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focus on Georgia's agricultural industry

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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 2022 Ag Snapshots report on Georgia's agricultural economy is based on the 2020 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 \$12.2 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 2020, food and fiber production and related industries represented \$69.4 billion in output to Georgia's \$1.1 trillion economy and more than 352,430 jobs in the economy.



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# Top 10 Georgia Commodities

in order of value



**Broilers**  
\$3.0 billion  
24.1% of total



**Cotton**  
\$727.8 million  
6.0% of total



**Peanuts**  
\$678.0 million  
5.5% of total



**Beef**  
\$663.4 million  
5.4% of total



**Timber**  
\$649.8 million  
5.3% of total



**Greenhouse**  
\$566.2 million  
4.6% of total



**Corn**  
\$358.1 million  
2.9% of total



**Blueberries**  
\$304.2 million  
2.5% of total



**Dairy**  
\$297.0 million  
2.4% of total



**Hay**  
\$291.2 million  
2.4% of total

**Food and fiber production**  
plus directly related processing and indirect sectors  
**contributes...**



**69.4 billion dollars**

**&**



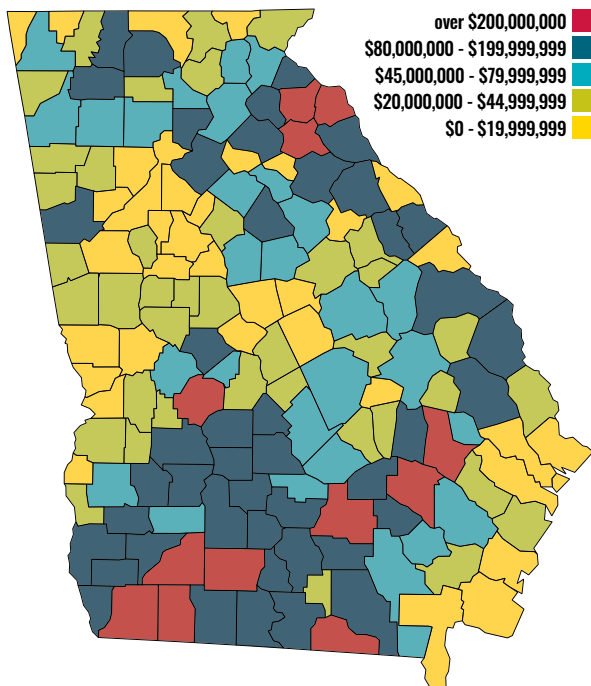
**352,430 jobs**

**to the Georgia economy**

# 2020 TOTAL FARM GATE VALUE

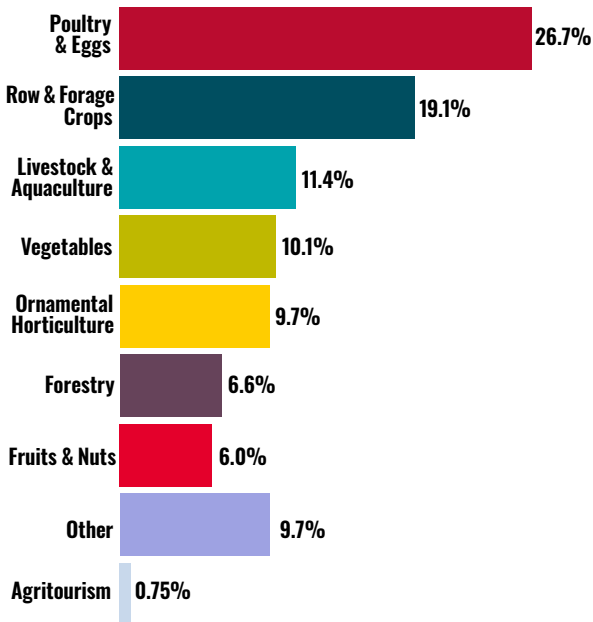
2020 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$12.2 billion

