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Finding a new normal

Food distributors seek ways to help others and themselves through COVID-19 response



Athena Farms, a produce distributor based at the Atlanta State Farmers Market, has delivered more than 800 relief boxes packed with unsold fruits, vegetables and other perishable products to restaurants in Atlanta to help food service staff laid off due to COVID-19. (Athena Farms photo via Facebook)

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You either sell it or smell it in the produce business. That was a favorite saying of the late Gene Sutherland, whose children and grandchildren are motivated by those words to find alternate channels for tons of fresh fruits and vegetables left unclaimed on the shelves of their fourth-generation foodservice business by the global outbreak of COVID-19.

“Most of our customers, a lot of them are government entities – schools especially, lower and higher education. We also have some health care, lots of restaurants, and we have chain stores,” said Bonnie Sutherland Wilson, vice president and chief financial officer of Sutherland’s Foodservice based at the Atlanta State Farmers Market in Forest Park.

Atlanta’s 150-acre terminal market serves as a collection point for produce and other agricultural commodities grown regionally, nationally and worldwide, which is then distributed throughout the Southeast. As such, the market is home to several businesses like Sutherland’s that are struggling to survive despite being engaged in one of the most essential enterprises of all: moving food from farm to fork.

“Our vendors who serve the food service industry – hotel, restaurant, etc. – have been greatly impacted by this situation and are look-

ing for creative ways to move product to non-traditional customers,” said Paul Thompson, deputy director of the Georgia Department of Agriculture’s Marketing Division.

Prior to the coronavirus outbreak, a diversified customer base was thought to be enough to help most businesses weather economic downturns, “but all of our customers are being hit basically at the same time with the same sort of problem,” Wilson said.

Schools and colleges have been dismissed, and restaurants have been ordered to close their dining rooms and serve only take-out or curbside meals. Grocery stores are selling out of staples, and while supply is plentiful, the supply chain is struggling to keep up with demand. Sutherland’s is opening its inventory to the public for bulk purchases of food like ground beef and chicken, as well as more elusive products like toilet tissue, paper towels and disinfectant wipes.

Families, churches, neighborhoods and businesses have responded to the company’s social media postings, splitting up the packages amongst themselves and friends and neighbors in need.

Another market tenant, the Nickey Gregory Company, was able to use its inventory and delivery trucks to help grocery stores fill gaps caused by panic-buying. This was a fairly quick flip for the company after its primary business as a wholesale distributor of fresh produce to food service companies and other wholesalers slowed.

Andrew Scott, director of business development and marketing,
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Georgia growers brace for economic side effects of COVID-19 global outbreak

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Georgia agricultural producers are working to keep their food supply chains running efficiently and safely this spring as they deal with disruptions caused by the Coronavirus outbreak.

Fruits and Vegetables

A labor shortage for harvesting is the biggest concern for farmers, according to Charles Hall, executive director of the Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association.

Many farms in Georgia depend on temporary workers from other countries, who are granted entry on a temporary work visa known as an H-2A, and the outbreak has caused a lot of concern about getting them across the border and into the fields.

“As we go into the harvest season, we just need more and more labor coming in,” Hall said. He explained the visa process has slowed due to U.S. consulates being understaffed or reduced to limit the spread of the virus.

Hall commended Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black for working with the Trump Administration to find a solution. One measure that should help is relaxing an interview requirement for incoming workers who have been in the United States in the past two years.

“Most growers will get 70 to 75 percent of



Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black set April 16th as the pack date for Vidalia onions. Sixty registered growers in 20 Georgia counties planted 9,400 acres of Vidalia onions for the 2020 season. (Vidalia Onion Committee)

the same workers coming back to their farm year after year after year, so a lot of these guys

have already been vetted, and the Department of State is relaxing requirements for workers who have been here before,” Hall said.

“Some of the work contracts are starting right now. Of course, the ship date for Vidalia onions is April 16, so Vidalia will need their workers fairly quickly,” Hall added. “Certainly, (soon), you’ll see a lot of workers come in so that they can ship out by the 16th.”

The demand for produce is high in stores, as most people eat at home. However, Hall said the produce market is split almost evenly between retail grocery stores and the food service industry. The uncertainty for growers is the possibility of surplus supply and its effect on prices.

“If food service is not taking their part of the market, where is that prod-
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Complaints of pesticide drift are on the decline UPW training program educates growers to eliminate problems

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Complaints of pesticide drift in Georgia dropped 75 percent in six years since the “Using Pesticides Wisely” training program began. State regulators and the University of Georgia Extension Service both cite the training as the primary reason for the reduction in complaints.

Tommy Gray, director of the Georgia Department of Agriculture’s Plant Industry Division, explained that UPW training covers sev-

eral types of pesticides that are used across the state. He said the training has been particularly successful in reducing drift from dicamba applications, which is used on cotton to fight weeds.

“We use a lot of these products here in Georgia on our cotton crops, well over a million acres, and I just have to feel like this has been the difference maker,” Gray said.

UPW training and certification is a partnership between the GDA and University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service that began in 2015. GDA requires the training for

anyone who seeks certification to apply crop pesticides while UGA Extension administers the training. Applicators who go through UPW training learn best practices for using pesticides such as dicamba and 2,4-D herbicides on crops.

According to the UGA Extension Service, agents recorded 289 drift complaints in 2014 across 48 counties. Complaints dropped to 150 in 2015, the first year of UPW training. Drift complaints have since dropped steadily in each of the following years. In 2019, Extension
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FARM TO SCHOOL: Douglas County turns things around

Editor's Note: The Georgia Farm to School Program is a partnership of the Georgia Department of Education, the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia Organics and the Georgia Department of Public Health. Farm to School is an effort to bring locally grown foods to schools and educate children about nutrition and agriculture. For more information, go to www.gafarmtoschool.org.

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School System: Douglas County
Meals served: 1,695,301 (2018-'19 school year)
Number of Students: 7,800
Most popular menu items: Chicken tenders and mac and cheese

It was in 2016 that Douglas County School Nutrition few were aware of the many good things the nutrition department had in motion through its farm-to-school program.

Thus in 2017, the nutrition department began revamping the county's menu items and the selections and presentations in order to better satisfy its students.

