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2019 Ag Snapshots

A brief focus on Georgia's agricultural industry

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Agriculture, a driving force for local economies across Georgia, has long shaped the state's history. The 2019 Ag Snapshots brief on Georgia's agricultural economy is based on the 2017 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report, an annual, county-level economic valuation for all food and fiber production in the state. Together these commodities directly represent a value of over \$13.75 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 2017, food and fiber production and related industries represented \$73.7 billion in output to Georgia's \$1 trillion economy and more than 392,400 jobs in the economy.

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Top 10 Georgia Commodities by Value



BROILERS
\$4.4 billion
32.1% of total



BEEF
\$596.6 million
4.3% of total



COTTON
\$901.5 million
6.5% of total



GREENHOUSE
\$444 million
3.2% of total



EGGS
\$850.7 million
6.2% of total



PECANS
\$401.1 million
2.9% of total



PEANUTS
\$825 million
6% of total



DAIRY
\$323.9 million
2.4% of total



TIMBER
\$669.5 million
4.9% of total



HORSES
\$261.1 million
1.9% of total

Food and fiber production plus directly related processing and indirect sectors

Contributes...



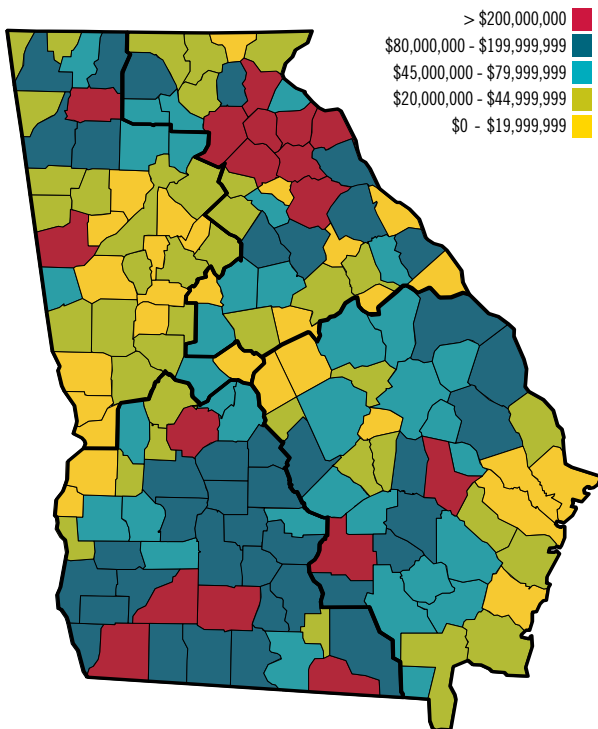
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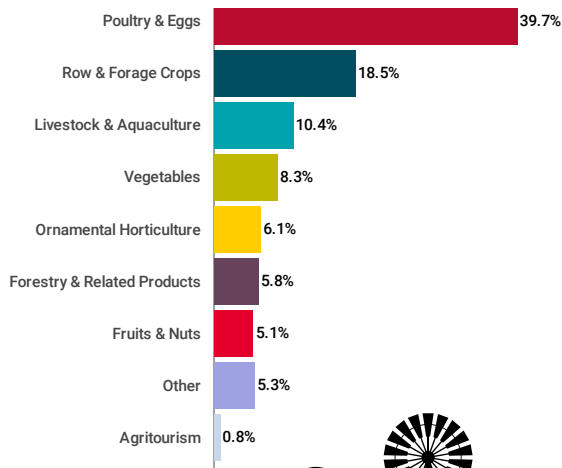
392,400 jobs

2017 Total Farm Gate Value

2017 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$13.79 billion
2016 = \$13.75 billion



TOTAL BY COMMODITY GROUP



In 2017, agriculture contributed \$73.7 billion in output to Georgia's \$1 trillion economy.

2016 National Commodity Rankings*



COMMODITY
Broilers
Hatching Eggs
Peanuts
Pecans



COMMODITY
Cotton
Rye
Pullets
Spring Season
Onions
(Fresh Market)



COMMODITY
Sweet Corn
(Fresh Market)
Watermelon
Squash
(Fresh Market)



COMMODITY
Cantaloupe
Cucumber
Bell Peppers
(Fresh Market)



COMMODITY
Squash
Tobacco
Blueberries
Table Eggs

Source: National Agricultural
Statistics Service

*Ranking in terms of total production.
Data for some states not available
due to nondisclosure, which could
affect Georgia rankings.