2019 = \$13 billion



**In 2020, agriculture contributed \$69.4 billion in output to Georgia's \$1.1 trillion economy.**

# Total by Commodity Group



# 2020 NATIONAL COMMODITY RANKINGS\*



## COMMODITY

Broilers  
Peanuts  
Pecans, Utilized



## COMMODITY

Cotton Lint  
Cotton Seed  
Watermelon



## COMMODITY

Cantaloupe  
Peaches



## COMMODITY

Blueberries

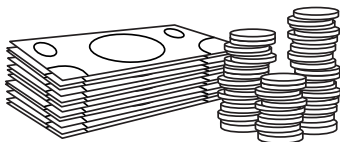
Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service

\*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
1	All other crop farming	50,664
2	Landscape and horticultural services	36,793
3	Poultry processing	33,746
4	Support activities for agriculture and forestry	16,310
5	Truck transportation	9,846
6	Forestry, forest products and timber tract production	9,137
7	Real estate	9,020
8	Commercial logging	6,848
9	Greenhouse nursery, and floriculture production	6,412
10	Sawmills	5,286



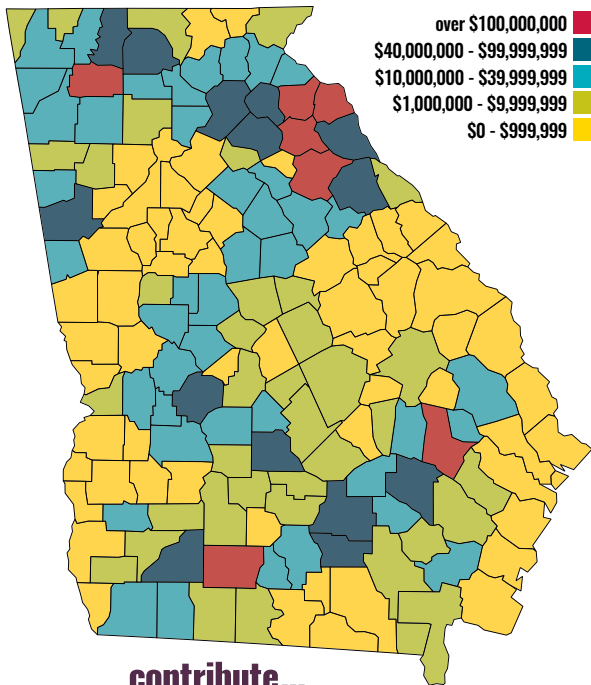
**The economic contribution of food and fiber plus related industries adds up to nearly \$6,500 per person in Georgia.**

Source: Calculations using the U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts,  
2020 Georgia Population Estimates

# POULTRY & EGGS

2020 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$3.26 billion\*

2019 = \$4.34 billion



contribute...



21.5 billion dollars



82,202 jobs

&  
to the Georgia economy



Broiler-Grower & Integrator

90.4%

Table Egg Production

5.4%

Hatching Egg Production

3.1%

Breeder-Pullet Unit

0.9%

Quail (meat and flight)

0.2%



Georgia has led the nation in broiler production for decades.



**3 out of 4  
Georgia counties**

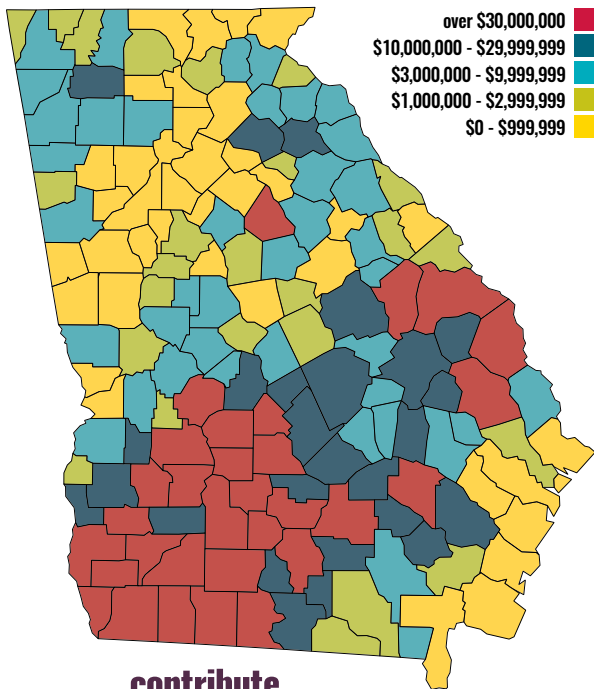
are involved in poultry and egg production.