Danielle Freeman, Douglas County School Nutrition Executive Director, said that "the foundation took hold and allowed us an opportunity to engage students in eating good food that was healthy for them and had been grown either here in Georgia or our bordering states."

The team within the nutrition department knew that to successfully capture the interest (and stomachs) of their students, they would need to ensure that the food looked good, was accessible, and easy to consume. Policies were enforced that spoke to these specifications, such as all fresh fruit being cut, vibrant line displays, and options like orange wedges and strawberries.

"These changes generated great pride in the team," Freeman said.

Those minor improvements made for a major difference in results and morale. The team became so engaged in the process that they would flood their office with pictures of their line presentation or the smiles on students' faces while they were eating.

The department's hard work now receives great recognition as the Douglas County district won a Gold Golden Radish for its efforts during the 2018-2019 school year, making this its third consecutive Golden Radish. The award honors Georgia school districts for best practices in farm-to-school programs. Criteria for the award include food procurement, exposing students to new foods through taste tests, and incorporating gardening and cooking activities in the curriculum, all of which the Douglas County nutrition department have simultaneously integrated since improving its program.

Some of the tactics the county was recognized for included its Georgia Grown poster customizations for every month to reflect the item of the month and the farm from which the



Students at Mirror Lake Elementary School in Douglas County enjoy fresh, Georgia-grown watermelon.

items came, as well as conducting cooking sessions with Douglas County School Nutrition Brand Ambassador, Rose Genter. During the sessions, students prepared and consumed zucchini muffins and strawberry smoothies while learning about the benefits of eating locally grown food.

The nutrition department has worked aggressively to not only maintain but build upon these humble beginnings and is proud to see the outcome of its input, Freeman said. The students now look forward to seeing a variety of fruits and vegetables that weren't always available.

"We continue to use these opportunities to get into classrooms with nutrition information and agriculture education," she said of the team's efforts beyond the lunchroom. To help reinforce this, the department also provides samplings of new menu items to students along with hosting round-table discussions concerning trends in the food industry.

These additional implementations have given Douglas County students control of their menus and satisfaction in the results of their contribution, Freeman said.

"We look for innovative ways to encourage our children to appreciate the contributions of food grown locally and the farmers who grew them," she said.

Douglas County schools buys from Royal Food Service, an Atlanta-based distributor of Georgia-grown produce, and Mercier Orchards in Blue Ridge, among others.

The Douglas County School Nutrition department has a saying that "this is not a job, it is a love" and "they are not the students, they are my children," Freeman shared.

For more information on all things Douglas County Nutrition, visit https://www.dcssga.org/departments/school_nutrition.



Georgie's Drive Thru Tifton

Hello! I'm Georgie, the Georgia Grown mascot. I travel the state of Georgia promoting our No. 1 industry – agriculture! Can you remember what travel was like before the Interstate Highway System came along? When President Dwight D. Eisenhower was Supreme Allied Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force in World War II, he became frustrated by how long it took for troops and supplies to make it from their points of origin to American seaports. His administration devised the Interstate System to expedite that process. Today, we have interstate highways connecting every corner of the lower 48 states. The numbering system starts with the lowest odd numbered highway on the West Coast – Interstate 5 connecting Canada and Mexico – and continues numerically to the East Coast with Interstate 95 connecting Canada and Miami, Fla. The even-numbered highways start in the south with Interstate 10 connecting Jacksonville, Fla., with Santa Monica, Calif., and increase going north and ending with Interstate 90, connecting Seattle, Wash., and Boston, Mass. The U.S. Hwy. 41 bypass built around Tifton in the 1950s is said to be the first interstate segment completed.



The Eisenhower Memorial Garden off I-75 in Tifton celebrates the interstate highway system. (Lee Lancaster/GDA)

FORESTRY MATTERS: Georgians rise to the challenge of COVID-19



By Chuck Williams
Director, Georgia Forestry
Commission

If there is a silver lining to the reality of a global pandemic making its way into our own back yards, it has to be the way Georgians are rising up to the challenge. First responders, medical professionals, truckers, and hundreds of other essential behind-the-scenes

workers are proving that duty and compassion are alive and well – and being freely shared statewide. For everyone, there surely has never been a better time to do our part for the betterment of the whole.

The Georgia Forestry Commission is well known for providing leadership, service and education in the protection and conservation of Georgia's forest resources. Not as widely recognized, however, is the critical role GFC plays during times of emergency. And while our skills have been honed on wildfires, ice storms, tornadoes and the like, they're proving crucial in response to COVID-19 as well.

In recent weeks, GFC staff have been deployed to assist in the delivery of critical medical supplies throughout the state to ensure healthcare providers have what they need to

fight the spreading deadly virus. Working with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agencies and the Georgia Department of Public Health, GFC personnel are carrying out a number of duties, including logistics that are essential to the fight against COVID-19. They have been delivering needed medical supplies, including numerous loads of N95 masks, to facilities statewide. They have transported and erected yurts and tents to be utilized at area hospitals. They will remain on call for the foreseeable future.

Being nimble and responsive are proven strengths of other agency departments as well. The GFC remains open for business! At the Governor's direction, we are working remotely wherever and whenever possible. Email and telephone enables us to answer questions and provide our wide variety of services – though to limit personal contact, some onsite services have been necessarily and temporarily curtailed.

As a reminder, our wildfire emergency teams are on call 24/7. In addition, burn permits continue to be issued when local conditions are suitable. GFC has not, nor do we have any immediate plans to, implement any outdoor burning bans. Some local governments may have bans in place, so

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check with your local officials. (Fire danger and fire activity maps, along with a great deal of information about wildfire, weather and GFC fire services can be found at GaTrees.org.)

The annual EPD summer burn ban begins May 1 for 54 Georgia counties. Any similar burn bans for air quality would come from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, not GFC. You DO need a permit before burning – get one at GaTrees.org, or call 1-877-OK2-BURN. Need assistance with your burn? Be sure to check out our Forestry Services Contractors directory to find someone near you: <https://gatrees.org/directories/forestry-services-contractors-directory/>.

Looking ahead, the deadline for forest landowners impacted by Hurricane Michael to sign up for federal aid is at hand. Applications for assistance under the Georgia Farm Recovery Block Grant are being accepted online only and must be submitted by 11:59 PM on April 8. Complete details can be found at farmrecovery.com.

