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### Georgia FLEX provides guidance to high school entrepreneurs

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**FITZGERALD** – There were only a few nervous moments in a room filled with encouragement at the Georgia FLEX State Finals held at Fitzgerald High School, College and Career Academy. Five young entrepreneurs pitched their businesses to a panel of judges for the chance of winning up to \$10,000 in seed funding and college scholarships.

FLEX stands for “Foundational Leadership and Entrepreneur X-perience” and collaborates with local businesses and educators to help students learn about running a business.

They learn by doing. Students form teams (called companies in FLEX) to present a business plan, which local business leaders judge. The school’s top teams receive a \$100 loan for seed money and operate their businesses for eight weeks. They are judged again to select a school champion, who will move on to the state finals.

The teams compete “Shark Tank” style, pitching their businesses to a panel of judges. Students sell their businesses on a stage with family and friends watching them compete and perform.

At the state finals, first place received \$10,000 and \$2,500 in scholarships to Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. Second place received \$5,000 and \$1,000 in scholarships, and third place received \$2,500 and \$500 in scholarships.

Melissa Dark, president and CEO of the Fitzgerald and

Ben Hill County Chamber of Commerce, oversaw the first FLEX competition in 2020 at the local high school. Five high schools sent teams to the FLEX State Finals last month. FLEX will double to 10 high schools in the 2023-2024 school year.

FLEX is also a new concept of partnerships between local businesses and young people. Dark explained that FLEX came from a necessity in Ben Hill County to develop a workforce to support businesses there. She said the collaboration provides businesses a foothold in schools for a significant community involvement for chamber members.

“I’m a chamber president; that’s my main job, so we see the importance of connecting businesses with each other and then businesses being involved in the community,” said Dark, who also serves as executive director of Georgia FLEX. “But also, especially with our workforce crisis and difficulties, we see how important it is for businesses to be involved in the school system for us to be able to develop the type of leaders and future employees that they need. We need those busi-

nesses involved in the school, so they can help us know what they need.”

The first-place winner in the FLEX State Finals was Connor Paulk, a junior at Irwin County High School in Ocilla. His business, Paulk’s Produce, sells packaged fruit and vegetables to customers by mail. He buys from local farmers and processes and packages the produce. Customers order through his Facebook page.

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Connor Paulk, a junior at Irwin County High School in Ocilla, pitches his business, Paulk’s Produce, to a panel of judges during the Georgia FLEX State Finals in Fitzgerald. The competition is run like the reality television show, “Shark Tank,” while pairing local business leaders and teachers with students to teach them about business ownership. (Georgia Grown/ Matt Odom)

### Commissioner Harper announces Georgia Grown as title sponsor for FLEX program

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Tyler Harper

The Georgia Department of Agriculture will become the title sponsor of the high school business education FLEX program through Georgia Grown, the department’s business development and marketing arm.

Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper made the announcement at this year’s FLEX State Finals on April 13 at Fitzgerald High School, College and Career Academy. The competition, in which students run their businesses and compete by pitching their ideas to judges, is similar to the TV reality show “Shark Tank.”

Harper, who served as a judge during the state finals, lauded FLEX’s efforts to unite communities to develop future entrepreneurs.

“If you’ve never participated, or this is your first time here, I think you would agree, this is a phenomenal, phenomenal program to give young men and women opportunities beyond belief,” Harper said. “At the Department of Agriculture, and part of my focus as your commissioner, we’re investing in the next generation and finding ways to ensure that young men and women have an opportunity to better themselves and to live out their version of the American Dream right here in our great state.”

FLEX started in Ben Hill County as a partnership between businesses and the high school. Teams of students began the school year with an idea for a business. Over eight weeks, local business leaders mentored students to create and run a business. The teams, called companies in FLEX, compete at the school level by pitching their businesses to judges. High school champions move on to the FLEX State Finals for the chance for cash and scholarships.