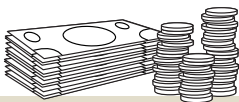
\* Historical bird inventory estimates were based on poultry house numbers. However, in ongoing efforts to evolve and improve data collection, they are now estimated in collaboration with industry partners. This allows the most timely and accurate compilation of information in view of the many changes in the industry (house size and capacity, market weight) and eliminates the difficulty of appropriately determining when a poultry house is no longer active.

# ROW & FORAGE CROPS

2020 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$2.3 billion  
2019 = \$2.6 billion



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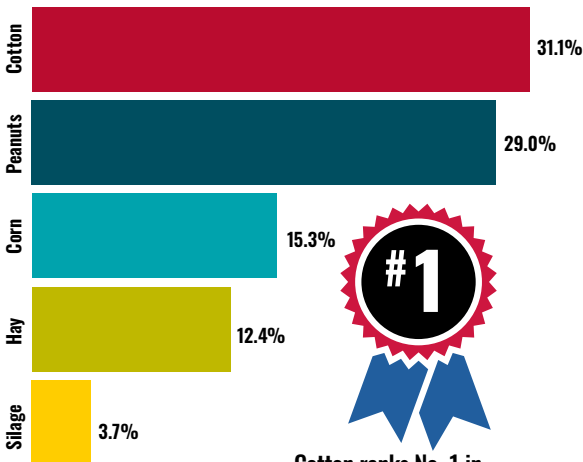


**12.9 billion dollars**



**89,507 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.**

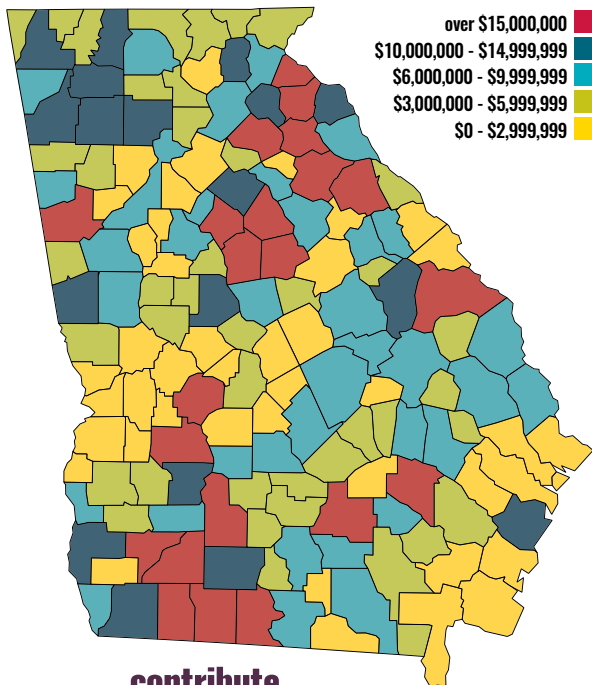


Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, Quick Stats, Peanut Production Measured in lbs. 2020