Recovery is actually an encouraging word to focus on right now. With rebuds in bloom and pollen on the pick-up, Mother Nature's the best reminder that we'll get there, together.

GEORGIA GROWN PROFILE: Chaguanas Ranch

By Alexandra Woodford
Market Bulletin Intern



Betty Ferdinand is the owner of Chaguanas Ranch in Chattahoochee Hills, located about 30 miles southwest of Atlanta. Chaguanas Ranch is a small cattle operation that produces grass-fed black Angus beef.

Ferdinand and her team started the ranch in 2007 with 21 heifers and one bull on 25 acres of pasture. Over the years, they've been able to add more acreage and improve the pasture quality through rotational grazing and soil-building practices.

Through different seminars, extension services, the support of the cattlemen community and many rounds of trial and error, the ranch has been able to focus on heritage genetics to produce smaller frame, disease-resistant animals without feed antibiotics or hormones. Betty said their love of animals and nature has directed them to this phase in their lives.

"Practices that benefit the land and animals have made us stewards of the land, and that is rewarding," she said.

Chaguanas Ranch's beef is available for the freezer, beef-in-bulk by singular or multiple quarters, or for pasture (on foot) including steers, bulls, heifers or cows.

Ferdinand said she and her team at Chaguanas Ranch heard about Georgia Grown through several sources, including the Market Bulletin, as they are heavily involved in the ranching and farming community.

"We joined Georgia Grown to aid in introducing potential buyers to our products," she said, adding that the program offers opportunities to not only grow a business through marketing efforts but also knowledge that may not be readily available from other sources.

-Shop with and learn more about Chaguanas Ranch and all our Georgia Grown members through our website at <https://www.georgiagrown.com/>.

MY TRACTOR STORY: 'Built by Graham, equipped by Bradley, guaranteed by Sears'

By Lee Lancaster
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Before Amazon, there was Sears, Roebuck, and Company. If you couldn't find it in the Sears catalog, you didn't need it. The catalog consisted of hundreds of pages of clothes, tools, medicine, houses and farm equipment. During the 1930s, the Graham-Paige Company - an automobile manufacturer - partnered with Sears to market some of the most stunning tractor models of the time. The tractors were called Graham-Bradleys after Sears' Bradley brand of farm tools. Two models were produced

- a narrow row model #503.103 and, later, a wide-front model #503.104. The tractors came powered by a 6-cylinder 32 horsepower Continental Engine and a Ford 4-speed transmission and rear end. During that time period tractors were also used to travel into town, so these tractors could reach speeds of 35 miles per hour on the highway. The tractors were produced from 1938 until World War II. After the war was over, the company continued to make cars, but not tractors. Freddie Neely from Covington owns the tractor pictured as displayed at the Georgia National Antique Agriculture Show in Perry in November 2019.



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Perry, Georgia
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COOK GEORGIA GROWN: Taco Casserole

Editor's Note: For as long as social distancing restrictions are in place to curb the spread of coronavirus, our Georgia Grown chefs will be offering recipes that use products common to most household pantries or that are somewhat easy to find at your local grocery store.

Many of our Georgia Grown members are open for business online and prepared to ship fresh, local food and value-added products direct to your homes. Visit GeorgiaGrown.com and click on the Support Local. Buy Georgia Grown link to shop.

Ingredients

- 1 lb ground beef or turkey
- 2 Tbsps taco seasoning mix, divided*
- Salt & pepper
- 1 cup diced onion, divided
- 2 tsps minced garlic, divided
- ½ cup diced bell pepper, optional
- 4 Tbsps vegetable or canola oil, divided
- 1 ½ cups rice
- 3 cups broth or water
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes or diced tomatoes
- 1 can pinto or black beans, rinsed
- 3-4 cups grated cheddar, Monterey jack or pepper jack cheese
- 4 cups tortilla chips, slightly broken

*If pre-made taco seasoning is unavailable, mix together 2 Tbsps chili powder, 2 tsps ground cumin, 4 tsps dried oregano and 1 tsp smoked or regular paprika. Divide mix for recipe.

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a medium saucepan, heat 2 tablespoons oil over medium-low heat. Add ½ cup onions, 1 teaspoon garlic and bell peppers (if using). Cook 2-3 minutes or until onions are translucent.



Add rice, 1 tablespoon taco seasoning, salt and pepper to saucepan, stirring to coat. Pour broth over rice. Bring rice to a boil then lower heat to gently simmer for 15-20 minutes.

While rice is cooking, heat 2 tablespoons oil in a skillet. Add ½ cup onions and 1 teaspoon garlic to skillet and cook over medium-low heat for 1-2 minutes. Add ground meat to skillet, breaking up with a wooden spoon as you add it. Add 1 tablespoon taco seasoning and salt and pepper. Cook until meat is cooked through. Drain any excess grease. Add tomatoes to skillet and cook to heat through.

To assemble, sprinkle broken chips in the bottom of a 9x13-inch casserole dish. Spread cooked rice over tortilla chips then layer with beans followed by meat mixture, ending with cheese. Place in preheated oven for 10-15 minutes or until cheese is melted. Top with salsa, sour cream, scallions and/or cilantro, according to preference. Serves 8.

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Spring Vegetable Planting Chart