FLEX Executive Director Melissa Dark thanked Harper and said Georgia Grown’s support will allow the program to

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### Kemp signs bill into law, creating citrus commodity commission

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Paving the way for Georgia’s citrus growers to control promotion and research of their crop, Gov. Brian Kemp signed legislation last month to establish a state commodity commission for citrus.

Surrounded by state legislators and citrus industry leaders, Kemp signed House Bill 545 into law at the Bainbridge campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on April 18. The new commission will be able to allow growers to set a self-assessment fee from citrus harvested to fund marketing and promotion, education and research programs to benefit the industry.

Georgia citrus has grown significantly in the past decade. There were about 4,500 commercial citrus trees in Georgia in 2013. In 2021, 390,000 trees were planted covering 2,700 acres in 45 counties.

“Georgia is home to a diverse and thriving agricultural sector, and citrus is one of our fastest-growing crops,” Kemp said. “By establishing this commission, we are ensuring that our citrus growers have the



Georgia Governor Brian Kemp signs HB 545 into law on April 18 with First Lady Marty Kemp and dignitaries looking on at the Bainbridge campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The law creates the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Citrus Fruits to support Georgia’s growing citrus industry. (GDA/Andy Harrison)

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1935 F-20 Farmall, fully restored, new tires: \$4500; also 6ft litter bucket, skid steer attach: \$450, cash price. Ted **Sparta** 706-878-8562

1940 9N Ford parts tractor: 600. Text or leave message. Dan Lebar **Newnan** 678-378-0860

1942 Farmall Super H, running tractor w/8ft smoothing harrow & bush hog. Asking: \$2500. Steve **Brooks** 678-429-6092

1947 Farmall Cub. Fair condition. Has front cultivators. Good tires with one new rear: \$1800. Joe McMichael **Monticello** 706-717-9585

1949 G John Deere, recently painted, good condition, parade ready: \$5000 firm. Bobby West **Rutledge** 706-717-0132

1949 Harry Ferguson, will run once assembled, new tires on back, good tires on front: \$1800 cash. Includes 4ft bush hog. Ernest **Oxford** 678-863-0536

1950 Farmall Super A w/belly mower & 3pt hitch: \$1200; 1-row Farmall planter: \$300. Wayne **Ringgold** 706-935-4691

1950 John Deere Model B series w/motor parts, needs assembly: \$800. William Finch **Conyers** 770-714-7464

1953 Super H Farmall w/rebuilt engine, good tires & new paint. William **Collinsville, AL** 256-996-1338

1954 Farmall propane H series, 3 good tires, runs good, 3pt hitch, solid tractor: \$2500. Lloyd **Austell** 678-283-9858

1956 Farmall 230, 2pt hydraulic lift, all mint, show ready: \$3000 OBO. Doug Chandler **McDonough** 678-478-4993

1972 Massey Ferguson 175. Diesel, 2300hrs new front tires, rear 70 percent, 63HP, no FEL looks, drives, runs great. Strong solid tractor. Dependable: \$8500. George **Commerce** 706-658-6081

1973 IH 1066 broke apart in preparation for new parts that are included for differential, chuck, etc. Other equipment available. Michael Brantley **Wrightsville** 478-290-4290

1975 John Deere 1630 tractor, 50hp diesel. Starts and runs great. 7ft Howse bush hog, comes w/owners & parts manual. Asking: \$6495 OBO. Can send pics. Jeff **Roopville** 678-708-6447



1977 JD 2040 diesel w/3pt hitch, Manheim special edition, 45hp, 2190hrs, 2nd owner, no DEF, serviced 2022, maintenance records & original manual, new parts, good condition: \$11,900 OBO. Samuel **Gainesville** 762-900-2021

1977+/- Ford F1600 2 cylinder diesel. Runs good, PTO lift, finishing mower, tiller, & bush hog: \$5800. Jack Brantley **LaGrange** 706-957-2781

1984 Case International, 2WD, 54HP, new tires, good condition, low hours. Comes with bush hog, hay spare, jack lift: \$8200. R. Darsey **Locust Grove** 678-644-1366