# LIVESTOCK & AQUACULTURE

2020 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.39 billion

2019 = \$1.46 billion



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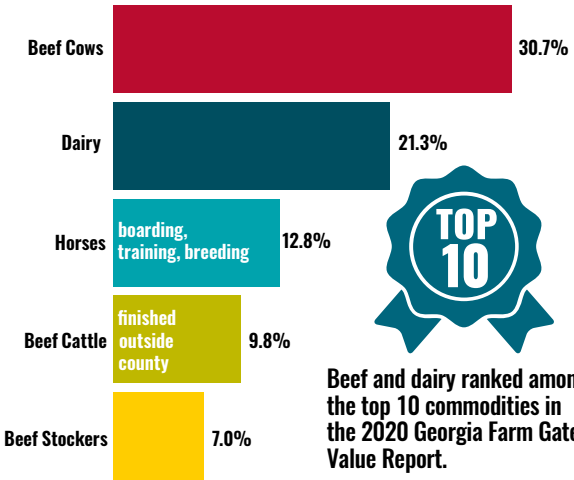


**9.1 billion dollars**

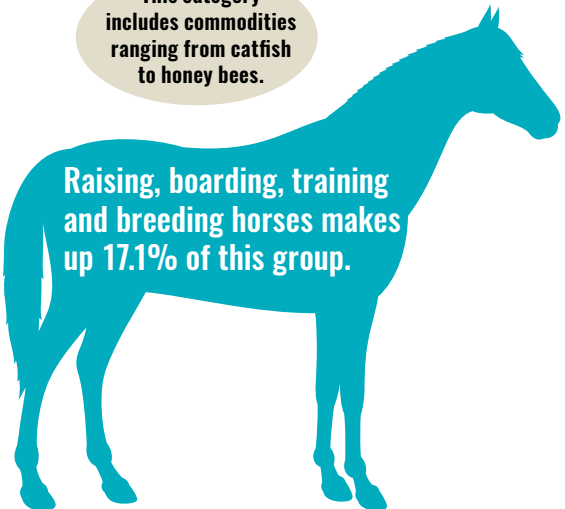


**34,477 jobs**

**to the Georgia economy**



This category includes commodities ranging from catfish to honey bees.

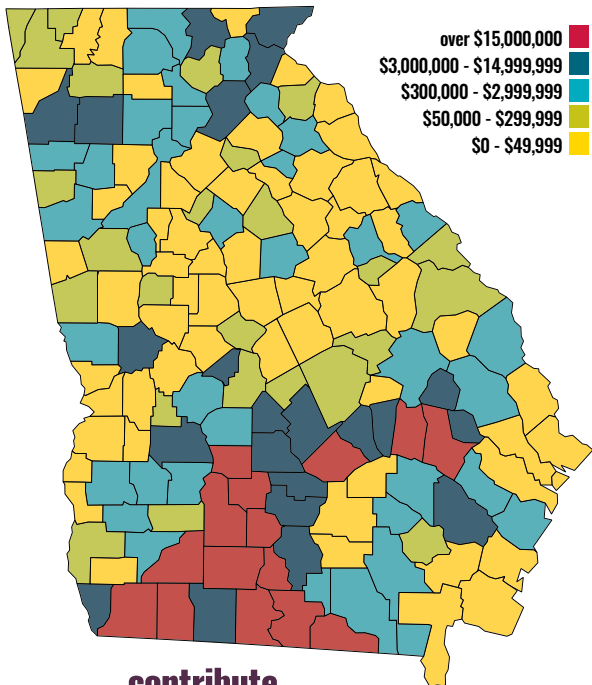


Raising, boarding, training and breeding horses makes up 17.1% of this group.

# VEGETABLES

2020 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.24 billion

2019 = \$1.18 billion



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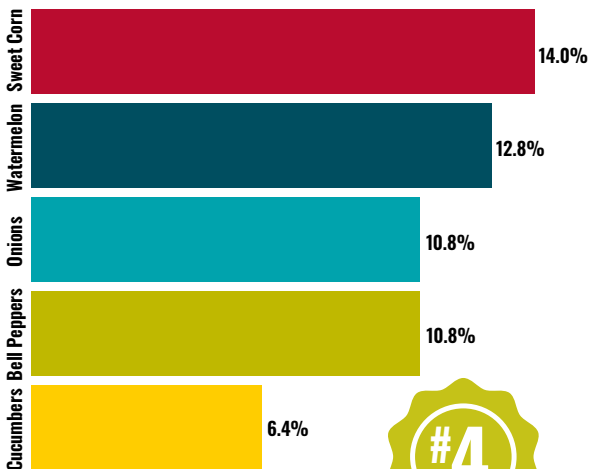