Vegetable	Days to Maturity	Planting Dates	Seeds/Plants per 100 ft.	Spacing Rows per plants	Depth to Plant
Asparagus	2nd year	Jan. 15-Mar. 15	50 roots	36" x 18"-24"	6"
Beans, bush	50-60	Mar. 15-May 1	½ pound	36" x 2"-4"	1"-1 ½"
pole	65-75	Mar. 15-May 10	½ pound	36" x 4"-12"	1"-1 ½"
lima	65-75	Mar. 15-June 1	½ pound	36" x 3"-4"	1"-1 ½"
pole lima	80-85	Mar. 15-June 1	½ pound	36" x 6"-8"	1"-1 ½"
Beets	55-65	Feb. 15-April 1	1 ounce	18"-36" x 2"	½"
Broccoli	60-80	Feb. 15-March 15	100 plants	36" x 12"	————
Butterpea	70	April 1-May 1	½ pound	36" x 3"-4"	1"-1 ½"
Cabbage	70-120	Jan. 15-Mar. 15	100 plants	36" x 12"	————
Cantaloupe	80-90	Mar. 20-June 20	1 ounce	60" x 36"	1"
Carrot	70-95	Jan. 15-March 20	½ ounce	18-36" x 2"-3"	¼"
Cauliflower	60-75	Mar. 1-April 1	100 plants	36" x 12"	————
Collards	55-85	Feb. 1-March 15	½ ounce	36" x 8"-16"	½"
Corn, yellow	65-90	Mar. 15-June 1	¼ pound	36" x 12"-18"	1"-1 ½"
white	65-90	Mar. 15-June 1	¼ pound	36" x 12"-18"	1"-1 ½"
bi-color	65-90	Mar. 15-June 1	¼ pound	36" x 12"-18"	1"-1 ½"
Cucumber:					
slicing	50-65	April 1-May 15	1 ounce	60" x 12"	½"-¾"
pickling	50-65	April 1-May 15	1 ounce	60" x 12"	½"-¾"
gynoecious	50-65	April 1-May 15	1 ounce	60" x 12"	½"-¾"
Eggplant	75-90	April 1-May 15	50 plants	36" x 24"	————
Kale	50-70	Feb. 1-Mar. 10	½ ounce	36" x 8"-16"	½"
Lettuce	60-85	Jan. 15-Mar. 1	¼ ounce	18"-36" x 8-12"	⅛"
Mustard	40-50	Jan. 15-April 1	½ ounce	18"-36" x 2"	½"
Okra	55-65	April 1-June 1	1 ounce	36" x 12"	1"
Onion, green	60-90	Jan. 1-Mar. 15	300 plants	18"-36" x 3"	————
dry bulb	100-120	Jan. 1-Mar. 15	300 plants	18"-36" x 3"-4"	————
Peas:					
garden (English)	60-70	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	1 pound	36" x 2"	1"-2"
edible pod	60-70	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	1 pound	36" x 2"	1"-2"
Southern	60-70	April-Aug. 10	½ pound	36" x 3"-4"	1"-2"
Peppers, bell	65-80	April 1-June 1	50 plants	36" x 24"	————
hot	65-95	April 1-June 1	50 plants	36" x 24"	————
hot-sweet		April 1-June 1	50 plants	36" x 24"	————
Potatoes, Irish	70-90	Jan.15-Mar. 1	12 pounds	36" x 12"	4"-5"
Sweet	90-120	April 15-June 15	100 plants	36" x 12"	————
Pumpkin, tiny	85-120		1 ounce	72" x 48"	1"
pie type	85-120	May 15-July 1	1 ounce	72" x 48"	1"
small	85-120	(Depending on maturity date)	1 ounce	72" x 48"	1"
large	85-120		1 ounce	72" x 48"	1"
giant	85-120		1 ounce	72" x 48"	1"
Radish	25-30	Jan. 15-April 1	1 ounce	24" x 1"	½"
Spinach	40-45	Jan. 15-Mar. 15	1 ounce	18"-36" x 2"	½"-¾"
Squash:					
summer	40-55	April 1-May 15	½ ounce	36" x 24"	1"-2"
(zucchini)					
winter	85-120	April 1-July 1	½ ounce	60" x 36"	1"-2"
Tomato: cherry	70-90	Mar. 25-May 1	50 plants	48" x 24"	————
grape	70-90	Mar. 25-May 1	50 plants	48" x 24"	————
determinate	70-90	Mar. 25-May 1	50 plants	48" x 24"	————
indeterminate	70-90	Mar. 25-May 1	50 plants	48" x 24"	————
Turnip	40-60	Jan. 15-April 1	½ ounce	18"-36" x 2"	½"
Watermelon: lg.	80-90	Mar. 20-May 1	1 ounce	72" x 36-48"	1"-2"
round	80-90	Mar. 20-May 1	1 ounce	72" x 36-48"	1"-2"
small	80-90	Mar. 20-May 1	1 ounce	72" x 36-48"	1"-2"

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DIY Hand Sanitizer

Hand sanitizer is hard to find on grocery store shelves due to the Coronavirus outbreak. Make your own with this recipe and items you have at home.



Ingredients:

- 2/3 cup Rubbing Alcohol: 99% Isopropyl
- 1/3 cup Aloe Vera Gel
- Optional: 8-10 drops of your favorite essential oil scent

Directions:

To make:
Mix rubbing alcohol (99% isopropyl) and aloe vera gel together. Include optional essential oil. Put in a travel size bottle.

To Apply:
Put enough product on hands to cover all surfaces. Rub hands together, until hands feel dry. This should take around 20 seconds. Do not rinse or wipe off the hand sanitizer before dry.

Recipe courtesy of the Georgia Department of Public Health

Market Bulletin Farmland Ad Form

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GEORGIA GROWERS: Food safety, facility sanitation are always driving concerns

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uct going to go? Is retail going to be able to absorb that much product, so we don't get into an oversupply?" Hall asked. "It's a little too early to know exactly how that is going to shape out, but I know retail and others are doing their best to accommodate the extra product that is going to be on the market as we go through this."

Jerome Crosby, chairman of the Georgia Blueberry Commission and a blueberry farmer in Willacoochee, agreed with Hall that labor shortages are a big concern with blueberry growers. He believes H-2A workers being fast-tracked at U.S. consulates may not be enough.

"The question remains, will the ones already in the system be enough to get through and fulfill the contracts? I believe the answer to that is no," Crosby said. "At some point in time, our consulates are going to have to start releasing people who are first-time applicants. That's just going to have to be done."

For Vidalia onion growers, the biggest concern is having enough workers to harvest and package the popular sweet onion. Aries Haygood, chairman of the Vidalia Onion Commission, said growers are trying to be optimistic as the April 16 pack date moves closer.

"I can tell you, I just don't know," Haygood responding to questions about having enough workers. "I don't think the packing date will be moved back. It's just whoever can find people to harvest can, and whoever can't, won't. There's just a lot of uncertainty right now."



Banana peppers (GDA file photo)

Another uncertainty for Vidalia onion growers is what shape the market will be in once they start shipping their onions to stores. Haygood said the binge-buying that grocery stores experienced in mid-March has muddled the outlook for this year.

