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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 2023 Ag Snapshots report on Georgia's agricultural economy is based on the 2021 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 nearly \$14.7 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 2021, food and fiber production and related industries represented \$73.2 billion in output to Georgia's \$1.2 trillion economy and more than 340,827 jobs.



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Top 10 Georgia Commodities

in order of value



Broilers
\$4.2 billion
28.7% of total



Cotton
\$1.0 billion
6.8% of total



Peanuts
\$776.7 million
5.3% of total



Timber
\$660.6 million
4.5% of total



Beef
\$658.6 million
4.5% of total



Greenhouse
\$635.9 million
4.3% of total



Eggs
\$635.1 million
4.3% of total



Corn
\$509.1 million
3.5% of total



Pecans
\$383.8 million
2.6% of total



Blueberries
\$348.7 million
2.4% of total

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



73.2 billion dollars

&



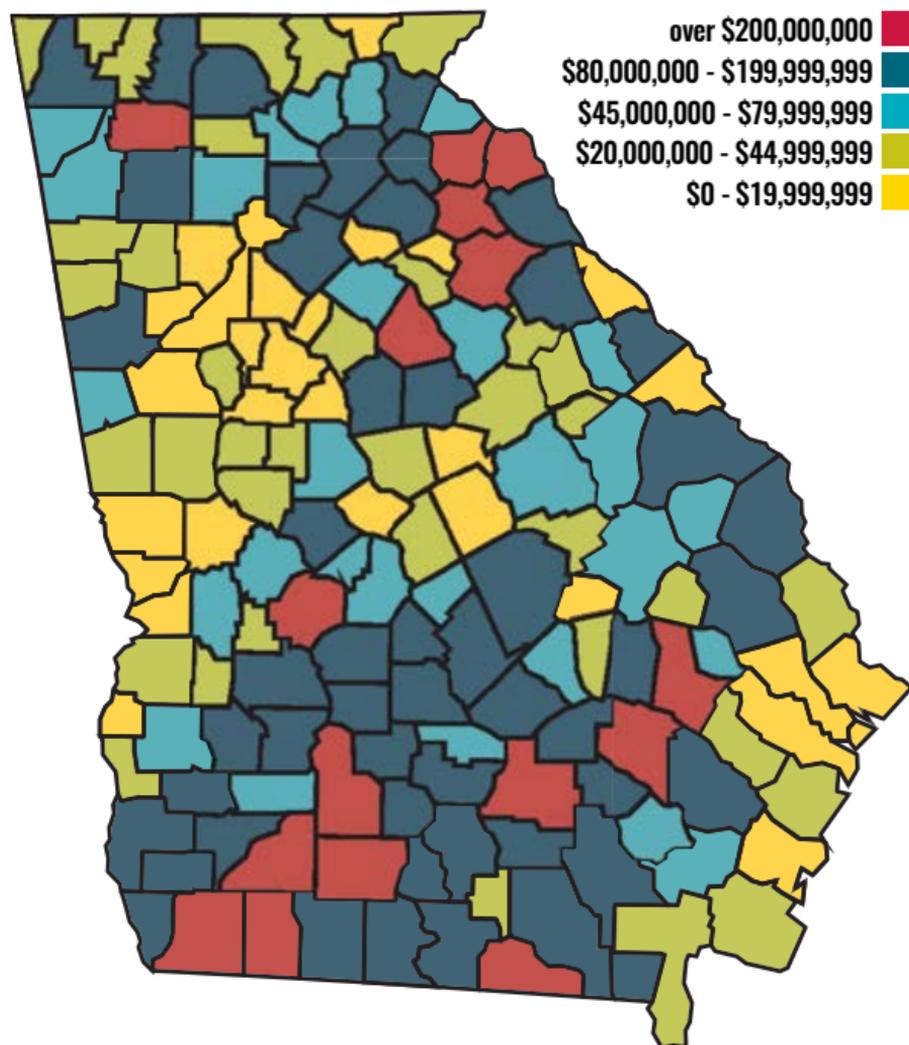
340,827 jobs

to the Georgia economy

2021 TOTAL FARM GATE VALUE

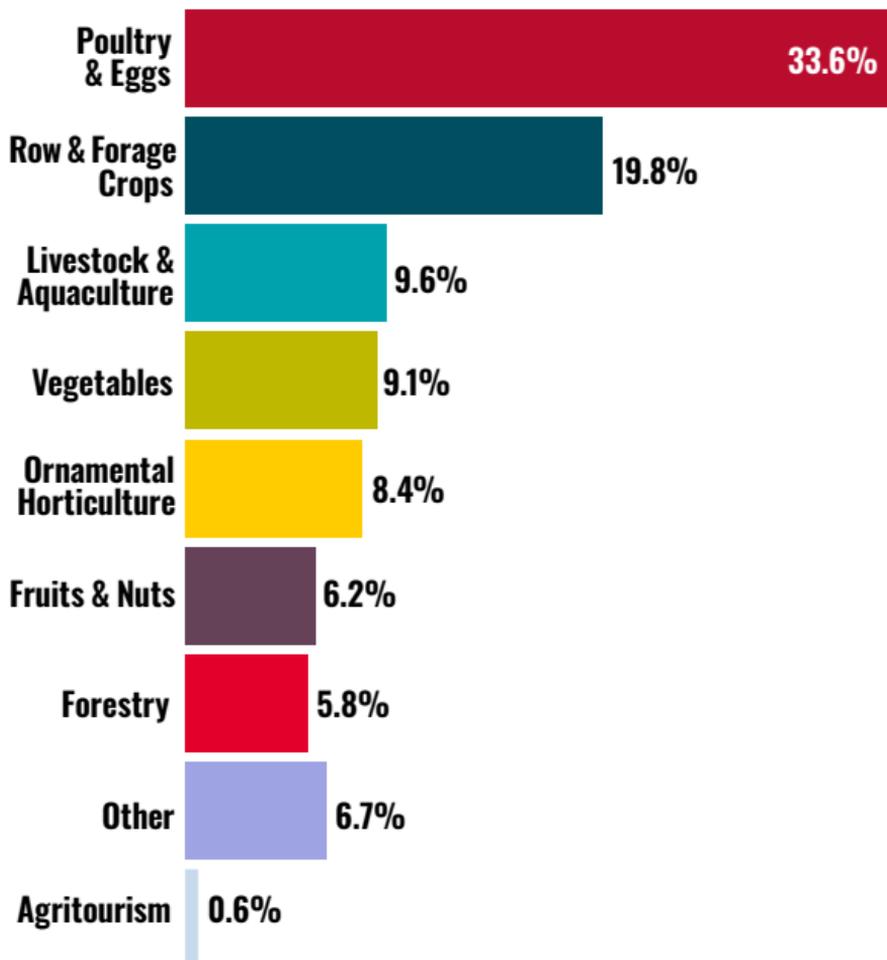
2021 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$14.7 billion

2020 = \$12.2 billion



In 2021, agriculture and related industries contributed \$73.2 billion in output to Georgia's \$1.2 trillion economy.

