

2020 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 2020 Ag Snapshots report on Georgia's agricultural economy is based on the 2018 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 \$13.76 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 2018, food and fiber production and related industries represented \$76 billion in output to Georgia's \$1.07 trillion economy and more than 399,200 jobs in the economy.



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Top 10 Georgia Commodities by Value



BROILERS
\$4.5 billion
32.4% of total



EGGS
\$948.2 million
6.9% of total



COTTON
\$792.7 million
5.8% of total



BEEF
\$633.2 million
4.6% of total



TIMBER
\$632.2 million
4.6% of total



PEANUTS
\$624.6 million
4.5% of total



GREENHOUSE
\$487.7 million
3.6% of total



DAIRY
\$308.3 million
2.2% of total



BLUEBERRIES
\$300.4 million
2.2% of total



CORN
\$288.2 million
2.1% of total

Food and fiber production plus directly related processing and indirect sectors

Contributes...



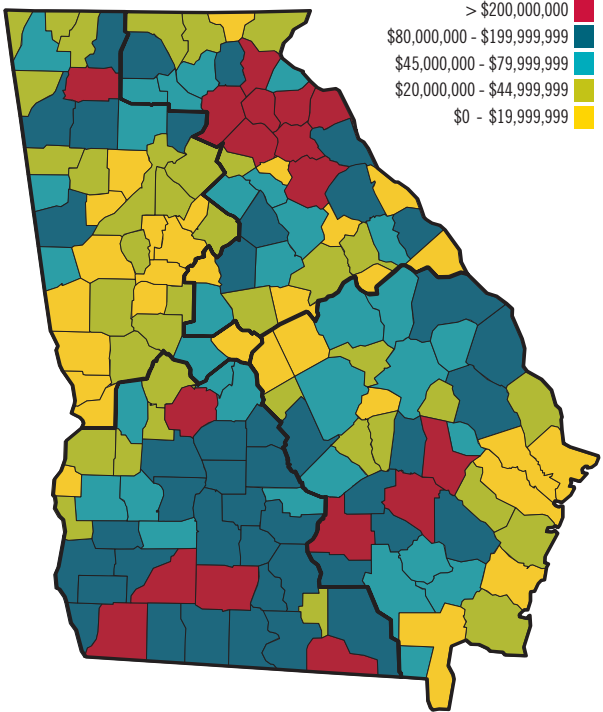
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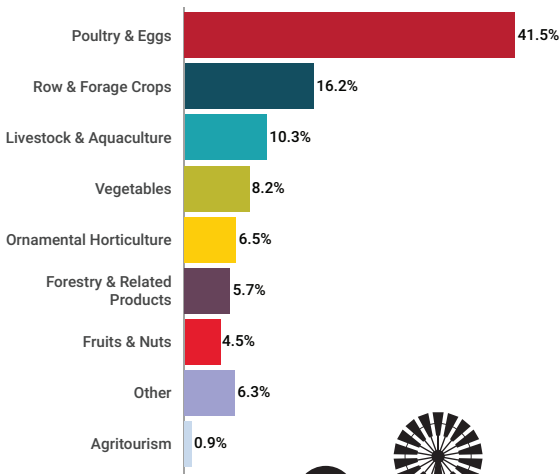
399,200 jobs

2018 TOTAL FARM GATE VALUE

2018 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$13.76 billion
2017 = \$13.79 billion



TOTAL BY COMMODITY GROUP



In 2018, agriculture contributed \$76.0 billion in output to Georgia's \$1.07 trillion economy.

2018 National Commodity Rankings*



COMMODITY

Broilers
Hatching Eggs
Peanuts



COMMODITY

Cotton
Pecans
Rye



COMMODITY

Peaches
Sweet Corn
(Fresh Market)



COMMODITY

Bell Peppers
(Fresh Market)
Pullets
Watermelon



COMMODITY

Blueberries
Cucumbers
Table Eggs
Tobacco

*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	53,350
All other crop farming	44,637
Poultry processing	33,199
Support activities for agriculture and forestry	14,793
Forestry, forest products and timber tract production	10,213
Truck transportation	9,729
Real estate	8,512
Commercial logging	7,515
Poultry and egg production	6,948
Vegetable and melon farming	6,745