"For Vidalia, the question right now is, will the demand still be there when we start?"

Concerning food safety, Haygood said the growers are working to protect workers and ensure sanitation in packing and processing areas.

"Thankfully, we already do a lot of that to assure food safety, so we're not having to reinvent the wheel," Haygood said. He said the industry is paying close attention to CDC recommendations to sanitize areas to combat the virus.

Poultry

Mike Giles, president of the Georgia Poultry Federation, said the Coronavirus outbreak has not affected chicken production significantly. The industry averages 31 million pounds of chicken and 7 million table eggs produced each day. The goal is to remain dependable and ensure the safety of employees.



Blueberries (GDA file photo)

"The poultry industry takes this responsibility seriously. Poultry processors and egg producers will continue to do all that they can to produce the food that is vital during this recovery period, while implementing science-based measures to protect employees working in our facilities," Giles said in a statement.

Giles said a challenge for food producers is shifting production to grocery stores and less to food services like restaurants and schools. He said the demand for chicken is strong, and his industry is working to meet that demand.

"I think there are a lot of adjustments being made in how poultry is being delivered," he said. "The bottom line is the volume of production in our industry is steady and is not disrupted."

Giles added that chicken processors always had federal government safety requirements to follow and that consumers should continue to have confidence in the poultry industry's commitment to food safety.

"Typically, on third shift each day the entire plant is sanitized, so the industry has some built-in advantages in that many of the practices they already employ are effective in the general cleanliness and sanitation of the facility itself," Giles said.

Beef

Beef is in high demand across the state, while retailers struggle to keep shelves stocked. Dale Sandlin, executive vice president of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association, attributed shortages to supply chain and warehouse issues.

"It's more a function of demand and allocation than supply. For example, if the store is only ordering 100 cases a day usually, now they are ordering 500 cases a day," he said. "The warehouses that we have can't manage that type of increase. With that said, what we are doing and what we are seeing is retailers shifting their products around so there will be beef in the store, but it may not be the cut you're used to buying."

Sandlin said the biggest sellers have been ground beef, rib eye and chuck.

He said beef producers across the state have plenty of product and that it will take time for the system to right itself following the early days of the outbreak when panic buying occurred.

"We do have the cattle. We have good processing facilities," he said. "I've spoken with one of the largest processors here in the state, and they are keeping things going, six days a week, two shifts a day."

Sandlin and the other commodity leaders also wanted to assure the public that food from Georgia farms and cattle ranches is safe and that the growers and processors are tak-

ing extra measures to protect workers and ensure workspaces are sanitary.

"We are asking sales, our peers, and our control committees what we can do to be safer and efficient. What can we do to make sure the customers feel safer to get a good, safe product to the table? Those are our daily questions and conversations," Crosby said.

Sandlin added that the processors "are doing a really good job of making sure inspectors are on-site, and the supply is safe, and we're hearing reports of plants taking extra measures to make sure their workers are protected. Inside the plant, it could probably be the cleanest place you would want to be in because of the federal government's sanitation requirements."



Red Angus cattle (GDA file photo)

Peanuts

For row crops like peanuts, labor is not as big an issue as for fruit and vegetable growers. But like beef, peanuts are in high demand, and that will keep farmers busy during this growing season.

Don Koehler, executive director for the Georgia Peanut Commission, said farmers aren't seeing prices follow the recent increase in demand but are hoping the market remains strong through the fall.

"We kind of hope we will see an increase in that price because contracts for the 2020 crop are not good right now, they're just awful," he said. "I hope I see some strengthening in price, and the farmers will need to be patient."

Conditions surrounding the COVID-19 emergency change almost week to week, and that uncertainty makes this unusual event even more difficult. Koehler said the only sure thing is getting out in the field.

"There is so much that is unknown right now. This virus is causing unknowns for everybody, so much that farmers are basically flying by the seat of their pants right now," he said. "I think that's where we are now, and the picture will improve a little bit as we get into April. There's some planting going on right now, and we need to get into full swing in early April."

Cotton

There were signs that cotton futures prices were going up after the United States and China signed the Phase 1 trade deal in January. However, the price per pound dropped to 60 cents in February and was hovering around 50 cents by the end of last week. That price drop is the lowest since the 2008 Great Recession.

Yangxuan Liu, UGA professor and cotton economist based in Tifton, said the economic shutdown will hurt cotton farmers who depend heavily on exports. In 2019, 83 percent

of all cotton grown in the U.S. was sold overseas.

Liu added lower oil prices will likely increase competition from synthetic fiber, making it even more challenging to sell cotton.

With the world economy practically shut down, Liu said no one knows how long the downturn will last.

"China agreed to purchase at least \$40 billion worth of agricultural products for each of the next two years. However, no details have been released so far about how China will be able to fulfill this large purchase of agricultural products," Liu said. "The outbreak of the coronavirus further increased the uncertainty in trade."

Bart Davis, chairman of the Georgia Cotton Commission, said he has heard that some farmers are growing more corn. Still others are taking a long view that the cotton markets will recover. Davis admits there is a lot of uncertainty, and it's not clear when the market will improve or how long it will take for prices to move up again.

"I don't know what is going to happen. I mean, just as they had the trade agreement signed, cotton was starting to ease up a little. It was looking to move up, then this virus hit, and the bottom fell out," Davis said. "This me-



An open cotton boll (GDA file photo)

speculating, but I feel like the cotton market and all the markets will go up and go back booming again."

Greg Mims, who grows cotton, soybeans and other crops in Seminole County, said he is planting corn but will keep his cotton acreage the same as planned before the coronavirus outbreak.

"It hasn't really changed anything as far as our planting intentions or anything because we still have stock in the gin, and we have to support the gin," Mims said. "We're hoping this thing gets cleared up before it completely kills the economy, and maybe the price will hopefully come up."

Farmers do have an option to put their cotton through the federal Loan Deficiency Payment program, taking the crop out of the market and selling it when prices improve. The LDP rate is set by the difference between the base price of 52 cents and the Adjusted World Price, which the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency announces weekly. At the end of March, the AWP was at 49.95 cents per pound.

