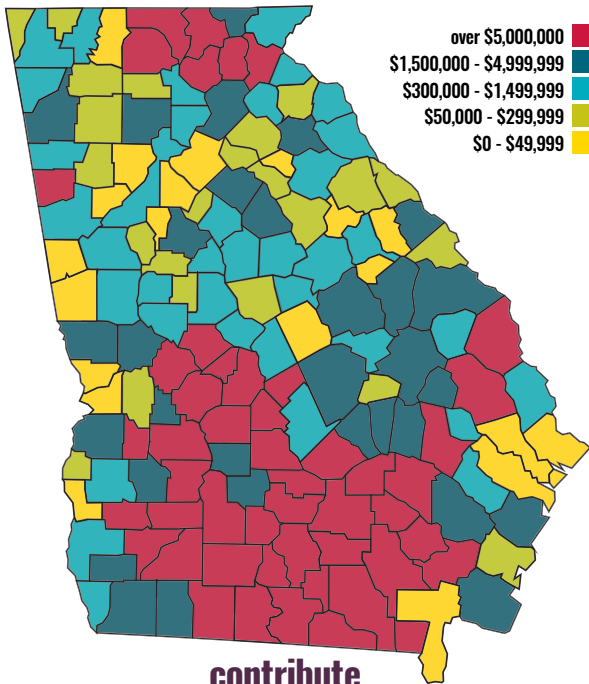


**Vegetables are the
No. 5 ranked commodity
group in Georgia.**

**Watermelon,
bell pepper
and cucumber
production are
among the top
ranked in Georgia
and the U.S.**

FRUITS & NUTS

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



contribute

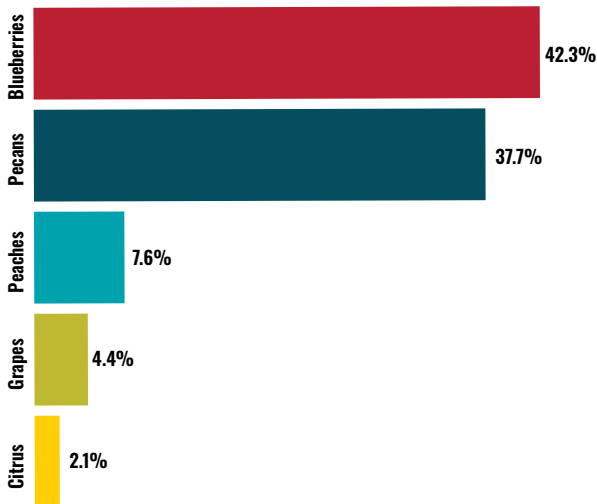


3.1 billion dollars

&

12,800 jobs

to the Georgia economy



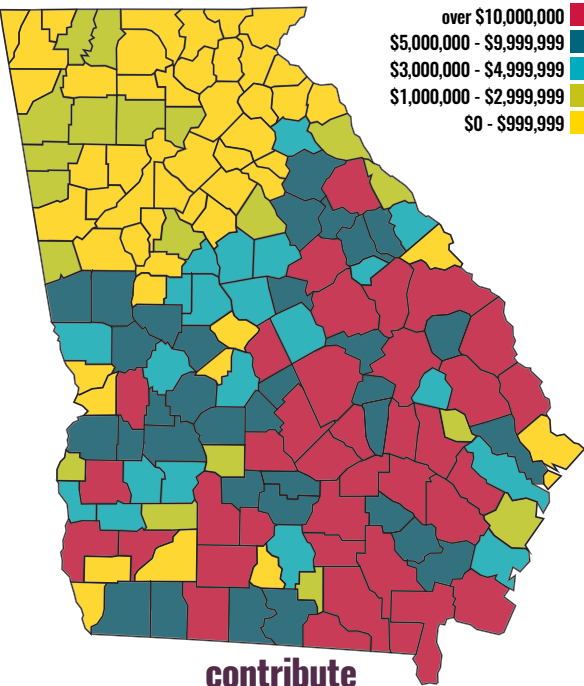
**Georgia blueberries,
pecans, and peaches**