Total by Commodity Group



2021 NATIONAL COMMODITY RANKINGS*



COMMODITY
Broilers
Peanuts
Pecans, Utilized



COMMODITY
Cotton Lint
Cotton Seed
Watermelon



COMMODITY
Blueberries
Cantaloupe
Peaches

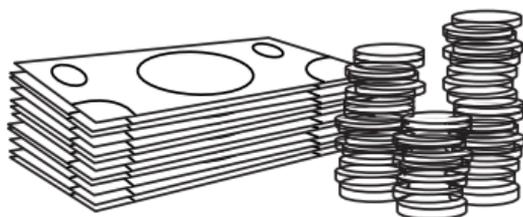
Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, "Georgia Agricultural Facts, Leading Georgia Agricultural Highlights: 2021," October 2022

*Ranking in terms of total production

Top 10 Indirect Industries Supported

in terms of employment

1	Truck transportation	7,598
2	Real estate	5,413
3	Other nondurable goods wholesalers	4,536
4	Employment services	3,440
5	Management of companies and enterprises	3,092
6	Grocery and related product wholesalers	2,551
7	Other durable goods wholesalers	2,136
8	Couriers and messengers	1,753
9	Services to buildings	1,658
10	Warehousing and storage	1,462

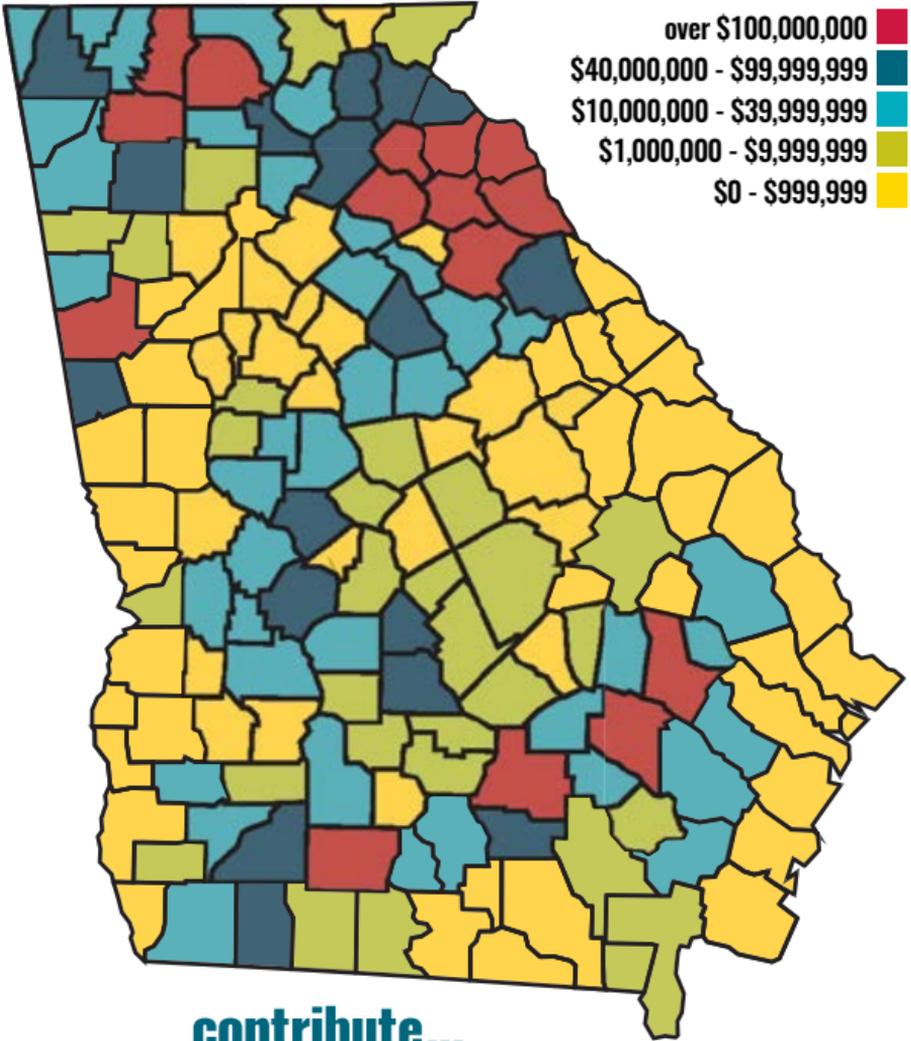


The economic contribution of food and fiber plus related industries adds up to nearly \$6,775 per person in Georgia.

Source: Calculations using the U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts,
2021 Georgia Population Estimates

POULTRY & EGGS

2021 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$4.94 billion
2020 = \$3.26 billion



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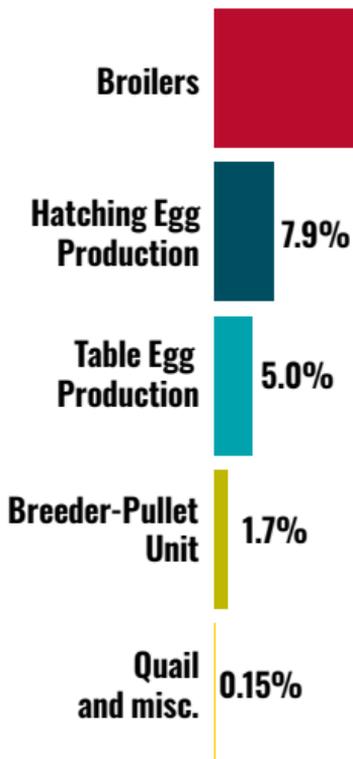


23.4 billion dollars



81,776 jobs

to the Georgia economy



Georgia has led the nation in broiler production for decades.



Nearly 3 out of 4 Georgia counties

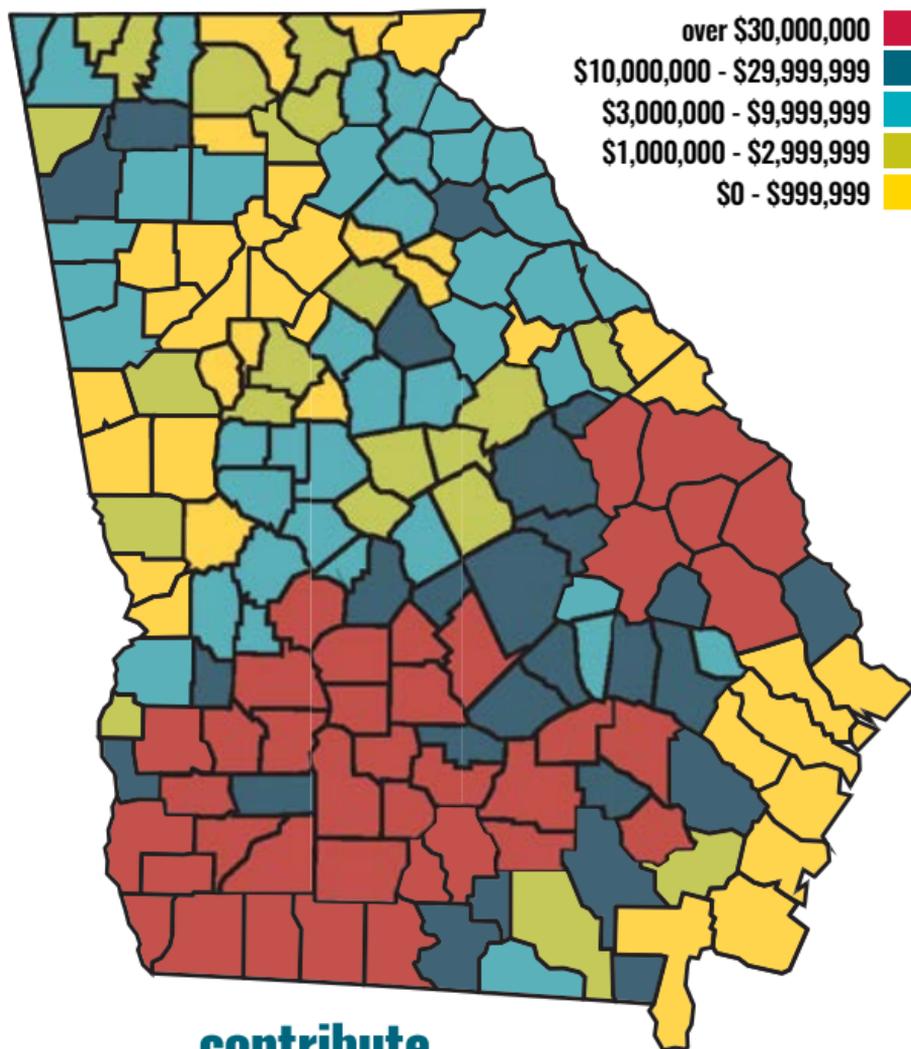
are involved in poultry and egg production.