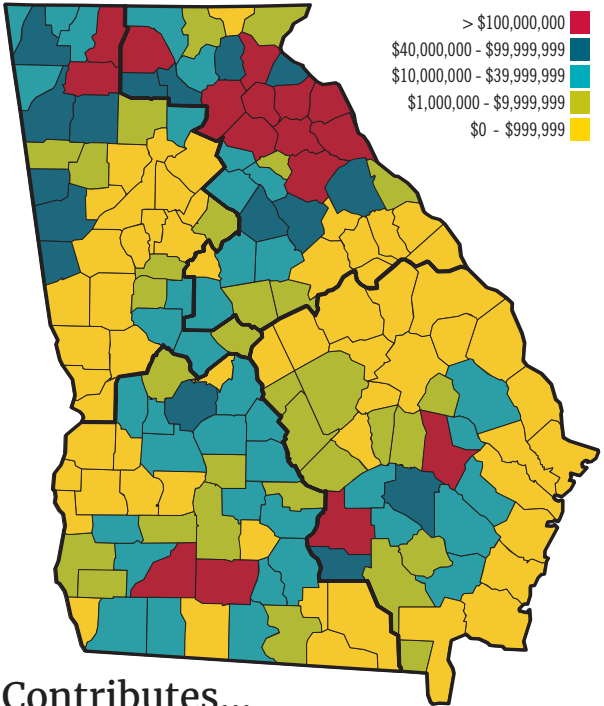


The economic contribution of food and fiber plus related industries adds up to over \$7,100 per person in Georgia.

Source: Based on calculations using the U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts, 2018 Georgia Population Estimates

POULTRY & EGGS

2018 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$5.71 billion
2017 = \$5.47 billion

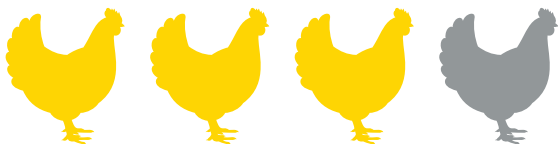
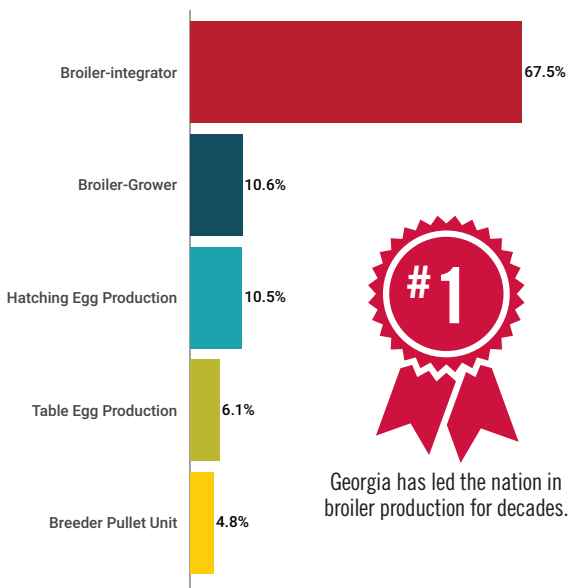


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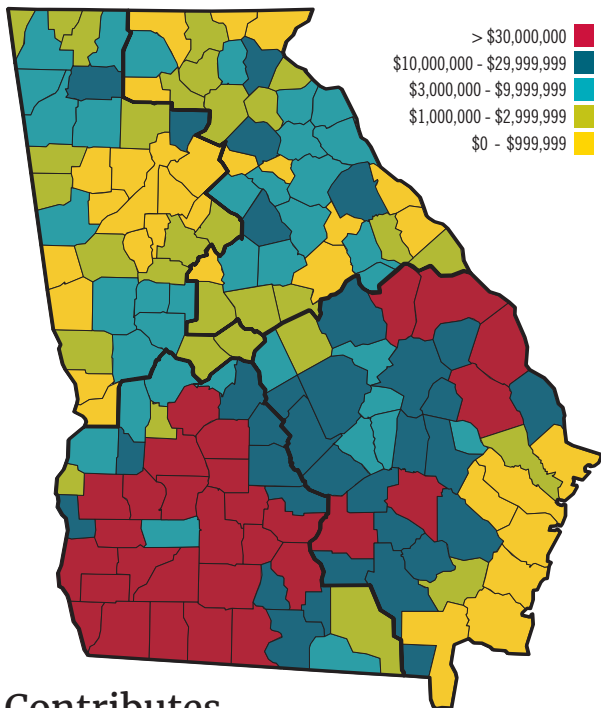




3 out of 4 Georgia counties
are involved in poultry and egg production.