Top 10 Industries Affected in terms of employment

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT
Landscape and horticultural services	53,427
All other crop farming	33,601
Poultry processing	33,130
Wholesale trade	14,869
Support activities for agriculture and forestry	14,559
Truck transportation	9,067
Poultry and egg production	8,679
Forestry, forest products and timber tract production	8,159
Real estate	7,616
Commercial logging	7,540

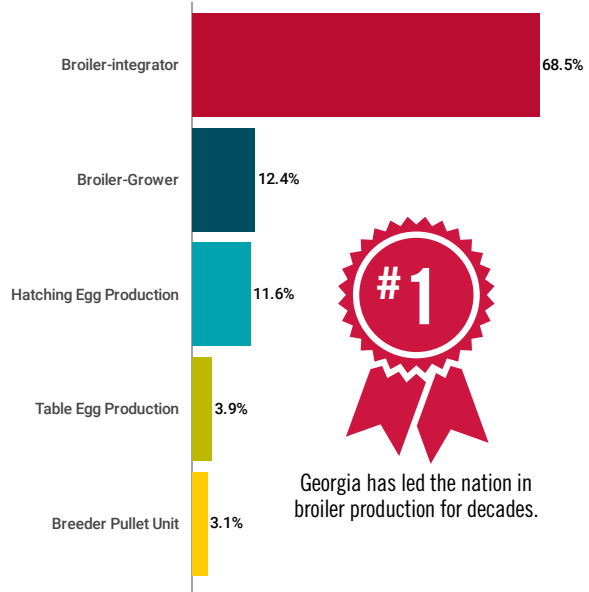
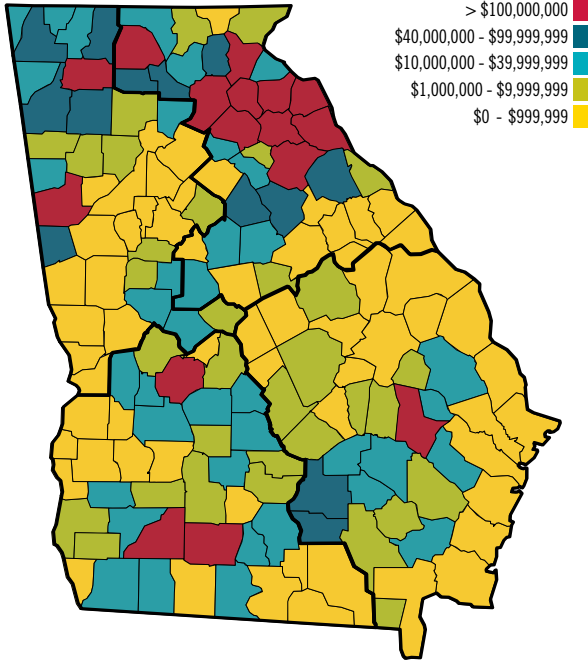


The economic contribution of food and fiber plus related industries adds up to over \$7,000 per person in Georgia.

Source: Based on calculations using the U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts, 2017 Georgia Population Estimates

Poultry & Eggs

2017 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$5.47 billion
2016 = \$5.34 billion



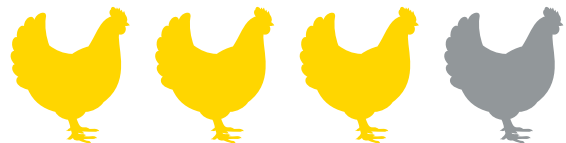
Contributes...