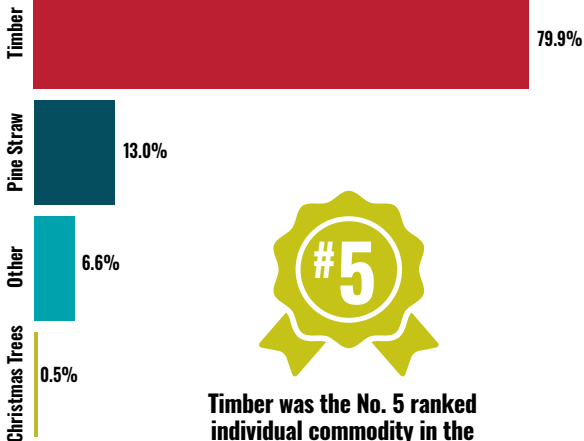
**are among the
top-ranked crops nationally.**

FORESTRY & PRODUCTS

2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$976.88 million
2021 = \$858.21 million



12.6 billion dollars & 53,000 jobs
to the Georgia economy



Timber was the No. 5 ranked individual commodity in the 2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.



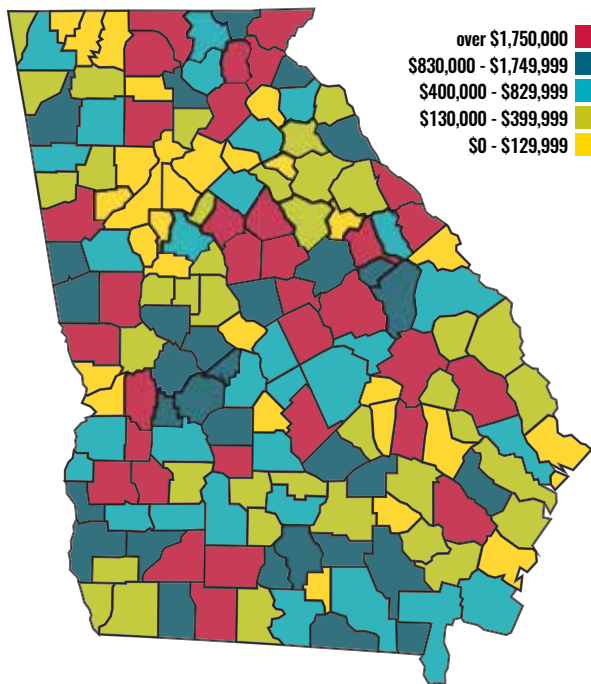
Georgia is consistently ranked the top forestry state in the nation.

