

Value of Georgia's Horticulture Industry

Farm Gate Production Values

Industry	<u>Dollars – million</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Current status</u>
	<u>1970</u>	<u>2008</u>		
Vegetables	10	839	83.9 x	Increasing
Nursery & Turf Production	24	422	17.6 x	Increasing
Greenhouse (Floriculture)	15	261	17.4 x	Increasing
Pecans	25	126	5.0 x	Stable
Fruit	15	142	9.5 x	Increasing

Total Farm Gate Value of Georgia Horticulture Products in 2008: \$1.8 Billion

Service Industry Values

Industry	<u>Dollars – million</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Current status</u>
	<u>1970</u>	<u>2008</u>		
Landscaping	60	800	123.3 x	Increasing
Retail Garden Centers	45	500	11.1 x	Increasing

Total Service Industry Value of Georgia Horticulture Products in 2008: \$1.3 Billion

Total Value of Georgia Horticulture in 2008: \$3.1 Billion

Notes:

- The value of all horticulture combined is second only to poultry.
- Horticulture holds some of the most profitable agriculture industries in the State.
- Horticulture is the fastest growing industry in Georgia.
- Georgia is one of the fastest growing states in the United States.
- The fast pace of expansion will continue for horticulture and horticultural careers in our State.

Comparative Georgia Commodity Values by 2008 Ranking

Poultry	\$5.7 billion
Horticulture	\$3.1 billion
Row and Forage Crops	\$2.0 billion
Livestock & Aquatics	\$1.3 billion
Forestry	\$571 million

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