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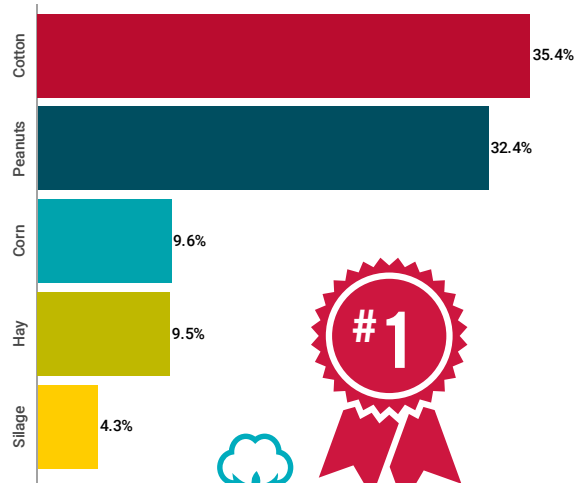
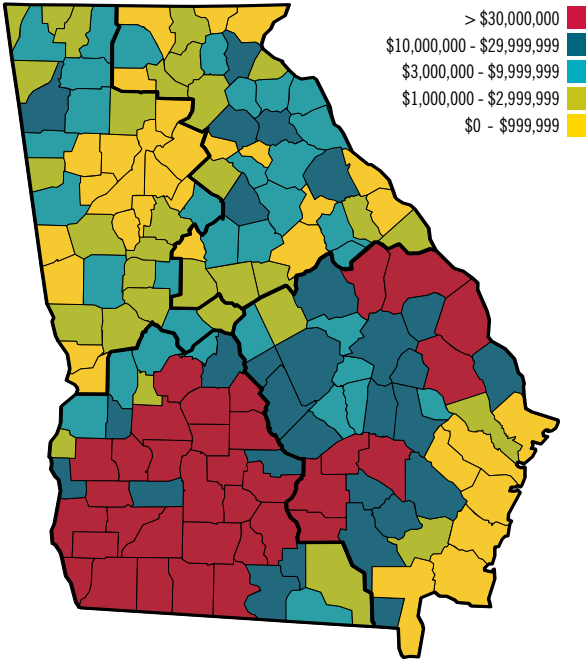
91,100 jobs



3 out of 4 Georgia counties
are involved in poultry and egg production.

Row & Forage Crops

2017 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$2.55 billion
2016 = \$2.42 billion



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



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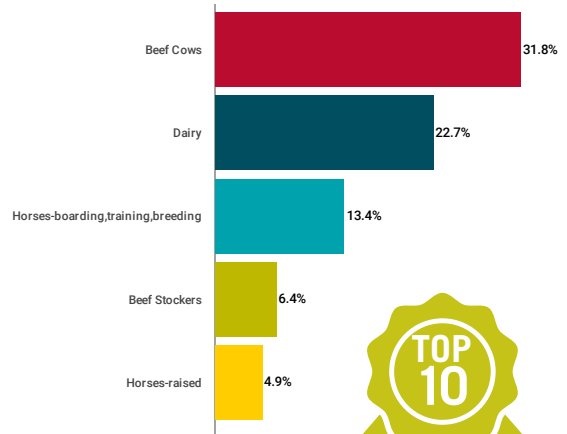
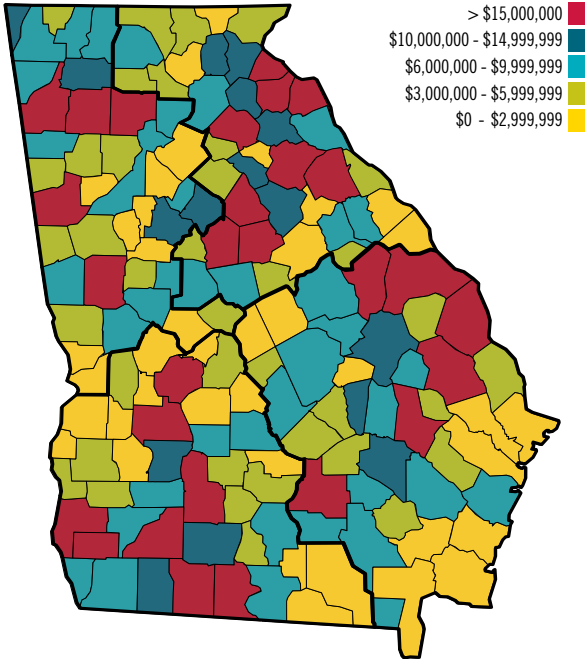


70,700 jobs

Source: United States Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Quick Stats, Peanut Production Measured in lbs. 2017

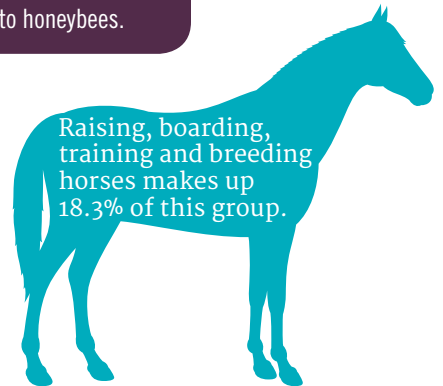
Livestock & Aquaculture

2017 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.43 billion
2016 = \$1.49 billion



Beef, dairy and horses ranked among the top 10 commodities in the 2016 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.