Source: www.gfagrow.org

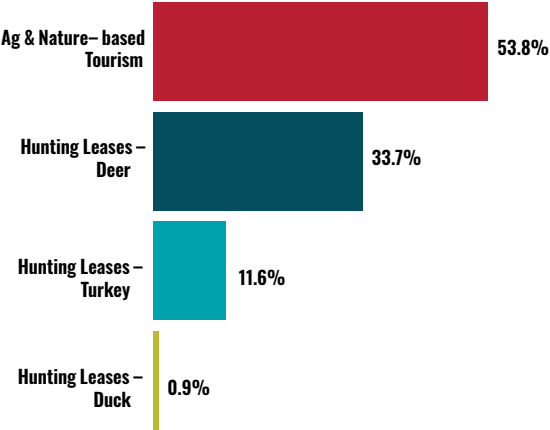
AGRITOURISM & HUNTING LEASES

2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$195.85 million

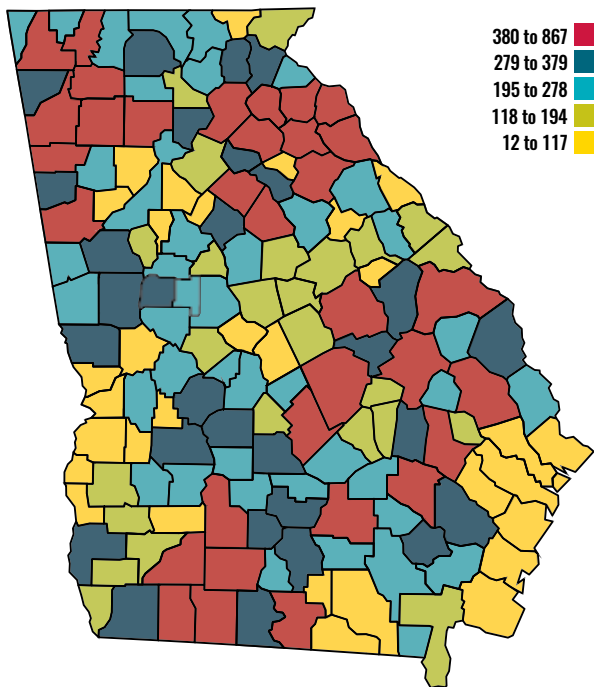
2021 = \$216.75 million



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.

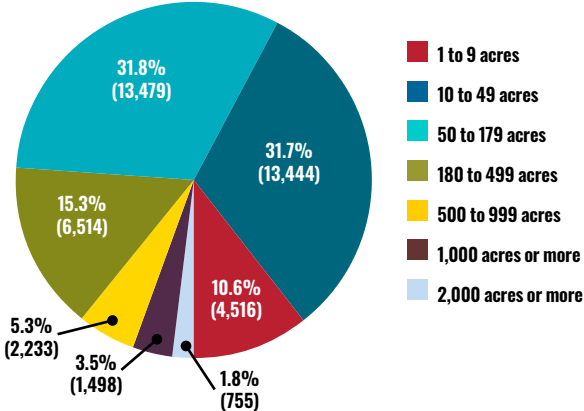


NUMBER OF FARMS BY COUNTY

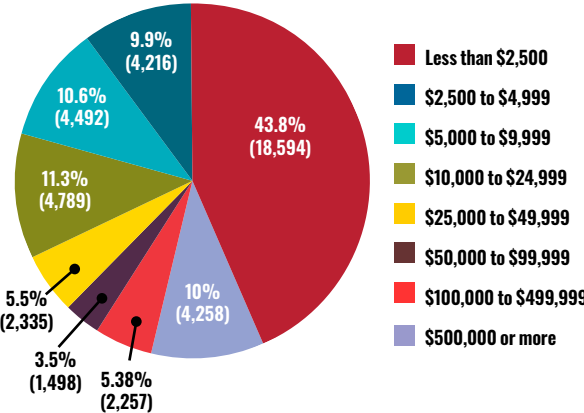


Source of farm size and sales value data: U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2017 Census of Agriculture

Georgia Farms by Size



Georgia Farms by Sales Value



GEORGIA FARM STATISTICS

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)



Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service,
2017 Census of Agriculture



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

EXTENSION

extension.uga.edu

Annual Publication 129-2

January 2024

Published by the University of Georgia in cooperation with Fort Valley State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and counties of the state. For more information, contact your local UGA Cooperative Extension office. The University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (working cooperatively with Fort Valley State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the counties of Georgia) offers its educational programs, assistance, and materials to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected veteran status and is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action organization.



To cite data from this publication, please see the Extension publications website for our copyright policy and requirements:

extension.uga.edu/publications/about-publications.html

**Ag Snapshots are a brief focus on Georgia's
agricultural industry and are based on the
Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.
Publication date and data presented may differ.**

**The Center for Agribusiness and
Economic Development**

www.caed.uga.edu

**Visit our website for access to this publication, the complete
2022 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report and historic reports:**

caed.uga.edu/publications.html



**College of Agricultural &
Environmental Sciences
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA**

Nick T. Place
Dean and Director