ROW & FORAGE CROPS

2018 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$2.23 billion
2017 = \$2.55 billion

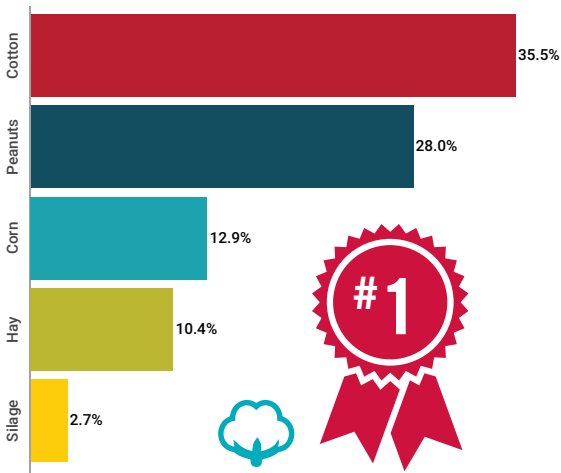


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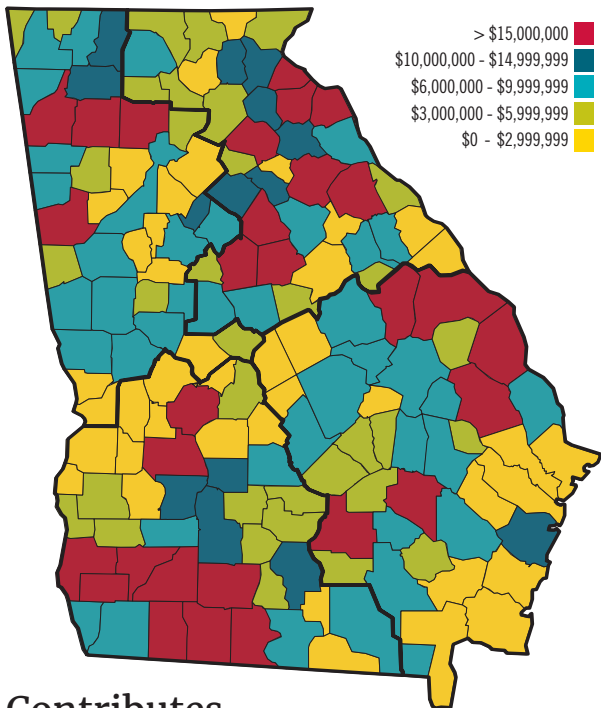
Cotton ranks No. 1 in production value among row and forage crops in Georgia and No. 2 in the nation.



Source: United States Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Quick Stats, Peanut Production Measured in lbs. 2018

LIVESTOCK & AQUACULTURE

2018 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.41 billion
2017 = \$1.43 billion



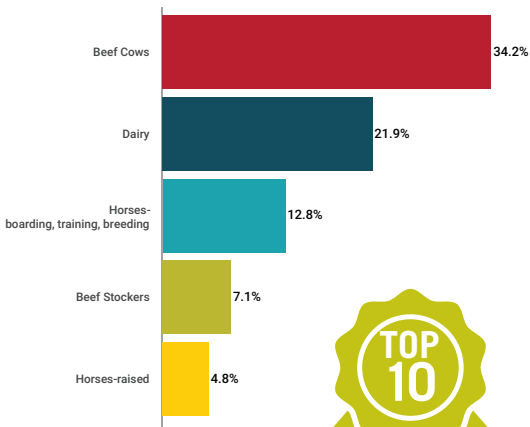
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37,000 jobs