This category includes commodities ranging from catfish to honeybees.



Raising, boarding, training and breeding horses makes up 18.3% of this group.

Contributes...



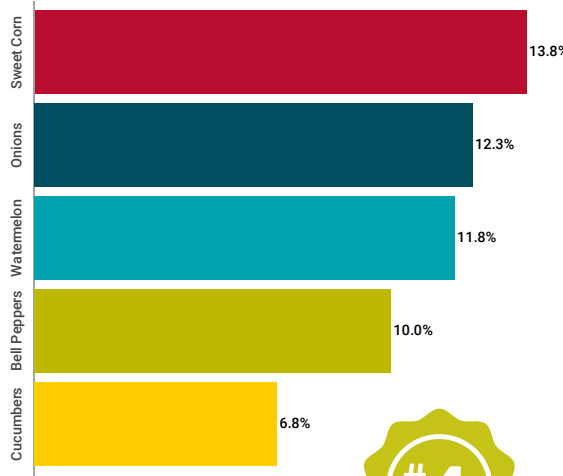
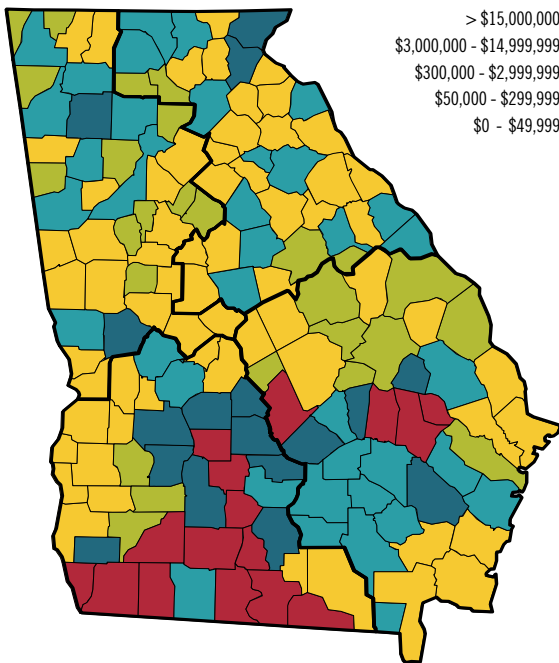
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35,400 jobs

Vegetables

2017 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.15 billion
2016 = \$1.14 billion



Vegetables are the No. 4 ranked commodity group in the 2016 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.

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The number of different vegetable types measured in the 2017 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.



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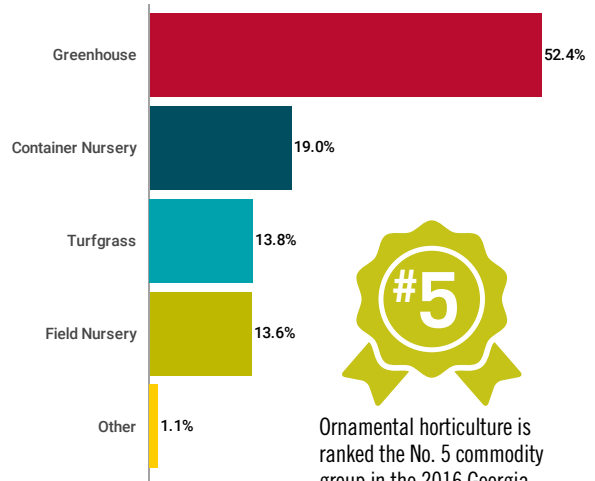
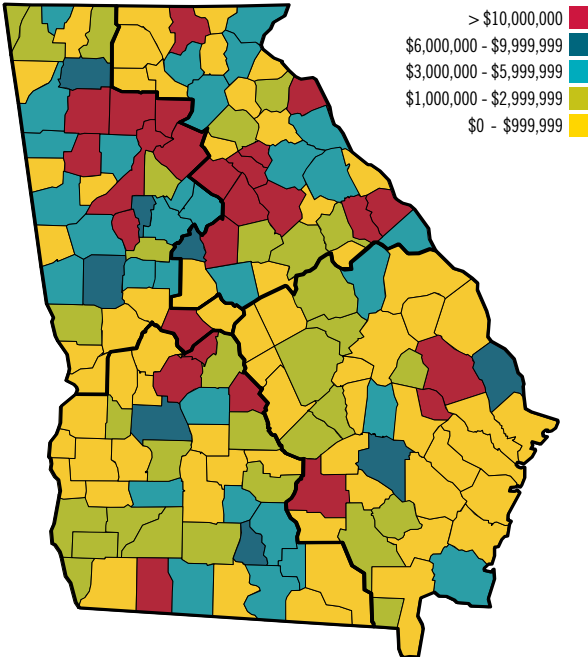
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13,600 jobs