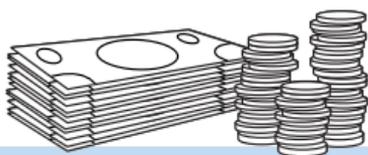
ROW & FORAGE CROPS

2021 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$2.92 billion

2020 = \$2.34 billion



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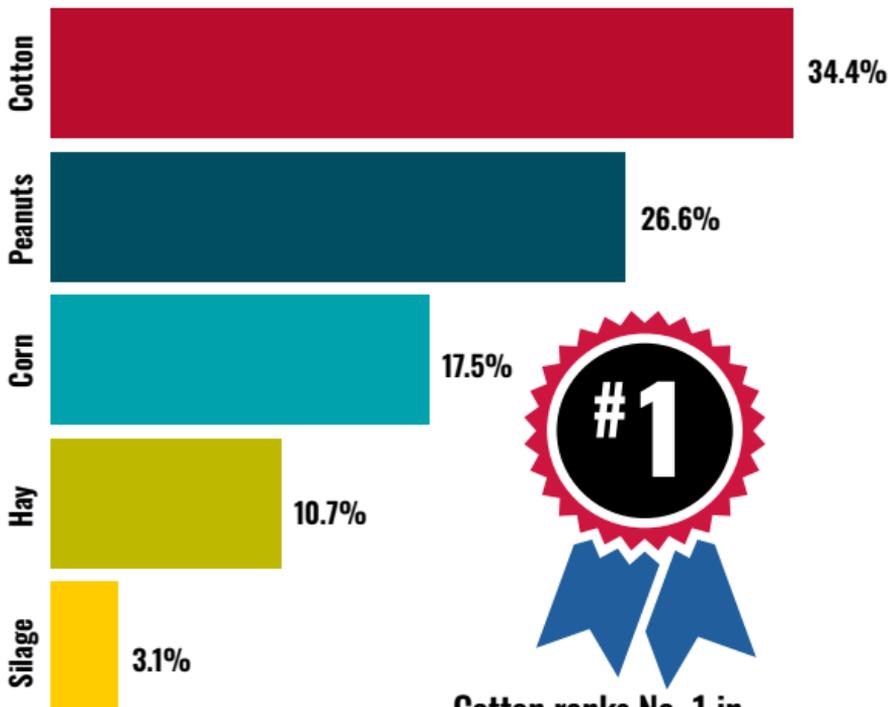


13.5 billion dollars



81,380 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.

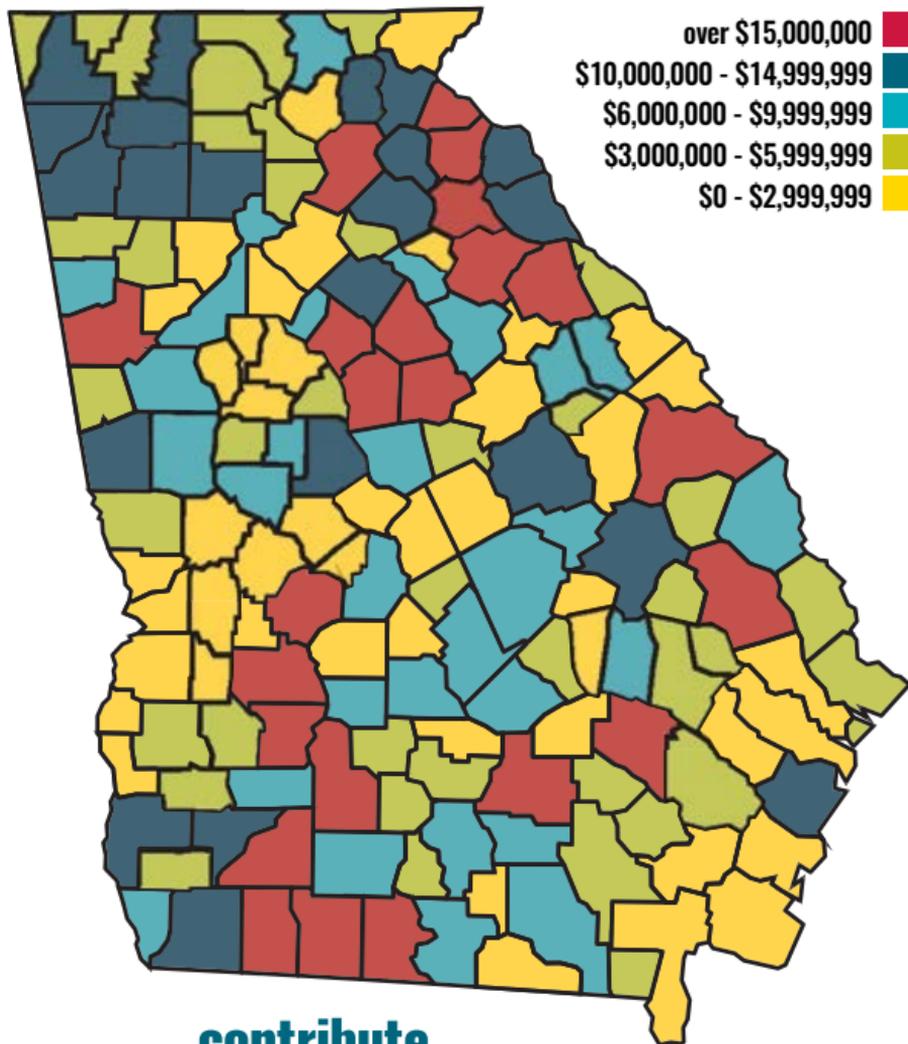


Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, Quick Stats, Peanut Production Measured in lbs. 2021

LIVESTOCK & AQUACULTURE

2021 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.40 billion

2020 = \$1.39 billion



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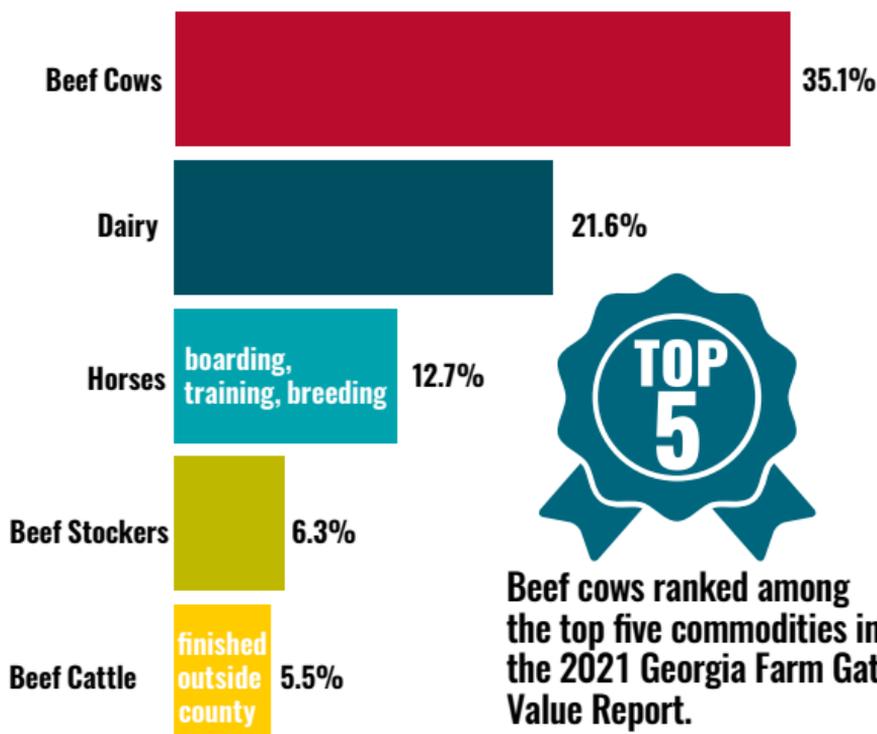