1991 Case-I.H. 595, 4WD with Case-I.H. Frontend loader, 6ft bucket. Approx. 1500hrs. Very good tires shuttle trans. Runs, drives looks good. Solid strong tractor: \$16,500. Chuck Anthony **Jefferson** 706-658-6081

2000 New Holland TN75, 1200hrs, tires 90%: \$20,000. Russell Adams **Fayetteville** 770-653-1806

2005 John Deere 4720 4x4, Hydrostat, 58HP, 2000hrs, no loader, pre-emissions, like new condition: \$22,990. Steve Moore **Carrollton** 404-374-3322

2017 Kubota L4701, 4WD. Perfect machine. Gear drive. Well maintained. Always sheltered. Less than 300hrs: \$25,000. Al **Adairsville** 678-200-5825

70s Deutz 40-06 tractor. 40HP, good tires strong, air cooled diesel. German-made looks fair, runs drives great: \$3750; scrape blade 3pt hitch, 5ft: \$300. Caleb Anthony **Jefferson** 706-605-0201 or 706-658-6081

800 Ford tractor, everything works: \$2500. Eddy Tomlinson **Calhoun** 706-280-8068

David Brown 1210. Does not run. Lots of good parts. Tires size 18.4-38, 16in rim wide: \$500. Roach **Hiawassee** 404-694-2348

Farmall Super A tractor, 1950s model with cultivators. Good condition with good tires and runs good. Steve York **Toccoa** 706-491-1549

Farmall Super A, restored, 12V. Need fuel tank. Lloyd Mitchell **Cochran** 478-308-2483

For sale - (2) Farmall tractors, Super M w/cultivator & planters: \$1500/both; 5ft bush hog: \$600; Ford 800 parts tractor: \$700. Sandy **Good Hope** 470-564-4706

For sale - 200 Farmall tricycle, tractor, owners manual included: \$2,000; 7ft Brown rotary mower, used very little: \$500. Can send pictures, call or text, Lawrence Willis **Norman Park** 229-891-1815

For sale - circa 1950 Ferguson tractor for parts. Good radiator, good starter, good generator - all parts good, except motor block. Claude Callihan **Cleveland** 706-892-8641

Ford 2600 diesel tractor, power steering, 2-stage clutch, good tires w/6ft finishing mower, used 1 season: \$3500. James Elliott **Lavonia** 706-491-4616

G Allis Chalmers - (2) tractors, one w/a rebuilt motor and new rear tires; one nearly complete parts tractor. Both disassembled: \$2500 or BRO. G. Webb **Moultrie** 229-985-9597 or 229-798-2355

G Allis Chalmers, no motor, back cultivator, (2) hoods, (1) fender, (1) gas tank. James Harris **Statesboro** 913-682-3021

JD 850 tractor, 1716hrs, 87 model. I've owned for 34 years. Several pieces of equipment, ready for garden. No calls after 6pm. Jeff Padgett **Dalton** 706-218-5891

John Deere 4430 cab tractor, totally rebuilt engine in 2021 (Engine Invoice available, - \$11,188), dual rears, front weights, 7816hrs: \$25,000. Gary **Hull** 706-338-5818

John Deere 6200 tractor 3678hrs, good solid running tractor: \$15,500. **Maxeys** 706-338-5085

Kubota 2002 model L3000, diesel 4WD tractor with bush hog loader and mower. Runs well, fair sheet metal. Needs battery, hydraulic work. Estate sale: \$5500. Tom Lord **Alto** 706-677-9887



Kubota B2400 compact tractor, power steering, 4WD, hydrostatic transmission, belly mower (60in cut), canopy, front grill bumper, diesel, 600hrs: \$6500. Ted **Winterville** 706-540-1756

Kubota BX1500, power steering, 4WD, 54in belly deck mower, diesel engine, PTO for bush hog: \$6500. Welch **Sandersville** 478-232-8921