Ornamental Horticulture

2017 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$846.47 million
 2016 = \$843.11 million



Ornamental horticulture is ranked the No. 5 commodity group in the 2016 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.

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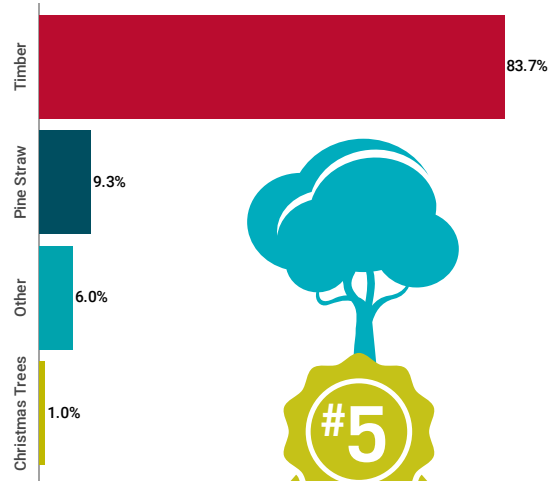
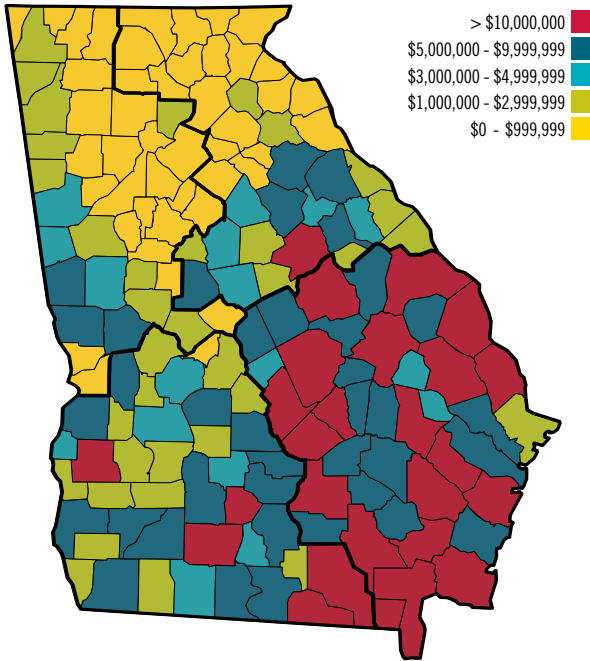
84,200 jobs



Greenhouses and container nurseries ranked among the top 20 Georgia agricultural commodities in 2017.

Forestry & Products

2017 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$800.19 million
 2016 = \$775.95 million



Timber production was the No. 5 ranked commodity in the 2017 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.