9.2 billion dollars



& 32,094 jobs

to the Georgia economy



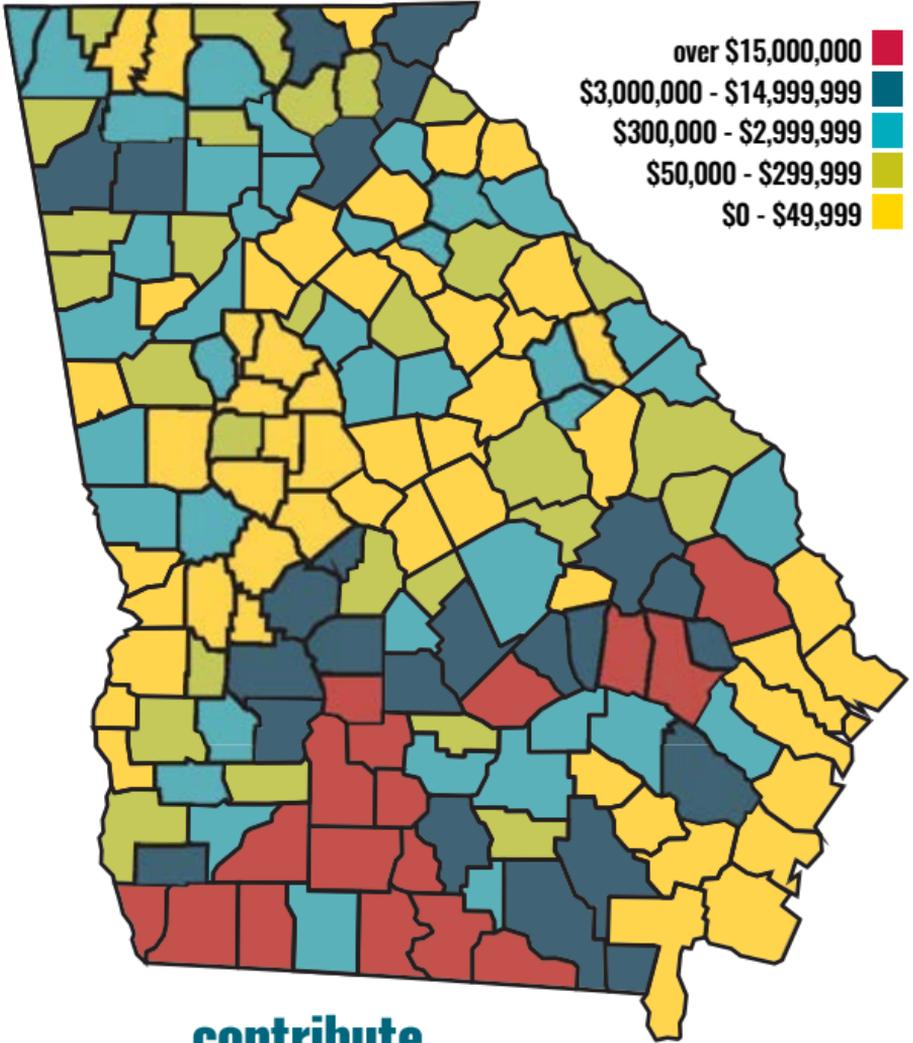
This category includes commodities ranging from catfish to honey bees.

Raising, boarding, training and breeding horses makes up 12.7% of this group.

VEGETABLES

2021 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.34 billion

2020 = \$1.24 billion



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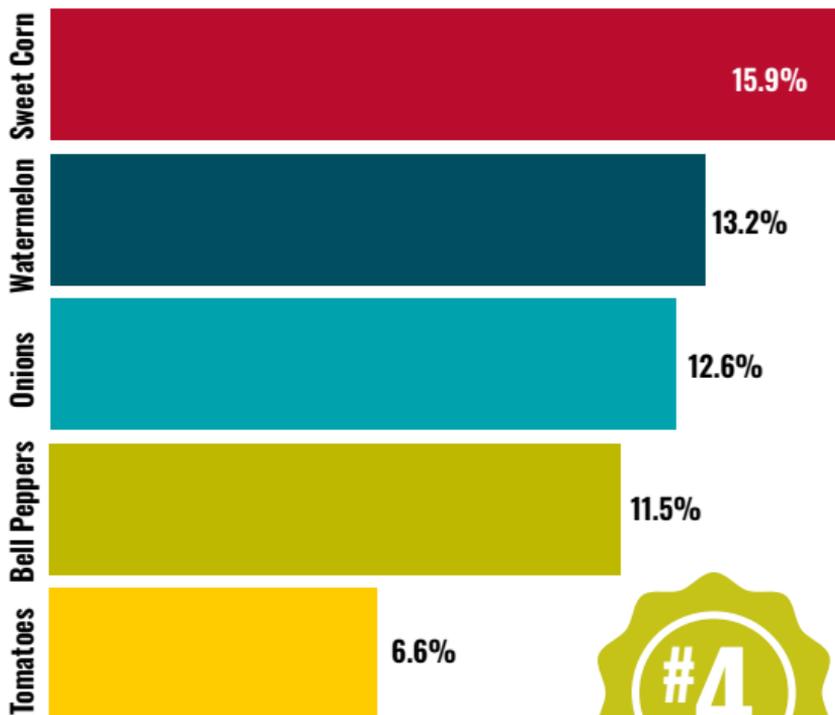