Massey Ferguson 2017/18 Model 4708. 375hrs, 80HP, power shuttle, open station powertrain. Warranty through 4/15/2024, 72in quick connect bucket, 2WD: \$35,000. John Thompson **Dahlonega** 678-725-4043 or Cezsar 706-973-8796

Massey Ferguson model 4243 cab tractor, 2008 model w/2070hrs. Used for cutting and baling hay and pulling a batwing mower: \$22,500. Tommy Presley **Jackson** 678-794-4574

### CUTTERS AND MOWERS

4ft Bush Hog type cutter HD; 6.5-foot smoothing harrow, take off back tines for bush and bog. Both 3pt hitch: \$850 each; 18-inch rear tine rototiller: \$550. LM. Rodney Mullenix **Loganville** 770-401-8586

5ft Bush Hog: \$500; 2-bottom turning plow: \$200; disc harrow: \$500. Sammy Grissom **Dawsonville** 706-531-5166

5ft Ford rotary mower: \$225; antique walk behind scoop: \$100; (4) tires, LT285/65R18: \$160; Sidewinder 4ft bush hog, needs blade: \$175. Philip Stallings **Whitesburg** 770-832-0835

Brown 416 bush hog 6ft, used once, shed kept, it is new: \$3200. Wilson Lawson **Guyton** 912-667-6718 or 912-772-3304

Bush Hog, model 2710, 10ft: \$10,000; Bush Hog, 15ft: \$12,000; ladder rack: \$225; 500gal fuel tank: \$500; NH Haybine 472: \$3500. Andy **Hartwell** 706-436-7031

DR 30in Field & Brush Mower, 2015 XL model, 20hp Briggs V-Twin engine w/electric start, 4spd drive, reverse, dual wheel lock, 69hrs on machine. Robert Busby **Fort Valley** 770-354-3198

Husqvarna commercial HD zero-turn lawnmower. Model PZ 7234, 72inch cut with 34HP Kawasaki engine. Only 239 hours. Ready to cut: \$7500 OBO. James Saye **Danielsville** 706-621-9809

New 6ft Jbar premier cutter, 7 gauge steel, 75HP gearbox, PTO and slip clutch: \$1850. Can deliver. Raymond Monty **Villa Rica** 404-234-0786

**CUTTERS AND MOWERS**

Quick attach 60inch brush cutter. Kubota SB4060 with less than 25 hours run time. Sold the skid steer so I don't need the mower: \$3500. Chuck Pitts **Ball Ground** 678-591-7971

Sitrex DM-6 hay mower: \$3000; hay unroller: \$600; 8-wheel hay rake: \$2500; Claas Disco 3000 hay mower: \$1500. Tony **Madison** 706-818-5159

**PLANTING AND TILLAGE**

(1) 6ft HD rock rake, new; (1) 7ft scrape blade, HD, swivels & tilts; (1) 3pt hitch pond scoop, (1) Ford 2-bottom turning plow; (1) 6-shank cultivator w/planter frame. D. Blansit **Trion** 706-238-0465

1-row Cole planter, 5 seed plates, new shaft/sprockets, needs a few parts, have list. Cultivator 4ft, 6 shank, good condition: \$550. Pics available. Trey **Alpharetta** 770-527-4124

1-row Mechanical Transplanter model 22c in great condition. comes with two water tanks. Call more information or pictures. Ryan Pierce **Dahlonega** 706-482-8360

1973 Farmall 140 High Crop cultivators, side dresser, good condition: \$4000. Call after 4:00pm. Mike **Bowman** 706-988-4524

2-Row Covington TP-46 planter w/multiple seed plates and sprockets: \$1400; Taylor Way 8-disc, harrow: \$1000. Greg Strickland **Winston** 404-788-5434

2-Row Massey Ferguson planters, ready to plant: \$1300; and other equipment available. Can text pics. **Milledgeville** 478-696-3318

32in Bolens rear tine tiller attachment, like new: \$100. Michael Richardson **Elberton** 706-283-7134

48in single row cultivator: \$600; 87in single row cultivator: \$900; 3pt hitch sprayer: \$350. Lisa **Cumming** 407-970-2909