**2.7 billion dollars**

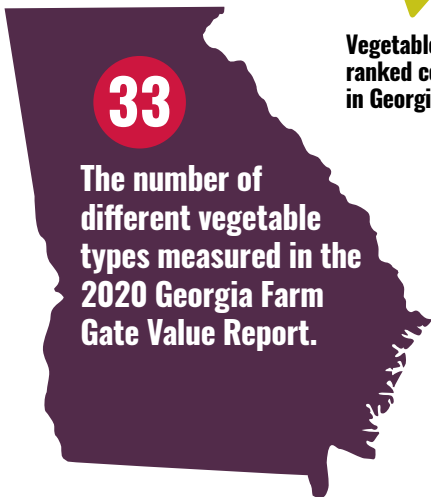


**& 12,389 jobs**

**to the Georgia economy**



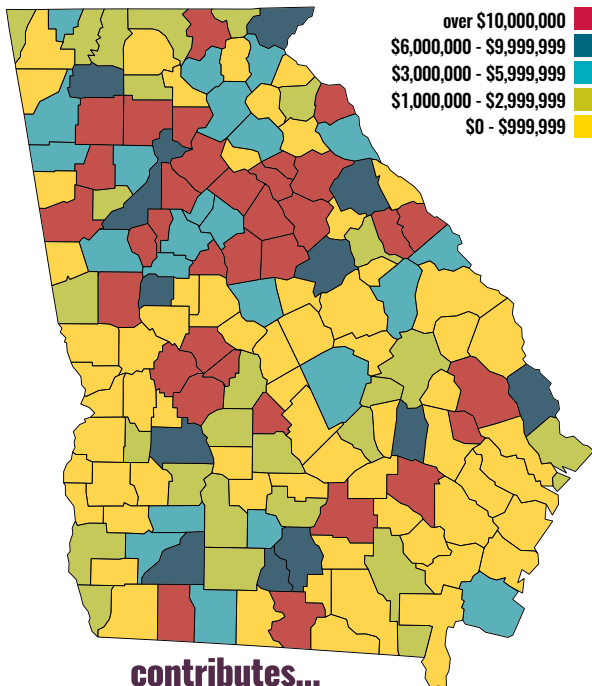
**Vegetables are the No. 4 ranked commodity group in Georgia.**



# ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

2020 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.18 billion

2019 = \$1 billion



**contributes...**



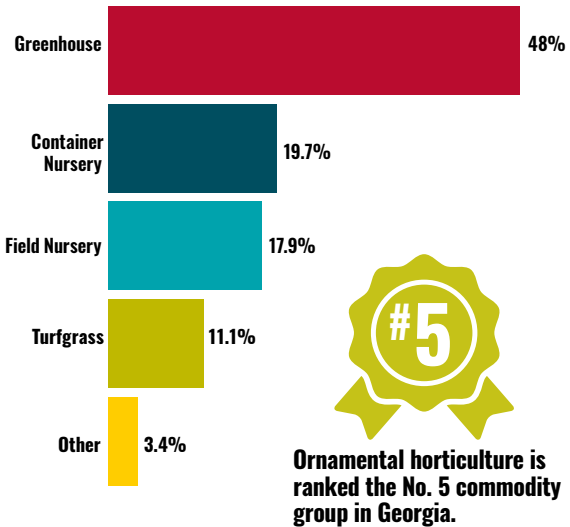
**8.5 billion dollars**



**& 65,988 jobs**

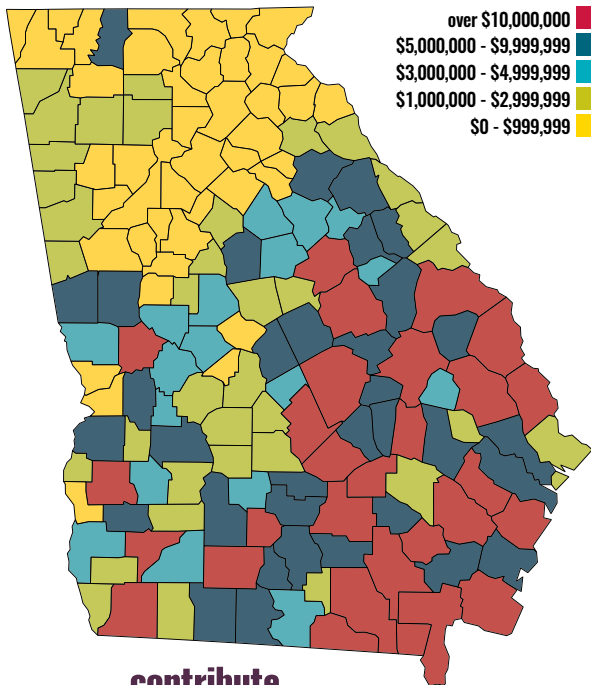
**to the Georgia economy**





# FORESTRY & PRODUCTS

2020 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$806.26 million  
2019 = \$836.73 million



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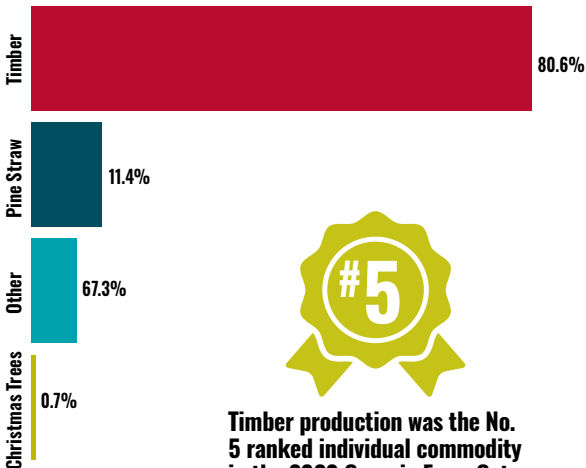


**12.7 billion dollars**



**70,262 jobs**

**to the Georgia economy**



**Timber production was the No. 5 ranked individual commodity in the 2020 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report.**



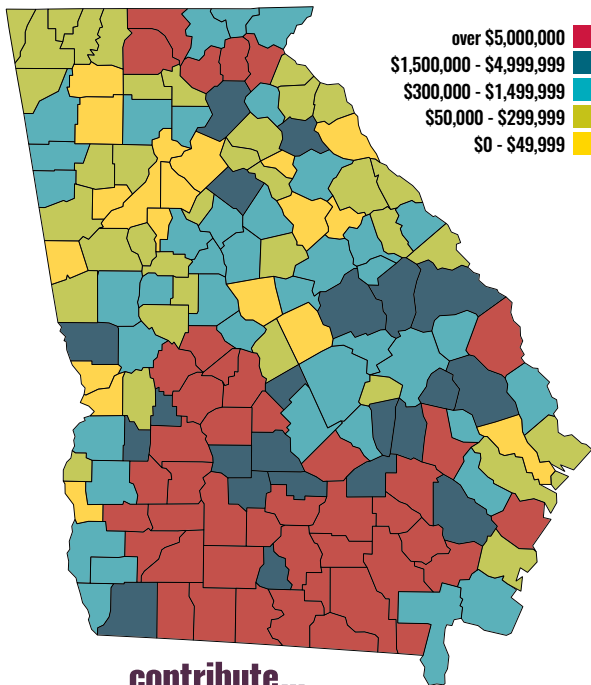
**Georgia is consistently ranked the top forestry state in the nation.**

Source: [www.gfagrow.org](http://www.gfagrow.org)