"If a producer is willing to take the risk and feels that cotton prices are going to improve, then they could take the LDP and market the cotton later," Liu said. "Looking ahead, producers need to be aware of the continuous risk of downside price weakness and volatile cotton prices. It might take a while before we see a recovery of cotton prices."

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Department of Agriculture opens hemp grower license program to applicants

The Georgia Department of Agriculture began accepting hemp grower license applications on March 23. The initial license fee is \$50 per acre intended for hemp cultivation up to a maximum fee of \$5,000 and is payable upon license approval, according to the application guidelines.

The hemp grower license application can be completed and submitted online only. A detailed application guide and more information are online at <http://agr.georgia.gov/georgia-hemp-program.aspx>.

Once an application is received, the department will verify the applicant's information, run background checks, collect payments and issue licenses.

The GDA's goal is to complete the application process in 20 business days. The process can be delayed depending on the accuracy and completeness of the application.

Applicants must prove they are qualified agricultural producers. They can do so by providing at least one of the following: a current GATE card (Georgia Agricultural Tax Exemption); IRS forms from a select list in the Georgia Hemp

Grower Rules; or any tax returns, forms, sales receipts or other documentation requested by the GDA.

If the applicant is applying as a business, the GDA will ask for copies of a current Certificate of Existence from the Georgia Secretary of State's Office and any required local business licenses.

The GDA also requires a copy of the deed or lease for each grow site property along with easements or licenses as proof of legal authority to cultivate hemp on the site to be included with the online application.

As part of the grow site information, an aerial map or satellite imagery photograph is required with the application. The map or photograph must clearly show the boundaries and dimensions of each grow site, either a field or greenhouse and storage area.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation will perform background checks as part of the hemp grower license application. A background check is required for each owner, key participant or others holding beneficial interest in the hemp

grower license. The GDA defines key participants as a business partner or someone with executive management roles in a corporation (e.g., CEO, COO, CFO, etc.).

Hemp grower applicants must provide an affidavit of their intended processor. A hemp grower license does not allow the licensee to process hemp. A hemp processor permit is required for the processing of hemp plants. Licensed hemp growers who intend to process hemp must apply separately for a hemp processor permit.

The site provides links for applicants to upload electronic copies of the required documents.

Renewal applications, annual license fees, and annual criminal background checks must be submitted by Dec. 1, 2020. Licenses will expire on Dec. 31, 2020, if the renewal application, renewal fee, and background checks are not submitted by Dec. 1, 2020.

More information, and a checklist for the hemp grower application process can be found at <http://agr.georgia.gov/georgia-hemp-program.aspx>.

SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to small businesses economically impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Georgia small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced March 18. SBA acted under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, to declare a disaster following a request received from Gov. Brian P. Kemp on March 17.

The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in the entire state of Georgia; and the contiguous counties of Barbour, Chambers, Cherokee, Cleburne, De Kalb, Henry, Houston, Jackson, Lee, Randolph, and Russell in Alabama; Baker, Columbia, Gadsden, Hamilton, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Madison, and Nassau in Florida; Cherokee, Clay, Jackson, and Macon in North Carolina; Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Barnwell, Edgefield, Hampton, Jasper,

McCormick, and Oconee in South Carolina; Bradley, Hamilton, Marion, and Polk in Tennessee.

SBA customer service representatives will be available to answer questions about SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program and explain the application process.

"Small businesses, private non-profit organizations of any size, small agricultural cooperatives and small aquaculture enterprises that have been financially impacted as a direct result of the Coronavirus since Jan. 31, 2020, may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred," said Carranza.

"These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. Disaster loans can provide vital economic assistance to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing," Carranza added.

Eligibility for Economic Injury Disaster Loans is based on the financial impact of the Coronavirus.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800.659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call 800.877.8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan is Dec. 18, 2020.

For more information about Coronavirus, please visit: [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.sba.gov/coronavirus).

For more information about available SBA resources and services, please visit: [SBA.gov/coronavirus](https://www.sba.gov/coronavirus).

La SBA ofrece asistencia en caso de desastre a las pequeñas empresas de Georgia afectadas económicamente por el Coronavirus (COVID-19)

ATLANTA – La Agencia Federal para el Desarrollo de la Pequeña Empresa (SBA) por sus siglas en inglés, ofrece préstamos federales de bajo interés para capital de trabajo a las pequeñas empresas de Georgia que sufren un daño económico sustancial como resultado de la enfermedad del coronavirus (COVID-19), anunció hoy la administradora de SBA, Jovita Carranza. SBA actuó bajo su propia autoridad, según lo dispuesto por la Ley de Asignaciones Suplementarias para la Preparación y Respuesta ante el Coronavirus que fue firmada recientemente por el Presidente, para declarar un desastre a raíz de una solicitud recibida del Gobernador Brian Kemp el 18 de marzo de 2020.

La declaración de desastre hace que la asistencia de SBA esté disponible en todo el estado de Georgia; y en los condados contiguos de Barbour, Chambers, Cherokee, Cleburne, DeKalb, Henry, Houston, Jackson, Lee, Randolph y Russell en Alabama; y Baker, Columbia, Gadsden, Hamilton, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Madison y Nassau en Florida; y Cherokee, Clay, Jackson y Macon en North Carolina; Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Barnwell, Edgefield, Hampton, Jasper, McCormick y Oconee en South Carolina; y Bradley, Hamilton, Marion y Polk en Tennessee.

Los representantes de servicio al cliente de SBA estarán disponibles para responder preguntas sobre el programa de préstamos para desastres por daños económicos de SBA y explicar el proceso de solicitud.

"Las pequeñas empresas, las organizaciones privadas sin fines de lucro de cualquier tamaño, las pequeñas cooperativas agrícolas y las pequeñas empresas de acuicultura que han sido afectadas financieramente como resultado directo de la enfermedad del coronavirus (COVID-19) desde el 31 de enero de 2020, pueden calificar para recibir préstamos para desastres por daños económicos de hasta 2 millones de dólares para ayudar a cumplir con las obligaciones financieras y los gastos de funcionamiento que podrían haber sido satisfechos si el desastre no hubiera ocurrido", dijo Carranza.