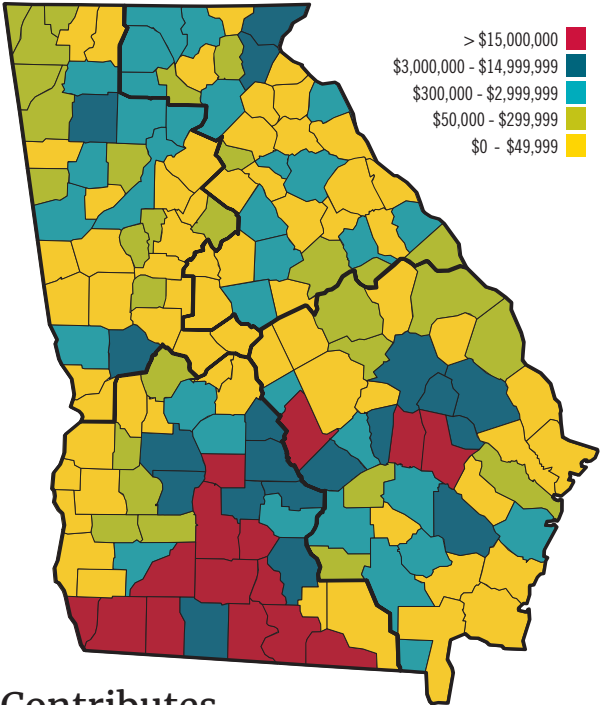
Beef and dairy ranked among the top 10 commodities in the 2018 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.

This category includes commodities ranging from catfish to honeybees.



VEGETABLES

2018 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.13 billion
2017 = \$1.15 billion

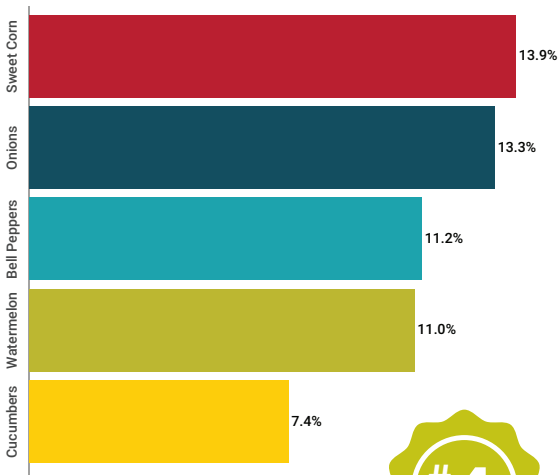


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Vegetables are the No. 4 ranked commodity group in the 2018 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.

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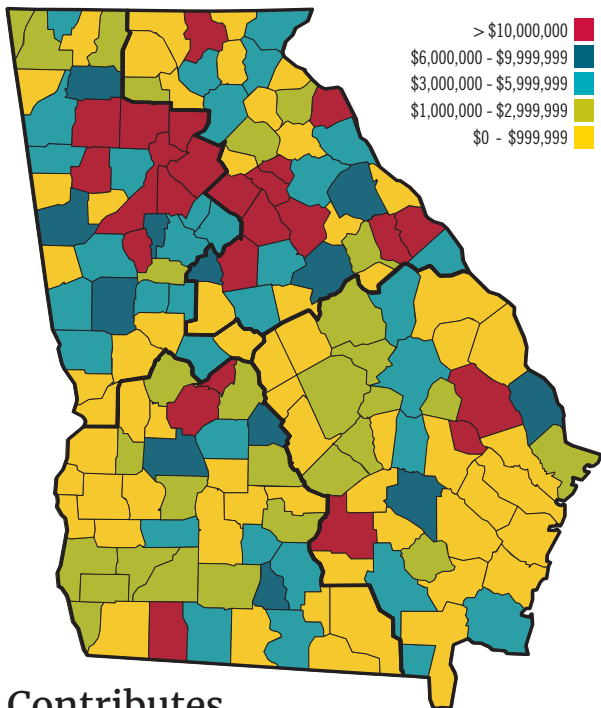
The number of different vegetable types measured in the 2018 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.



ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

2018 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$888.72 million

2017 = \$846.47 million



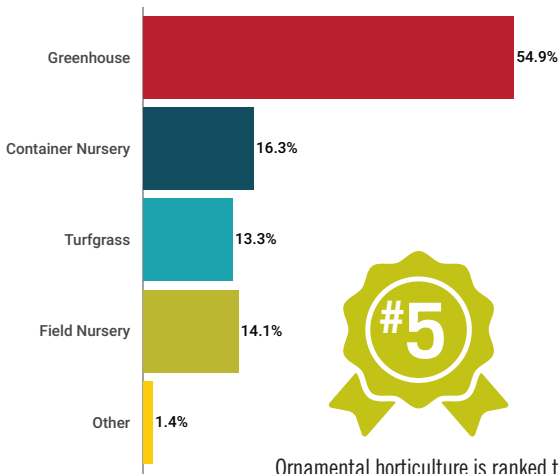
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83,000 jobs



Ornamental horticulture is ranked the No. 5 commodity group in the 2018 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.

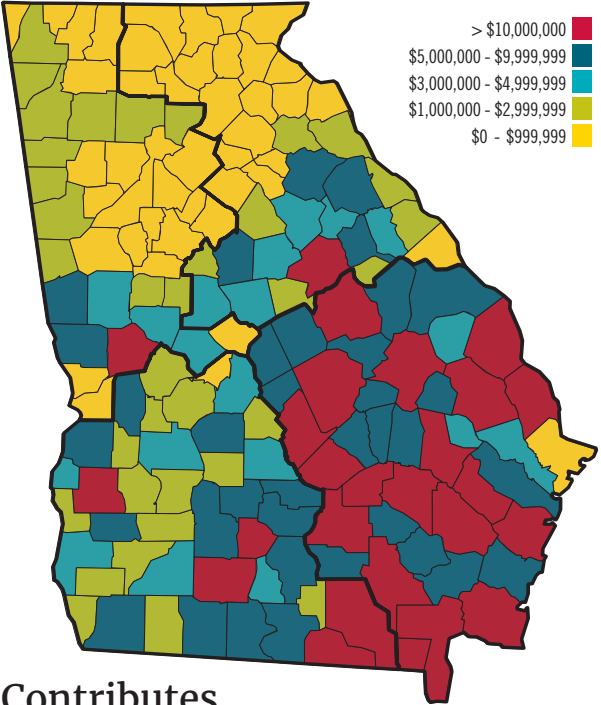


Both greenhouses and container nurseries ranked among the top 20 in farm gate value among agricultural commodities in 2018.

FORESTRY & PRODUCTS

2018 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$788.37 million

2017 = \$800.19 million

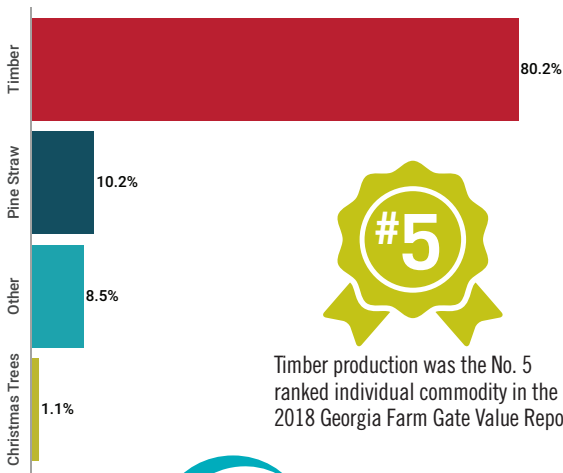


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Timber production was the No. 5 ranked individual commodity in the 2018 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.