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

Source: www.gfagrow.org

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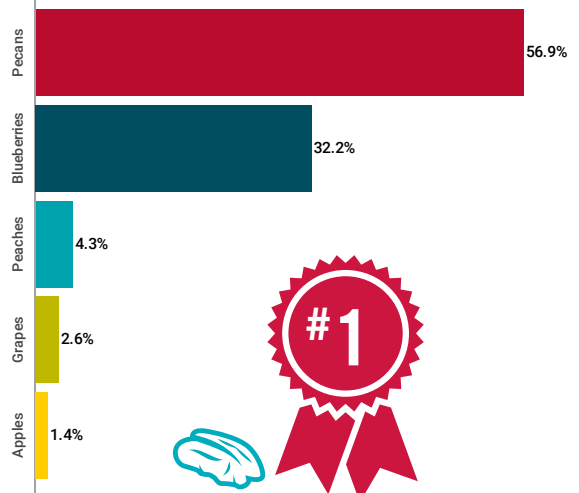
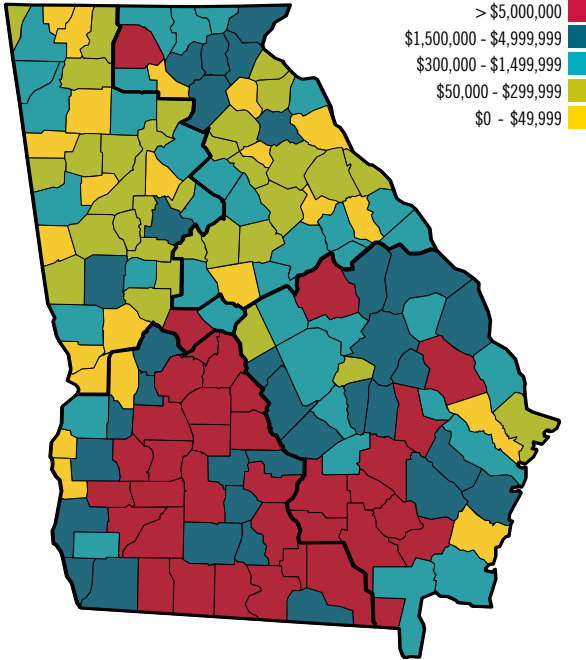
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82,800 jobs

Fruits & Nuts

2017 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$704.79 million
2016 = \$745.23 million



For decades, Georgia has ranked No. 1 in the nation for pecan production.

Contributes...

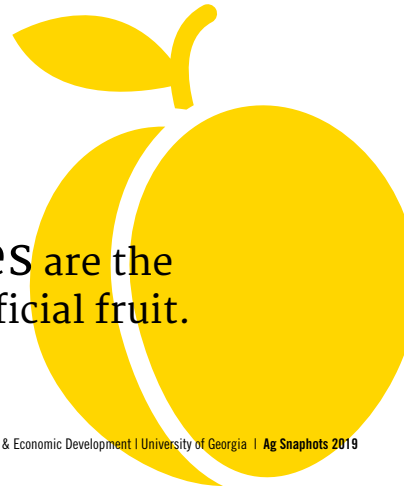


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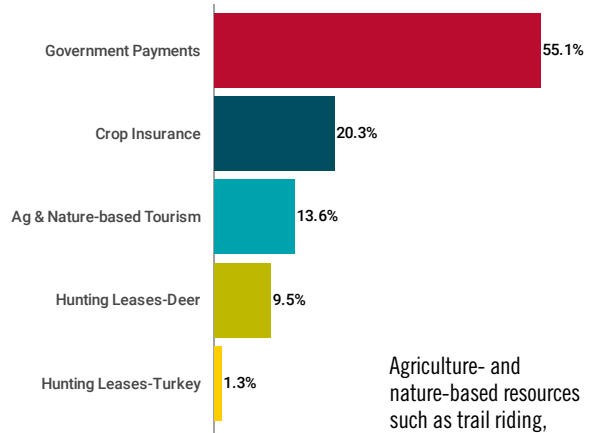
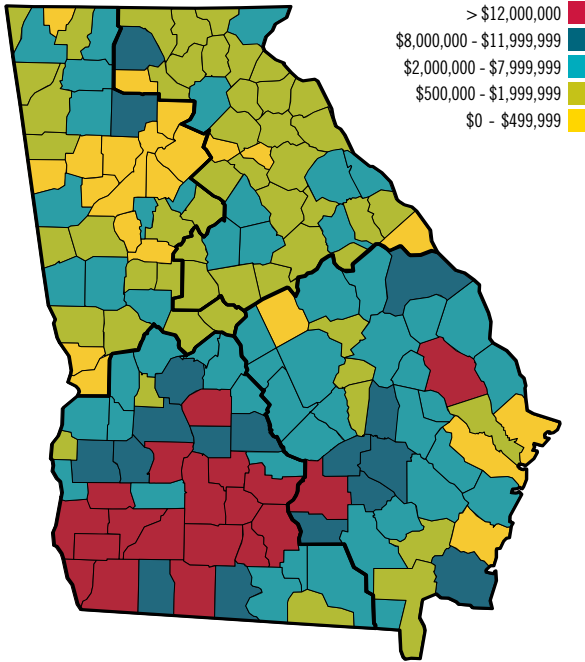
13,600 jobs

Peaches are the state's official fruit.