# FRUITS & NUTS

2020 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$732.64 million

2019 = \$620.7 million



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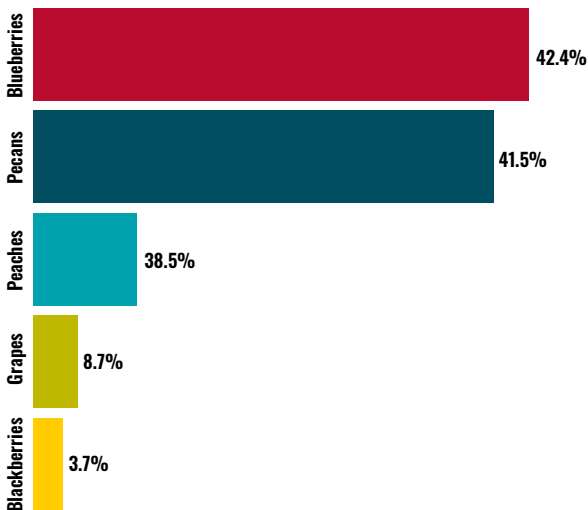


**2.2 billion dollars**



**11,145 jobs**

**to the Georgia economy**



Georgia's top three:  
**Blueberries,**  
**pecans** and **peaches**

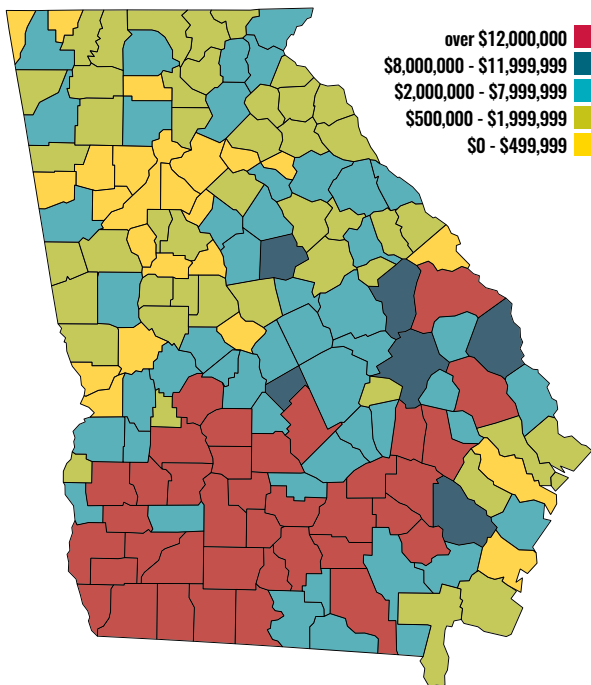


are also  
**top-ranked crops nationally.**

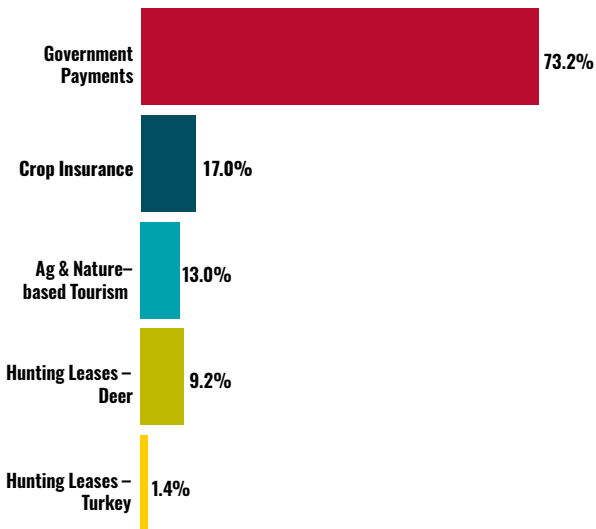
# AGRITOURISM & OTHER

2020 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.28 billion

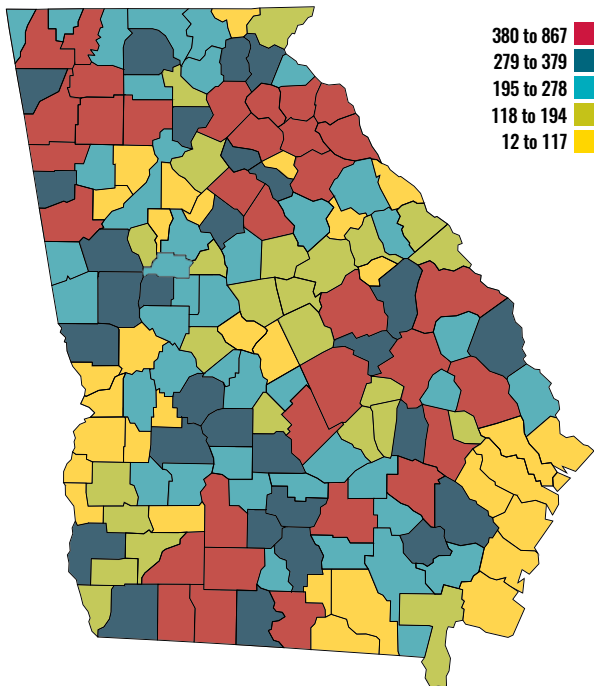
2019 = \$966.15 million