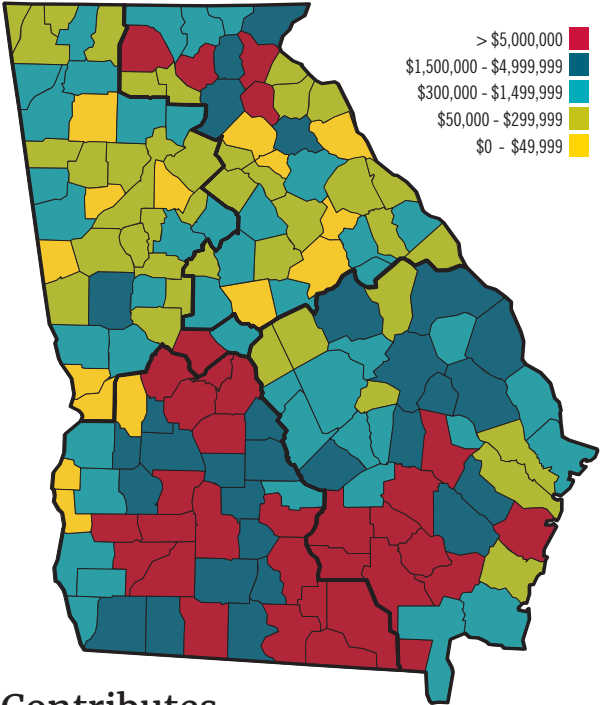


Source: www.gfagrow.org

FRUITS & NUTS

2018 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$614.63 million

2017 = \$704.79 million

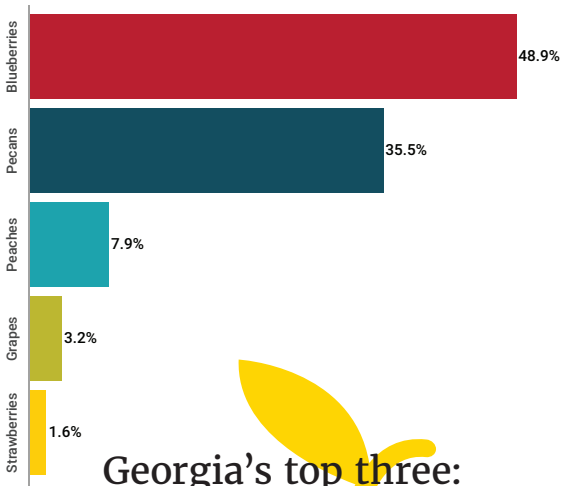


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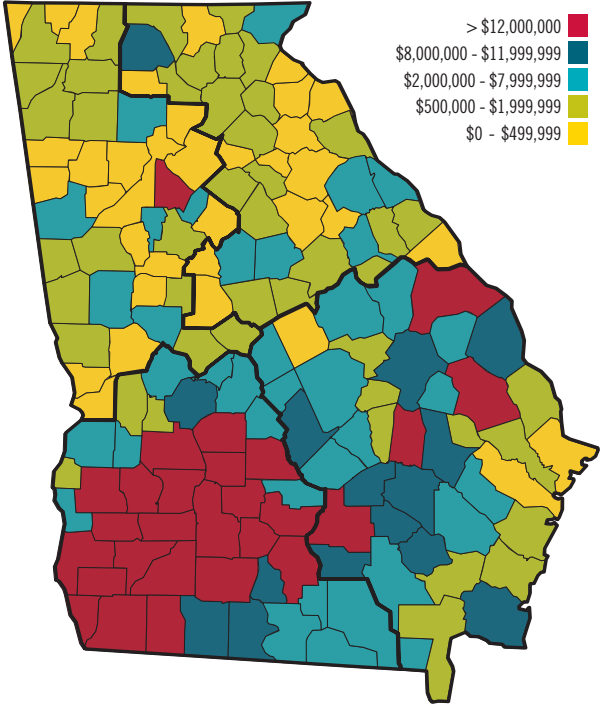
Georgia's top three:
Blueberries,
pecans and
peaches are also
top-ranked crops
nationally.