2.8 billion dollars

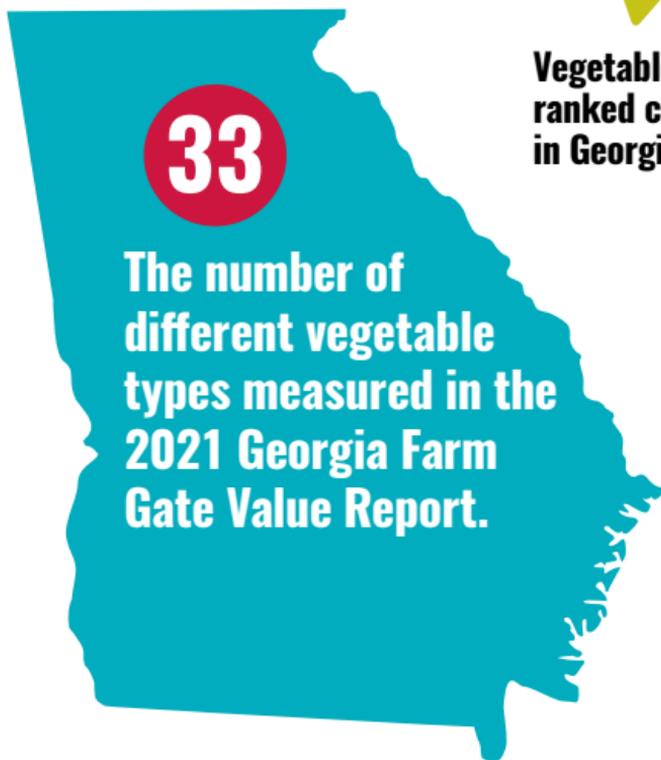


& 12,322 jobs

to the Georgia economy



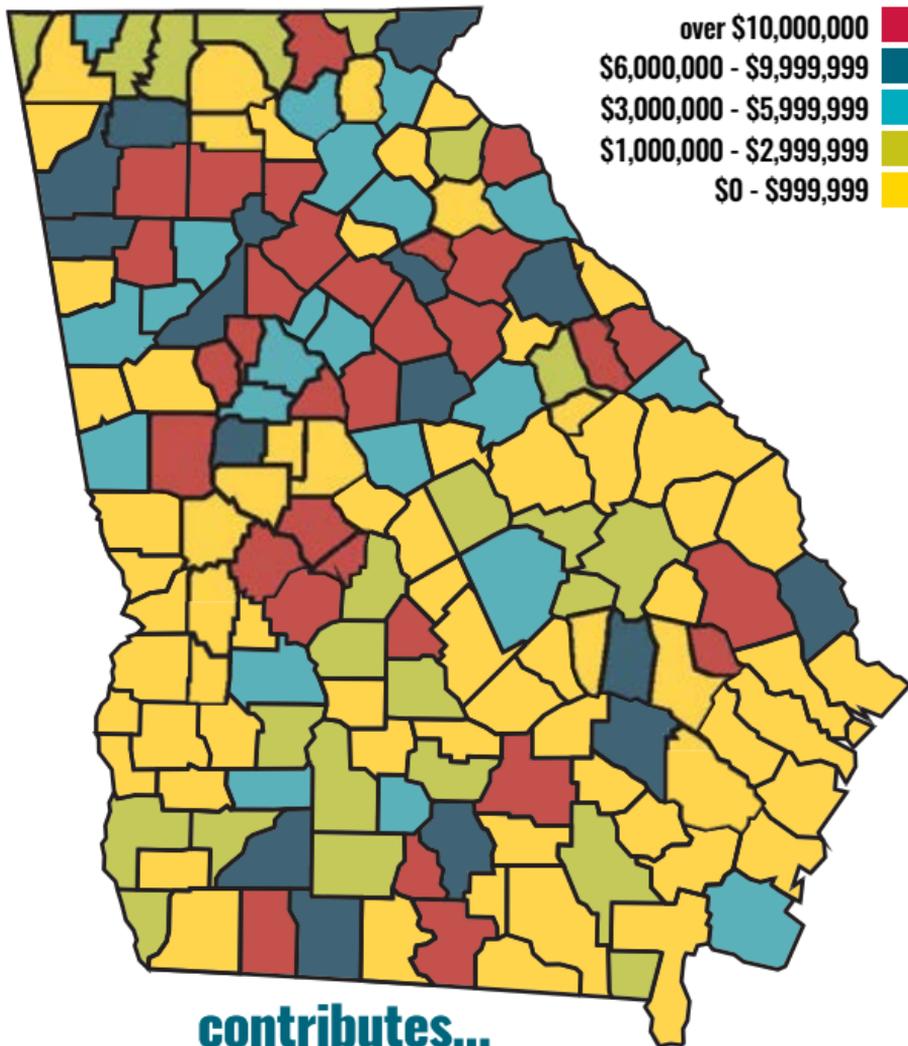
Vegetables are the No. 4 ranked commodity group in Georgia.



ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

2021 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$1.24 billion

2020 = \$1.18 billion



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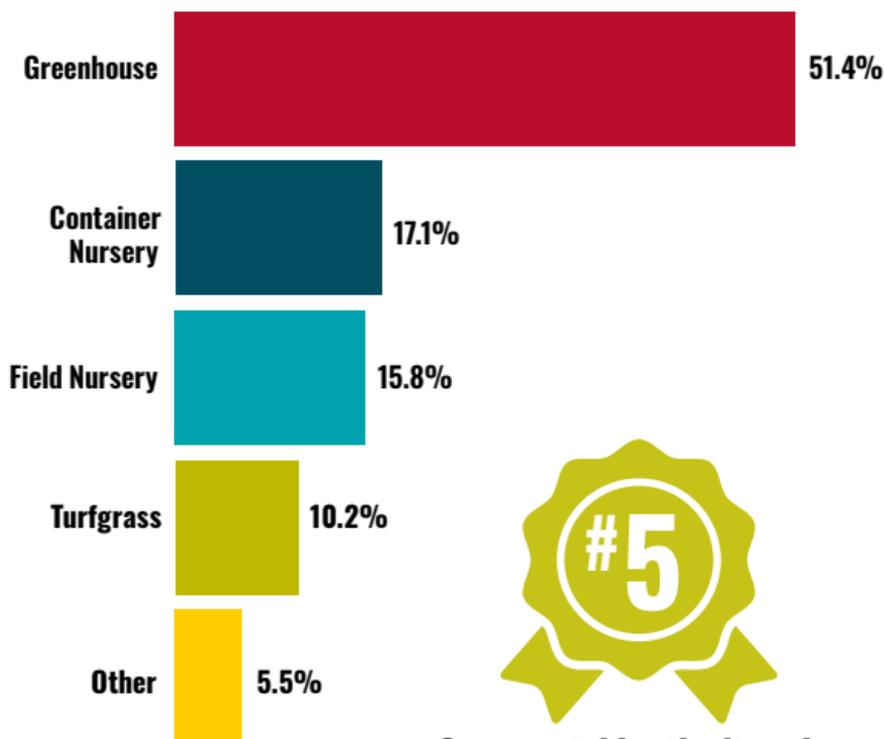


9.3 billion dollars



& 65,915 jobs

to the Georgia economy

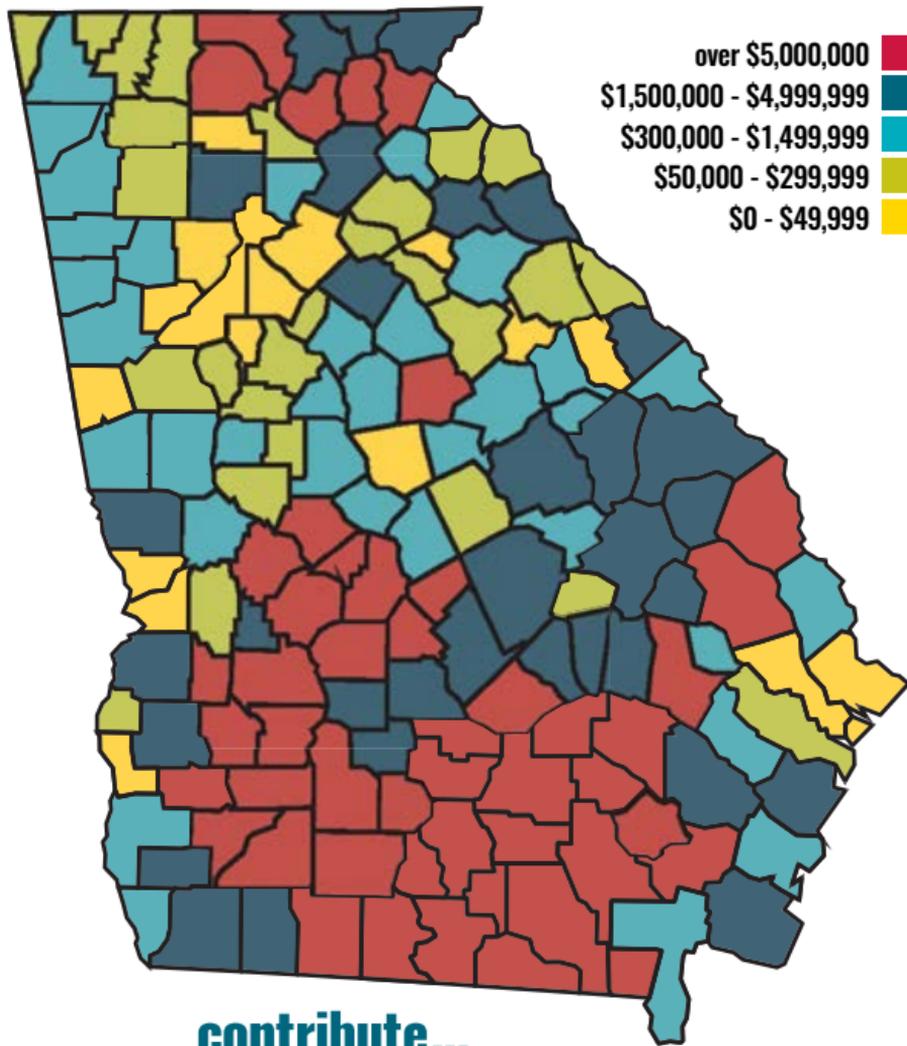


Ornamental horticulture is ranked the No. 5 commodity group in Georgia.