6-Row Covington twin row planters mounted cultivator frame w/insecticide hoppers & row markers, hydraulic: \$4500. Wes Dozier **Iron City** 229-400-5920

Case IH 496 disc harrow, 24ft, sheltered, almost new 20in discs. Don Schmidt **Stapleton** 478-494-3353

Disk harrow; pull behind bushhog; planters; other implements: make an offer. Possible local delivery, leave number, email for pics/info. Dennis **Snellville** 770-310-6422

For sale – (2) Troy-Bilt tillers. Both completely rebuilt, new engines, digging tines, seals, new oil in gear boxes. Cleaned, primed and painted: \$750/ea. Larry Smith **Rome** 706-234-1347

Fred Cain 9 shank 7ft cultivator w/4 additional long shanks to convert to root rake: \$750. Jim Pickering **Mansfield** 770-712-2914

John Deere 71 2-row planter mounted on cultivator frame, good condition: \$1800 OBO. Ronnie Singleton **Buena Vista** 706-566-2937

John Deere deer plot drills; works on 3-point hitch: \$3200. Royce Hulett **Hazlehurst** 912-253-0161 or 912-375-3008.

Tufline 9ft offset disc harrow Model HC102024E, 3pt hitch: \$2150. Jim Pickering **Mansfield** 770-712-2914

Mechanical transplanter, 2-row, finger type setter, real good shape: \$2,000 OBO; Rainbow combo traveler, field ready w/nozzles: \$5,000. Leave message, no text. W. H. Wood **Wellborn, FL** 386-963-3981

Want a Land Pride one row cultivator in good condition. William Houston **Macon** 478-319-5152

**GRADERS AND BLADES**

Land levelers, assorted sizes: \$2000 to \$4000. Mike Hulett **Hazlehurst** 912-347-1004

Rhino model 950 grader, like new, never been used, 8ft blade, rear wheel, 3 hydraulic cylinder: \$4500; 3pt hitch roll over box grader, good condition: \$350. Anthony **Midland** 706-681-5182

T5 Terramite backhoe with 22HP B/S engine: \$1000. Also, Deering Harvester cycle mower 5ft bar: \$800. Call or text. K. Brewer **Duluth** 770-827-5320

**PICKERS AND HARVESTERS**

1907 JD Stationary corn combine in good working order on movable trailer frame: \$2500. A. Johns **Dawson** 229-995-5371

1988 blueberry harvesters. Sway machine, Cummins engine, excellent condition: \$30,000. L.G. Mitcham **Ludowici** 912-270-4683

4-row Amadas peanut picker: \$12,000. Call for details and photos. Jordan Stanley **Ray City** 229-560-8989

Harry Ferguson Model E one row pull type corn snapper, not working: \$600 or best offer. Charles **Kite** 478-469-3896

John Deere 7720 Titan II combine, w/218 flex header, field ready, 4353hrs, nice condition, stored in barn: \$15,000. Gary Armour **Hull** 706-338-5818

**HAY AND FORAGE**

(2) Vermeer 504 Super I balers. (1) excellent condition, (1) needs spring. Bruce Parker **Butler** 478-214-0473

1047 New Holland bale truck, hauls 120 bales, runs great, needs a little work, has Ford 6cyl engine & transmission. Jimbo Crumley **Statham** 678-409-3572

1085 and 1090 Hesston haybines, both 9ft, both need a little work, have lots of extra parts. Jimbo Crumley **Statham** 678-409-3572

124 Massey Ferguson square baler, barn kept & field ready: \$2500. Call or text. Cloud Cattle, Sam **Canton** 678-294-4775

8-wheel Tonutti hay rake, 3 new wheels & extra tines. Charles Stewart **Siloam** 706-817-1862

Claas 6-basket hay tedder. Excellent condition. Larry Young **Tennille** 478-232-6321