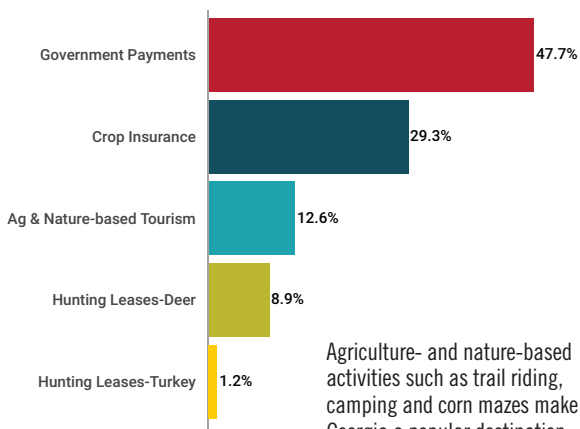


AGRITOURISM & OTHER

2018 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$989.36 million

2017 = \$849.07 million



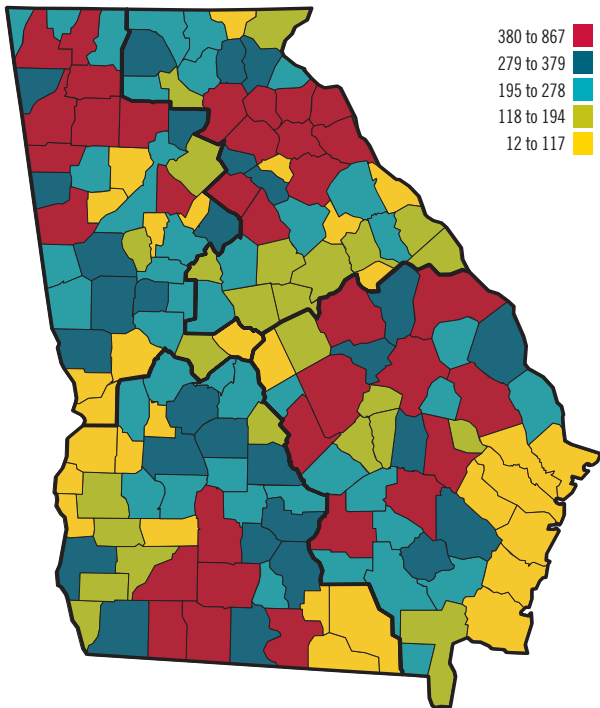


Agriculture- and nature-based activities such as trail riding, camping and corn mazes make Georgia a popular destination for tourists.

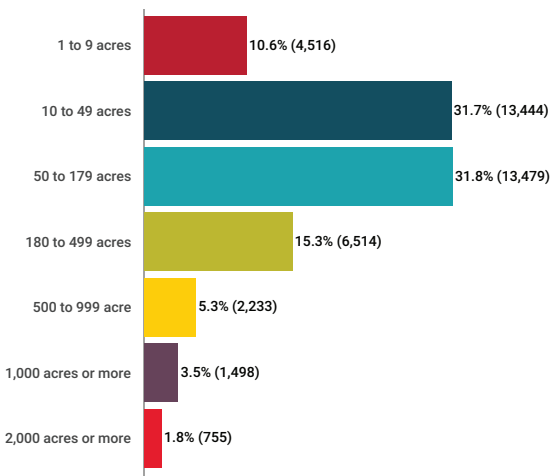


Millions of residents and nonresidents enjoy outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing and wildlife-watching.

NUMBER OF FARMS BY COUNTY



GEORGIA FARMS BY SIZE



Source: USDA/NASS, 2017 Census of Agriculture

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 PRODUCER (formerly called Principal Operator)

Worked 200+ days off farm • 37.3% (15,838)

Average age of primary producer • 59.8 years

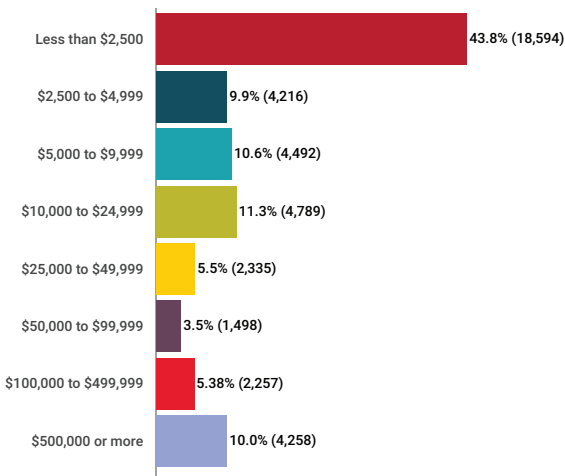
Female • 22.9% (9,717)

Black • 4.4% (1,878)

Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin • 1.2% (525)



GEORGIA FARMS BY SALES VALUE



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