FRUITS & NUTS

2021 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$912.08 million
2020 = \$732.64 million



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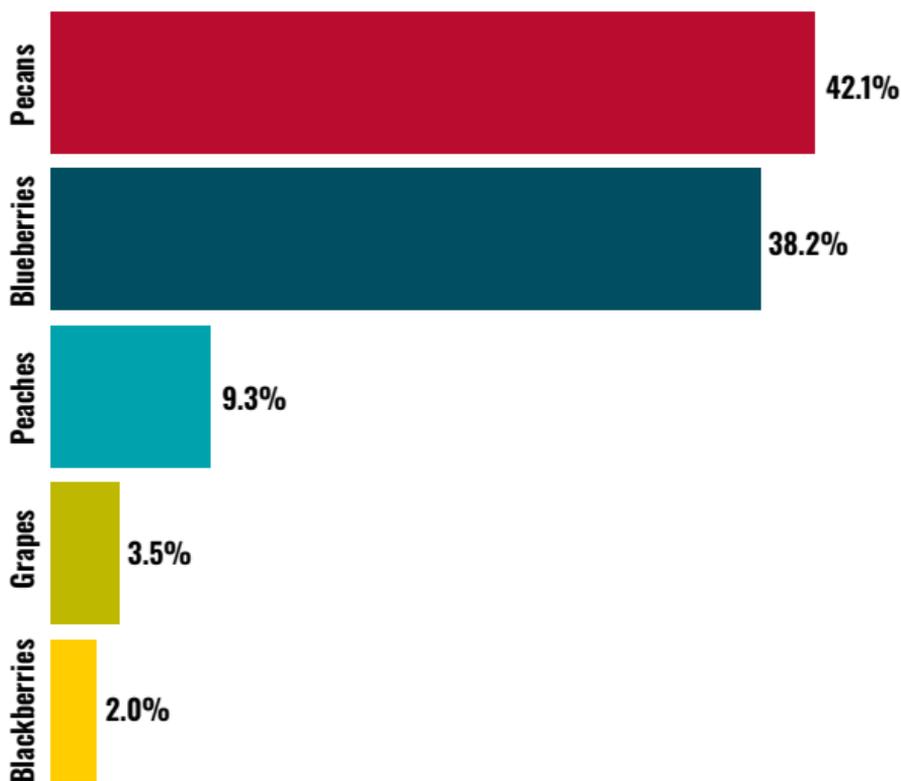


2.5 billion dollars



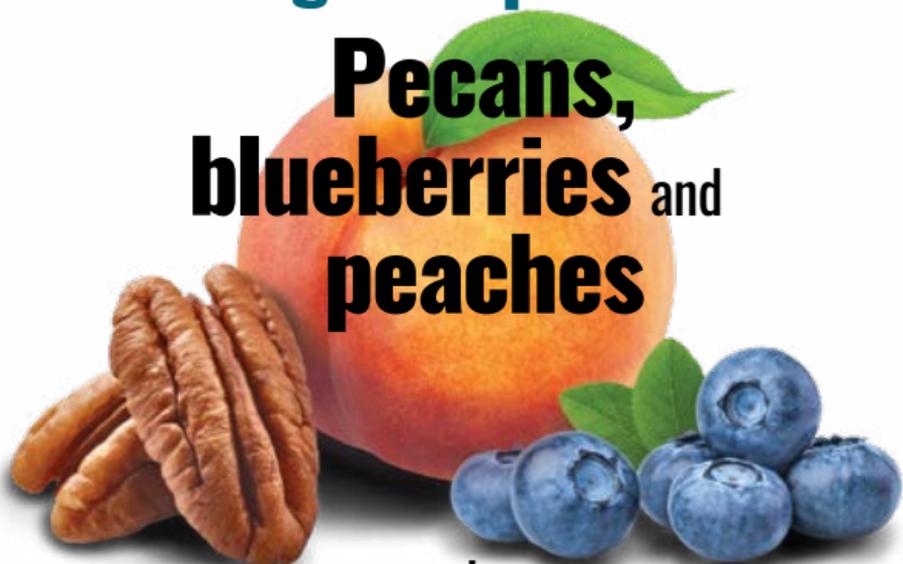
& 12,135 jobs

to the Georgia economy



Georgia's top three:

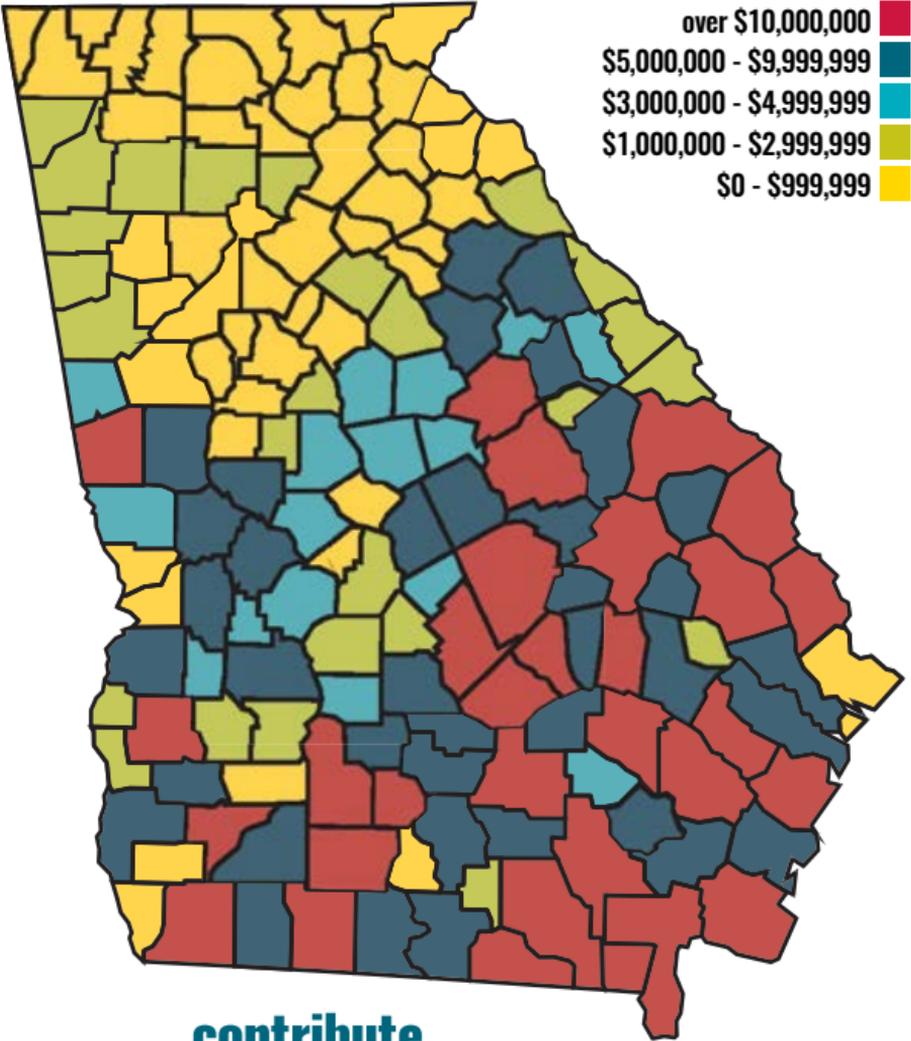
**Pecans,
blueberries and
peaches**



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

FORESTRY & PRODUCTS

2021 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$858.21 million
2020 = \$806.26 million