Agritourism & Other

2017 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$849.07 million
2016 = \$963.05 million



Agriculture- and nature-based resources such as trail riding, camping and corn mazes make Georgia a destination for tourists.



Millions of residents and nonresidents enjoy outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing and wildlife-watching.

County Economic Importance

Ag-, Food- and Fiber-Related Industries' TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION			
County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Appling	142,956,643	283,567,646	1,691
Atkinson	107,209,747	144,685,102	902
Bacon	137,726,640	376,256,283	3,027
Baker	161,411,569	181,486,000	869
Baldwin	13,695,058	52,041,622	765
Banks	273,877,940	430,540,188	1,282
Barrow	40,950,470	381,333,766	2,017
Bartow	95,424,184	447,830,601	2,254
Ben Hill	54,870,060	250,073,223	1,333
Berrien	127,054,814	148,436,854	1,015
Bibb	10,689,277	950,931,296	4,077
Bleckley	38,072,626	102,380,261	818
Brantley	45,566,969	131,748,009	1,151
Brooks	193,025,434	253,119,858	1,900
Bryan	13,314,851	43,432,168	925
Bulloch	148,199,678	330,131,783	2,577
Burke	147,378,320	280,944,456	1,520
Butts	15,029,954	29,028,345	588
Calhoun	98,770,678	129,073,147	685
Camden	29,728,850	39,372,535	518
Candler	48,073,599	52,579,970	1,053
Carroll	215,053,496	585,547,774	3,888
Catoosa	30,397,609	114,895,633	717
Charlton	20,329,878	56,703,910	612
Chatham	2,842,242	2,120,994,392	6,894
Chattahoochee	647,405	1,752,143	18
Chattooga	38,772,368	123,777,269	771
Cherokee	53,388,309	481,750,607	4,588
Clarke	16,777,883	694,313,933	3,536
Clay	24,309,307	25,567,790	193
Clayton	13,490,287	170,372,954	1,616
Clinch	95,399,802	176,050,885	1,395
Cobb	9,369,604	1,132,244,652	8,423
Coffee	223,550,245	742,383,258	4,294
Colquitt	544,065,544	1,406,225,090	7,781
Columbia	104,294,609	400,943,634	4,333
Cook	102,306,075	138,417,126	1,181
Coweta	14,597,697	280,669,124	2,635
Crawford	56,668,208	72,068,466	728

Ag-, Food- and Fiber-Related Industries' TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION			
County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Crisp	100,173,142	562,861,363	2,019
Dade	36,261,339	45,336,411	401
Dawson	57,799,918	213,660,096	967
Decatur	269,023,995	462,495,600	2,479
DeKalb	1,973,550	1,519,801,365	9,351
Dodge	85,407,083	119,031,201	2,394
Dooly	141,481,506	642,350,837	3,087
Dougherty	67,147,196	791,570,247	4,265
Douglas	1,307,296	45,579,172	858
Early	117,841,490	849,118,191	2,450
Echols	212,545,654	252,023,018	2,534
Effingham	38,094,178	945,542,906	2,705
Elbert	181,668,927	305,114,037	1,503
Emanuel	69,659,251	420,829,985	2,352
Evans	72,871,734	624,492,931	3,110
Fannin	32,185,269	47,966,477	315
Fayette	21,068,996	123,903,817	1,286
Floyd	84,932,115	1,542,788,418	5,107
Forsyth	76,195,778	1,293,855,729	7,395
Franklin	408,601,045	510,566,547	1,722
Fulton	22,467,749	1,986,615,601	9,408
Gilmer	189,178,235	515,525,244	1,997
Glascocock	15,678,954	27,364,057	480
Glynn	8,619,827	631,709,514	3,087
Gordon	265,730,169	467,012,562	1,622
Grady	172,059,599	288,184,947	2,618
Greene	81,093,442	257,257,628	1,458
Gwinnett	22,873,092	2,120,962,041	14,929
Habersham	281,428,366	779,400,318	3,318
Hall	238,027,436	4,472,050,230	19,276
Hancock	20,615,836	25,084,463	503
Haralson	41,365,237	144,701,761	626
Harris	17,246,495	192,900,755	1,855
Hart	338,610,879	671,052,492	1,683
Heard	65,626,475	78,974,392	327
Henry	21,179,241	75,916,802	1,677
Houston	45,401,221	896,910,912	4,817
Irwin	112,942,737	179,072,127	1,001
Jackson	316,574,370	725,713,565	3,604
Jasper	74,985,756	122,259,338	1,327
Jeff Davis	77,559,615	199,785,855	1,231