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.

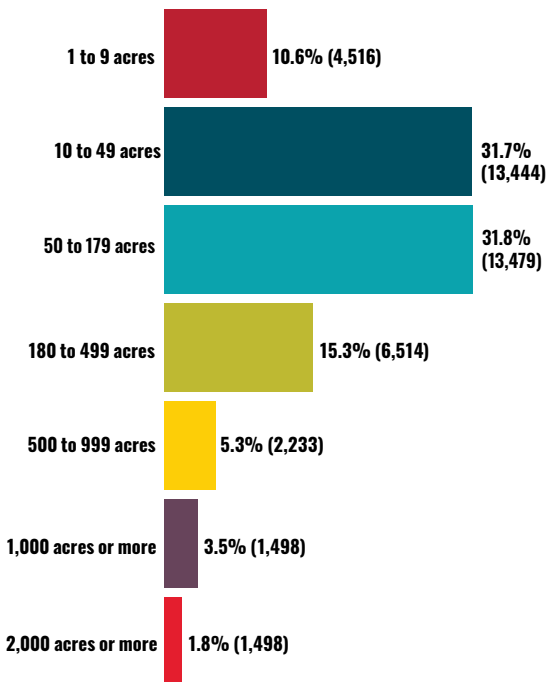


# NUMBER OF FARMS BY COUNTY





# Georgia Farms by Size



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

(formerly called principal operators)

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

Average age of primary producer • 59.8 years

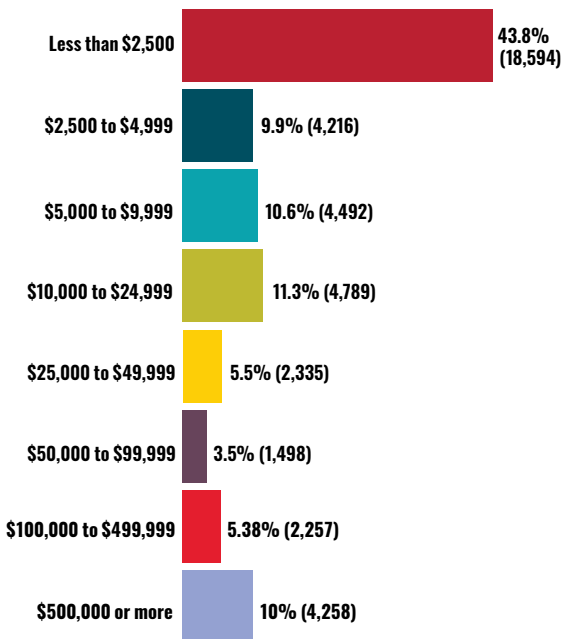
Female • 22.9% (9,717)

Black • 4.4% (1,878)

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



# Georgia Farms by Sales Value



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

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