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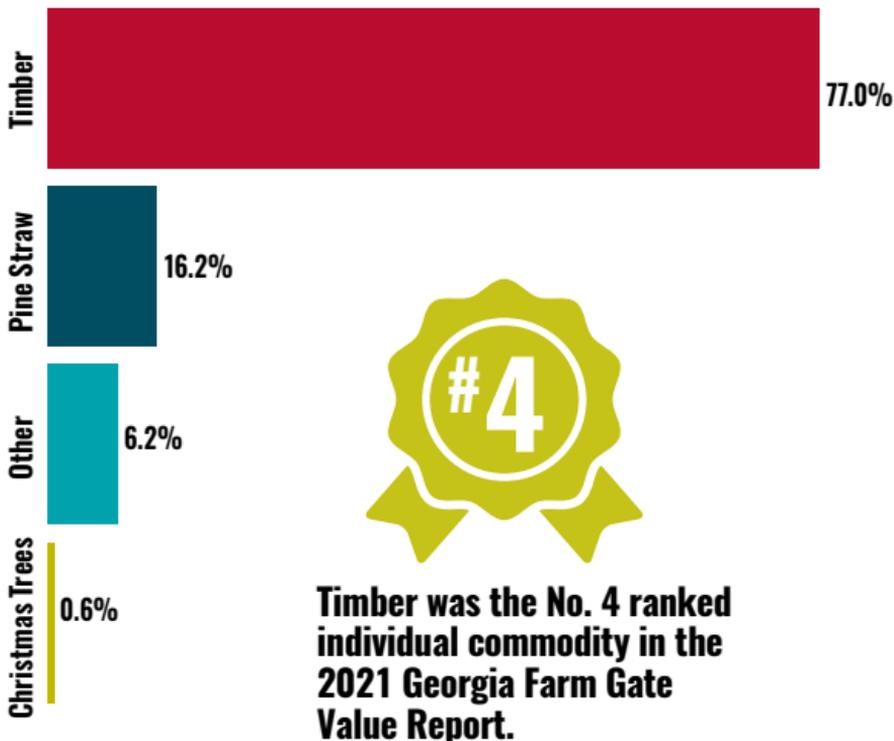