"Estos préstamos pueden ser usados para pagar deudas fijas, nómina, cuentas por pagar y otras cuentas que no pueden ser pagadas debido al impacto del desastre. Los préstamos para desastres pueden proporcionar una ayuda económica vital a las pequeñas empresas para ayudar a superar la pérdida temporal de ingresos que están experimentando", añadió Carranza.

La elegibilidad para los Préstamos para Daños Económicos por Desastre se basa en el impacto financiero la enfermedad del coronavirus (COVID-19).

Los solicitantes pueden presentar su solicitud en línea, recibir información adicional sobre asistencia en casos de desastre y descargar las solicitudes en <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Los solicitantes también pueden llamar al Centro de Servicio al Cliente de SBA al 800.659.2955 o enviar un correo electrónico a disastercustomerservice@sba.gov para obtener más información sobre la asistencia para desastres de SBA. Las personas sordas o con problemas de audición pueden llamar al 800.877.8339. Las solicitudes completas deben enviarse por correo a la Administración de Pequeñas Empresas de los Estados Unidos, Centro de Procesamiento y Desembolso, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

La fecha límite para solicitar un Préstamo para Daños Económicos por Desastre es el 18 de diciembre de 2020.

Para más información sobre el Coronavirus, por favor visite: [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.sba.gov/coronavirus).

Para más información sobre los recursos y servicios disponibles de SBA, por favor visite: [SBA.gov/coronavirus](https://www.sba.gov/coronavirus).

DNR offers grant money to rehabilitate historic structures damaged by Hurricane Irma

ATLANTA – A grant application package for the Hurricane Irma Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund subgrant program, administered by the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, is now available on HPD's website at <https://georgiashpo.org/disaster-recovery-grants>. This subgrant program has been made available through the award of a Hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund grant (HIM ESHPF grant, CFDA No. 15.957) from the National Park Service to the Historic Preservation Division.

The purpose of the HIM ESHPF subgrant program is to assist Georgia historic property owners with recovery from Hurricane Irma by addressing historic property needs unmet through other funding sources (FEMA, GEMA, insurance, etc.). The HPD may award up to \$400,000 to private, public and nonprofit historic property owners, and we encourage all interested in this grant to apply.

This is a reimbursement grant, and project cost reimbursements are based on invoices and receipts that are di-

rectly related to work items in the scope of work and budget which must be approved by the HPD and NPS.

Owners of historic buildings, structures, and objects in Georgia counties designated for general public assistance and individual assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Hurricane Irma are eligible to apply. The following counties were not designated for general or public assistance by FEMA for Hurricane Irma and therefore historic resources located in these counties are ineligible for assistance: Bartow, Bleckley, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Dade, Douglas, Dekalb, Fannin, Fulton, Floyd, Gordon, Murray, Paulding, Polk, Richmond, Walker and Whitefield.

For the purpose of this grant program, only predevelopment and development projects will be considered. Essential criteria for a qualified grant application include demonstrating the property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places; demonstrating property damage was caused or worsened by Hurricane Irma; placing a preservation easement of up to 20 years on the property deed of all awarded devel-

opment grant projects; compliance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and standards, including meeting federal procurement requirements; and signing a funding agreement.

If the property is not listed, but is eligible to be listed, please contact grants coordinator Melanie Holthaus at Melanie.Holthaus@dnr.ga.gov before submitting an application.

All grant applications will be evaluated and awarded based on information provided in the application, scoring criteria, funding availability, and reviews by the HPD staff and the NPS. If you apply for more than one project (i.e. a predevelopment AND development project), you must complete a separate application for each one.

Applications must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2020. Grant awards are expected to be announced in July 2020. Projects may begin as early as August 2020 upon HPD and NPS approval and must be completed by December 2021. If you have questions about the grant program or the application process, please don't hesitate to contact Melanie Holthaus at melanie.holthaus@dnr.ga.gov.

Mercer's Rural Health Innovation Center offers free telehealth services to rural physicians during COVID-19 pandemic

MACON – Imagine if you or your family needed a brief visit for a minor problem, refill of medications or medical advice on the need to seek a different level of care. Rural Georgians and rural industry can now initiate medical care at home or in the workplace from your local physicians, nurse practitioners or physician assistants.

The Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center at Mercer University School of Medicine, through a grant from the State of Georgia, is providing immediate installation and technical support of the needed tools for rural physicians and health systems. The system is easy to set up, reliable, HIPAA-compliant and secure. The system, called Pathways, is accomplished through the Georgia Partnership for Telehealth. This system allows your doctor to have the ability to see you wherever you are if you have a computer, tablet or cell phone.

The system costs the practice nothing for six months and there are no strings attached. The GRHIC, working with the Georgia Partnership for Telehealth, is helping provide high quality healthcare using telehealth to rural Georgians.

“This viral pandemic represents a tremendous need for care in areas of the state that are already desperately underserved,” said Jean Sumner, M.D., F.A.C.P., dean of Mercer University School of Medicine. “Help us help you by encouraging your physicians to use a telehealth option during this crisis.”

With technical support from GPT, the Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center will make the telehealth consultation software easily available to rural physicians across the state. The Center's project managers were trained on the

system and began assisting practices in signing up for this service on March 25.

Enrollment begins by calling or emailing the Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center at 478.301.4700 or info@georgiaruralhealth.org. An account, at no charge to the rural physician, will be promptly established, and appointments for patients can begin immediately.

“The system is incredibly simple, safe, sustainable and high-quality,” said Chris Scoggins, director of health policy and operations at Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center.

“These were criteria that we felt were required,” added Sumner, “and we were able to mitigate the cost through the state grant. This telehealth system provides a very simple, secure and private method for patients to receive care from their doctors without having to come to the office or a healthcare facility. It can be accessed through a phone, tablet or computer. I tested it on my phone, in my car sitting next to the Oconee River bridge in Wilkinson County, and the quality was superb.”

The Pathways software connects a patient at home on a computer or mobile device to a doctor within a few clicks of receiving an email.

“The telemedicine platform will allow state-of-the-art care and afford the patient convenience,” said Wentzelle Kim Kitchens, M.D., who practices internal medicine and sleep medicine in Sandersville. “The COVID-19 pandemic makes telemedicine a more urgent need. We may help patients more efficiently without putting our staff at risk by evaluating and treating remotely. In the event an office visit is needed, we are able to assess the risks and needs prior to

arrival.”