Ag-, Food- and Fiber-Related Industries' TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION			
County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Jefferson	69,466,029	334,498,780	2,028
Jenkins	45,149,580	56,741,116	532
Johnson	29,812,284	48,546,910	787
Jones	20,975,504	33,326,700	791
Lamar	35,342,887	214,426,212	950
Lanier	36,624,085	104,240,417	581
Laurens	58,759,972	319,772,294	2,087
Lee	109,987,323	199,285,842	1,342
Liberty	9,705,750	203,356,991	660
Lincoln	11,987,729	31,481,137	468
Long	41,517,456	44,829,981	280
Lowndes	69,530,777	1,523,903,178	5,869
Lumpkin	43,681,395	204,876,595	1,175
Macon	266,210,506	501,141,715	2,567
Madison	519,887,926	583,877,158	1,800
Marion	45,127,651	127,547,099	912
McDuffie	50,293,858	152,402,861	2,697
McIntosh	28,392,235	24,534,403	360
Meriwether	43,633,034	81,595,268	1,480
Miller	113,143,061	134,972,413	697
Mitchell	385,788,285	1,119,494,708	4,999
Monroe	49,410,078	119,380,791	1,000
Montgomery	33,949,821	89,475,255	620
Morgan	147,660,675	247,304,185	3,007
Murray	87,676,181	171,708,246	950
Muscogee	1,664,615	127,025,270	1,415
Newton	23,628,188	156,910,102	2,047
Oconee	60,387,166	123,896,431	1,162
Oglethorpe	253,971,071	290,410,430	1,018
Paulding	38,197,877	83,925,199	1,171
Peach	50,290,488	277,148,027	4,247
Pickens	53,542,429	94,825,436	471
Pierce	56,455,630	264,469,421	1,508
Pike	19,402,589	25,401,269	759
Polk	24,672,856	292,019,350	2,047
Pulaski	95,813,970	176,830,463	1,332
Putnam	75,411,802	193,270,151	1,982
Quitman	8,231,128	30,126,055	318
Rabun	21,796,631	160,419,753	598
Randolph	64,494,002	155,710,510	969
Richmond	9,518,493	1,920,629,527	5,235

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County	Farm Gate Value (\$)	Output (\$)	Jobs (#)
Rockdale	16,310,023	836,862,830	4,098
Schley	27,621,332	28,703,354	253
Screven	87,142,194	232,278,141	1,371
Seminole	118,609,136	221,316,408	1,492
Spalding	8,990,535	78,324,245	896
Stephens	52,160,015	104,339,102	511
Stewart	19,416,370	29,002,623	550
Sumter	144,048,541	323,598,732	2,155
Talbot	23,449,240	27,590,890	588
Taliaferro	4,065,289	4,952,250	57
Tattnall	324,647,633	527,679,217	3,216
Taylor	32,445,886	36,465,843	1,081
Telfair	57,835,881	883,499,847	6,360
Terrell	73,300,148	178,314,863	1,091
Thomas	114,845,879	451,655,416	2,971
Tift	165,952,408	382,585,339	2,390
Toombs	125,990,135	384,942,041	3,234
Towns	4,204,572	12,230,022	232
Treutlen	13,484,742	19,093,538	335
Troup	20,147,076	56,103,571	739
Turner	100,655,640	167,359,628	1,246
Twiggs	19,564,592	24,512,569	716
Union	27,436,458	58,354,294	949
Upson	35,430,191	103,269,701	913
Walker	81,980,483	101,350,880	928
Walton	38,957,909	139,310,481	2,006
Ware	58,859,291	251,445,794	1,741
Warren	22,638,461	94,927,600	924
Washington	55,264,237	99,408,532	1,108
Wayne	79,035,832	730,792,388	2,993
Webster	29,792,969	91,597,925	552
Wheeler	40,501,954	46,014,630	1,654
White	104,541,958	184,848,714	1,116
Whitfield	48,262,360	122,443,986	959
Wilcox	117,858,252	129,905,439	660
Wilkes	107,715,018	318,593,025	1,992
Wilkinson	8,916,125	24,010,000	669
Worth	156,458,822	383,427,221	1,882

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