13.5 billion dollars



58,842 jobs

to the Georgia economy

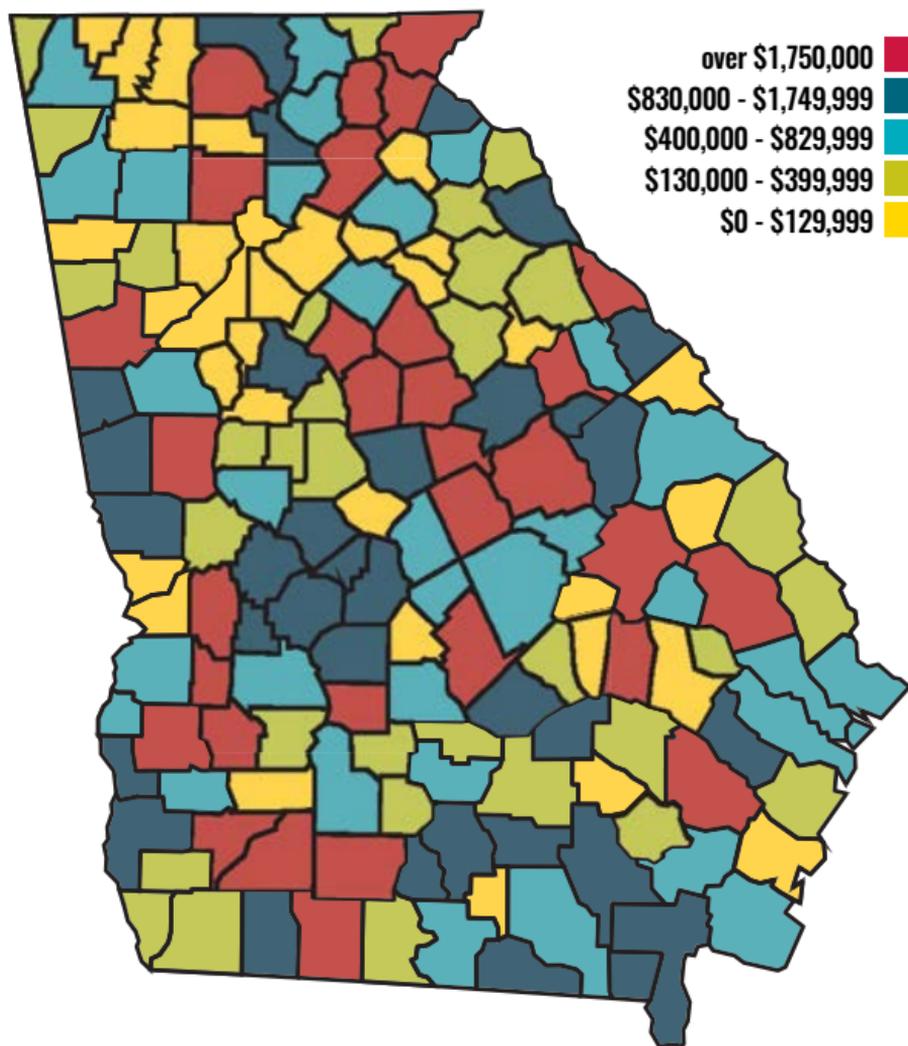


Source: www.gfagrow.org

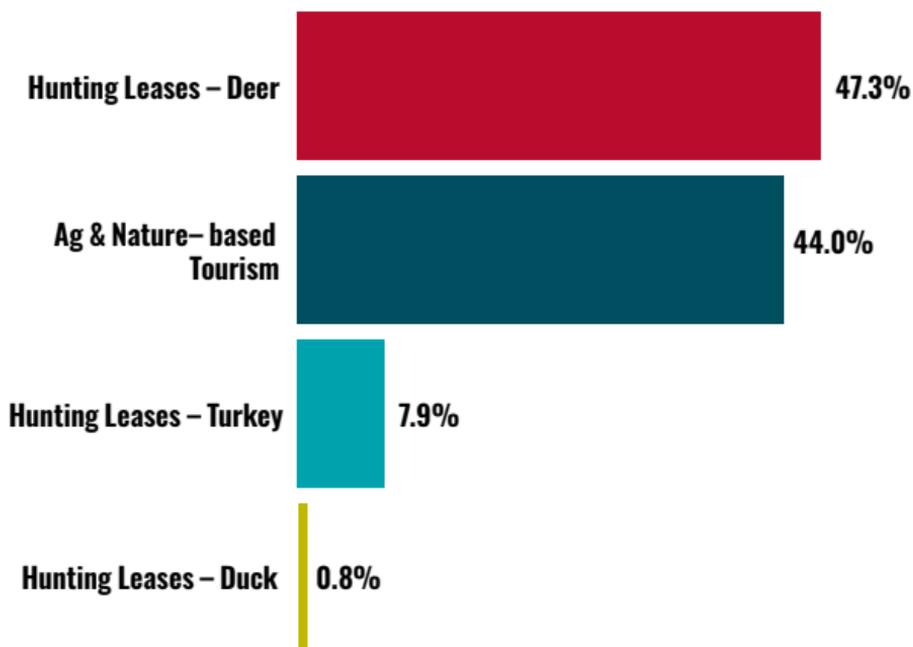
AGRITOURISM & HUNTING LEASES

2021 Georgia Farm Gate Value = \$216.75 million

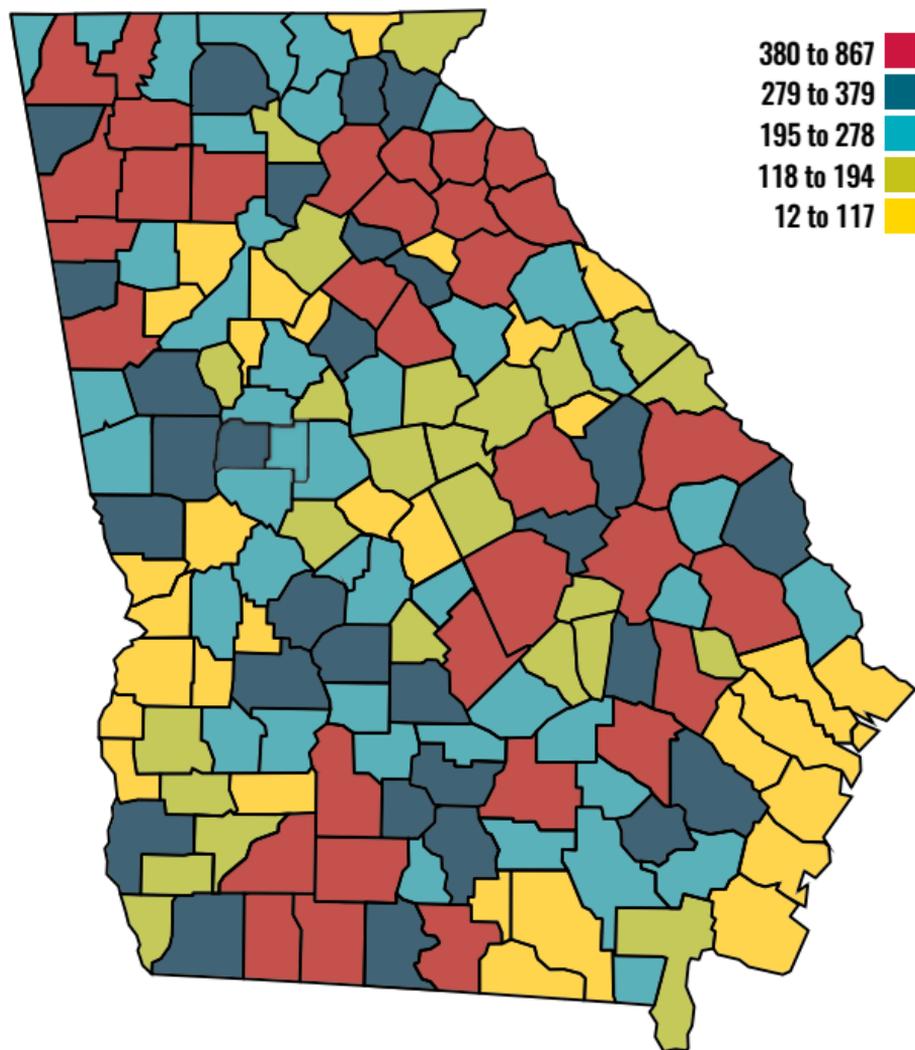
2020 = \$200.73 million



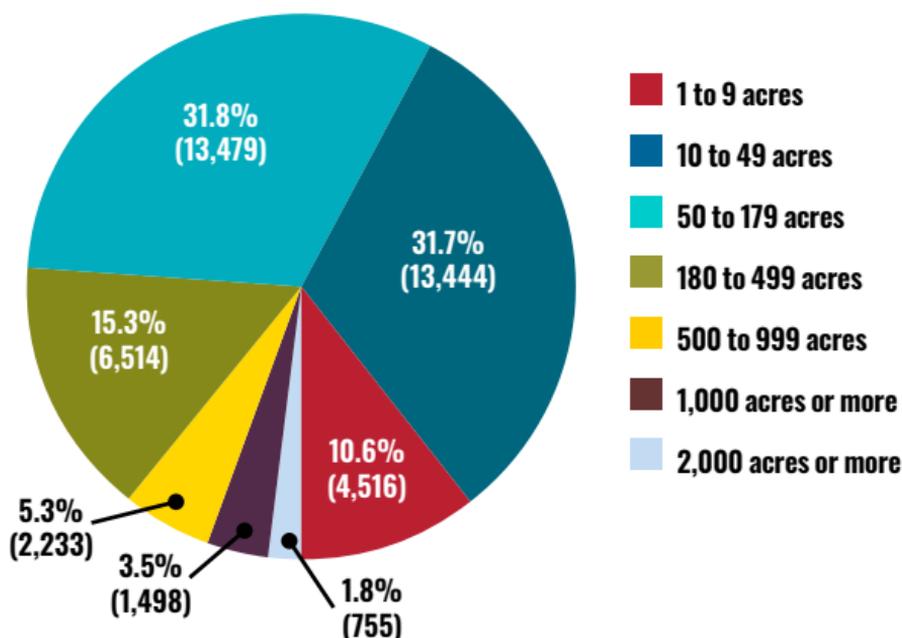
Agriculture- and nature-based activities such as camping, trail riding and corn mazes make Georgia a popular destination for tourists. Millions of residents and nonresidents enjoy outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing and wildlife-watching.



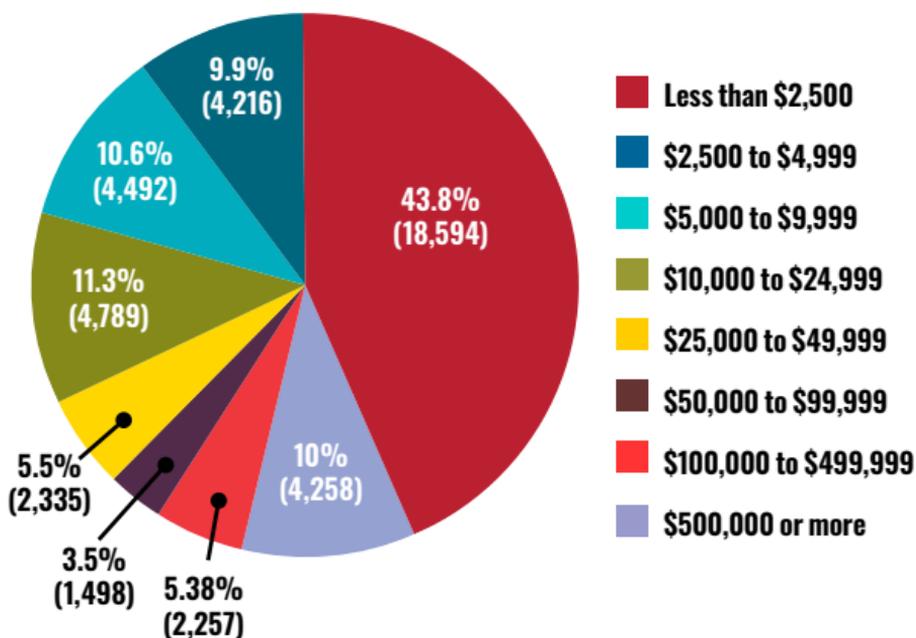
NUMBER OF FARMS BY COUNTY



Georgia Farms by Size



Georgia Farms by Sales Value



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)



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



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