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released new guidelines for telehealth, broadening access to its services so that beneficiaries can receive care without traveling to a healthcare facility. Among the guidelines, a patient's home is now among the approved originating sites for a telehealth visit.

“The coronavirus outbreak is the likely tipping point for telehealth,” said Rena Brewer, CEO of GPT and the Global Partnership for Telehealth. “We're clearly at a crisis with the delivery of health care, and the need to think innovatively and to leverage telehealth technologies is greater than ever before.”

Sumner said the Georgia Partnership for Telehealth is one of the largest nonprofit telehealth providers in the country. It began as a small network of 40 providers and receivers of clinical telehealth services and has grown into one of the largest nonprofit telehealth networks in the country with more than 600 providers and receivers. The organization has expanded beyond Georgia to include clinical sites in 10 states and four international mission sponsored locations.

“Their quality is outstanding. Through the Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center, the Georgia Partnership has been able to offer this service to rural physician practices. Citizens in rural Georgia deserve and should expect the same quality of care of any patient, and GPT is known for providing the highest quality of telehealth technology you can access,” Sumner said.

-Source: Mercer University, www.mercer.edu

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said the company ordinarily delivers to 10 states overnight from Atlanta, filling orders to food service companies and other wholesalers.

While retail supply and demand are leveling off now, Nickey Gregory is still doing a brisk business with distributors who service school accounts engaged in the distribution of free meals to students who rely on breakfast and lunch service when school is in session.

Although it's not enough to compensate for lost business, Scott said the company has so far avoided making cuts to its 200-person workforce.

“We're just trying to survive these next

who knows how long months, two months, we're not sure. It's hard to tell,” he said.

Sympathy for customers who have had to let employees go led another market tenant – Athena Farms – to box up its perishable inventory and deliver it to unemployed restaurant workers.

“We were sitting on a lot of inventory that was not going anywhere. From one day to the next people stopped going to restaurants and restaurants don't need stuff, so they're not ordering,” said salesman Robert Poole. “We have provided probably close to 800 relief boxes that we have funneled to our restaurants.”

Each relief boxes contain a week's worth of free produce.

“Eighty percent of our customers are restaurants, caterers or hotels, and we have restaurant after restaurant that are some of the best restaurants in town that are completely not doing anything,” Poole said.

Athena Farms is still making deliveries six days a week to the restaurants that are eking by with take-out and curbside service, which

allows the company to retain as many of its own employees as possible.

“We are basically trying to reinvent, ourselves and maybe we should have this conversation in four weeks because this is an ongoing thing,” he said. “I think we're trying to give (work to) everybody that wants some hours and I think we're really taking that week-to-week to see where we stand but like I said, call me in four weeks and we'll talk again.”

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PESTICIDES: Science helps farmers apply herbicides at the right time

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sion agents received 67 drift complaints.

The GDA investigated about 100 drift complaints in 2019, and not all of them were determined to be caused by dicamba drift. In comparison, Arkansas reported 456 cases of herbicide drift complaints. Of those cases, 210 were alleged involving dicamba.

As a result of the training program's success, the federal Environmental Protection Agency granted Georgia a change in its local-use pesticide labeling to require applicators train biannually instead of annually. Those certified applicators who received training last year will not have to retake it until 2021.

However, even with the reduced training requirements, Gray said everyone still needs to continue working to keep herbicide drift down.

Stanley Culpepper, UGA professor and Extension agronomist, said the success of UPW training comes from everyone understanding that correct pesticide application is a shared responsibility.

“I assure you that every pesticide applicator in our state wants to make a perfect application,” he said. “What the need is is the science to empower them to achieve that goal. That's really what it's about. It's about research, it's about the extension, it's about communication, it's about working together, and it's about having that commitment of our entire agricultural family.”

UPW
using pesticides wisely

Training varies from state-to-state, and Georgia was one of the first states to mandate training for pesticide applicators. Gray explained pesticide drift became a problem in the Midwest and mid-Southern states as dicamba-resistant cotton and soybeans were developed in the last decade.

Farmers have used dicamba for years as a pre-emergent herbicide, but with new crops resistant to dicamba, they were able to use it during the growing season, too. The ability to fight weeds midseason also exposed crops that were not resistant to dicamba. Gray said that manufacturers, state and federal regulators, and farmers across the country have been working ever since to correct the problem.

The idea for UPW training in Georgia came to Culpepper 2014. He was studying ways to reduce crop damage caused by pesticide drift. After noticing a significant increase in drift complaints, he reached out to the GDA to start training for applicators.

“It became very evident that we needed to

switch the approach from addressing the issue after it occurred to how we could generate a preemptive strike,” Culpepper said. “We wanted to use science to help our farmers improve on-target applications.”

John Strickland is one of those farmers. He grows about 5,000 acres of cotton in Pierce County and said the UPW training had been a great benefit for his farm. He said he has more neighbors to be aware of today with residential areas built around his farm within the last 20 years.

“Of course, they have their flower beds and grass that they really enjoy,” he said. “In today's environment, you have to be a lot more careful and alert to wind speed and your surroundings. You have to understand where you're spraying and why you're spraying.”

Strickland said the program has helped his

employees be more aware of the right conditions and methods to perform the correct application. He said the most significant advantage to the training is that today you have to be certified to apply dicamba.

Strickland said before UPW, he would be the one providing the training to his employees before they climbed onto the tractors.

“Coming from a trained professional, a county agent or someone from the department of ag, there's a little more weight there. Even though what I say means something, I guess the training draws out just how much more important it is than just something from the boss,” he said.

“You know, 20 years ago I would say, ‘Spray it,’ and they would spray it. Today, if I said, ‘Spray it,’ they will come back and say, ‘Well boss, the conditions ain't good to spray.’”

COVID-19 affects pesticide applicator training schedule

All “Using Pesticides Wisely” classroom trainings are canceled until further notice. If you need this training to purchase dicamba or 2,4-D products and did not receive it in 2019, please contact your county Extension Office. Find your office online at <https://extension.uga.edu/county-offices.html>

Commercial pesticide applicator examinations are currently unavailable due to the closure of Georgia's Technical College System. Contact GDA's Ag Inputs Division at 404.656.4958 for information on interim testing options.

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