For sale: Krone 8ft cutter; Deutz 18ft tedder; Deutz 9ft rotary rake; Vermeer 5400 4x5 baler. Always sheltered. Ernest Patrick **Winder** 770-601-5317

Hesston 745 baler: \$5200; 8 wheel V-rake: \$1100; 3pt hitch, hay unroller: \$650. Rusty Bean **Gray** 478-960-6671

JD 535 baler w/monitor, twine tie: \$4000; KM rake caddy 10-wheel V-rake: \$2500; 8 or 10-bale accumulator grapple Land Honor, brand new never used: \$3200. David Davidson **Adairsville** 678-883-4863

John Deere 2015 348 square baler, multi-lube knotter, hydraulic tongue & pickup, ¼ turn chute, excellent condition: \$18,000. Gary Amour **Hull** 706-338-5818

John Deere 3950 2-row Forage Harvester and Model 1200 Richardton side dump wagon. Package deal: \$5,000. Call or text, pictures available. Ricky James **Rabun Gap** 706-490-2356

John Deere 530 round baler, 5x5 roll, used last season, very nice, field ready, not needed any longer: \$5,500. Hal Tapp **Winder** 770-867-7109

Kuhn hay rake, 4 wheels, one new wheel, field ready: \$950. L. Abrams **Milner** 770-228-3865

Massey Ferguson model 124 square baler for sale: \$2500. Always sheltered and field ready. Call/Text. Sam Cloud at Cloud Cattle **Canton** 678-294-4475

New Holland 257 hay rake. PTO drive w/3pt hitch, always stored inside: \$1500. Pictures available upon request. Roger Suggs **Ringgold** 423-432-9952

New Holland 275 square baler, new tires, w/spare, VG condition, field-ready: \$1500. Barry **Roopville** 404-210-7062

New Holland 575 square baler, tree planter, 8x16 hay wagon, 40ft flat bed cotton trailer, F-450 flat bed truck. James Martin **Waynesboro** 706-554-2480

New Holland 7230 Discbine, 2018 model; New Holland 1033 bale wagon; KG blade for D-7 dozer; J.D. Chuck wagon box; 350bu batch grain dryer. Randy Wilhoit **Cohutta** 423-619-6416

New Holland BR740A round baler with directional monitor, always sheltered, ready to bale: \$10,000. Phillip Burt **Dawsonville** 706-344-9148

Old Ford side delivery rake, 3pt hitch hook up: \$125; 6ft scrape blade, heavy duty, multiple position: \$500. C.W. Bennett **Cordelle** 229-947-7605

**SPRAYERS AND SPREADERS**

3 point hitch fertilizer spreader for sale: \$200. Dale Bennett **Calhoun** 678-986-7302

3pt hitch 110gal Fimco sprayer w/wand & back sprayer, like new. Asking \$1200. James Cannon **Albany** 229-886-2031

4450 Spra-Coupe, 1873hrs, Perkins, 5spd, 60ft boom, 400-gal tank, Trimble 750, auto steer, section control, Excellent condition: \$40,000 Gary **Hull** 706-338-5818

8-Row Red Ball hooded sprayer w/300gal tank: \$2500; 8-row cultivator: \$500; 24ft twin axle gooseneck, new floor: \$3000. William **Sparrow** 478-954-5903

FMC 1093 John Bean peacan sprayer, JD 466 engine, 2547hrs, 500gal stainless tank, single volute, good tires, strong machine. Tim Cook **McRaw** 229-860-1562

John Deere 6000, 60ft boom. Field ready, 325-gallon poly tank: \$13,000. Ronnie Hardigree **Athens** 706-224-3583

Tycrop fertilizer spreader for sale - model PP-180, twin spinner, adjustable broadcasting options: \$5,500. Joy **Jacksonville, FL** 904-351-8118

**AG PARTS AND TIRES**

Miscellaneous Farmall tractor or implement parts. Too many to list. Jerry **Lincolnton** 850-776-0796

**OTHER MACHINERY AND IMPLEMENTS**

2017 Vermeer TE250 tedder. 25-foot working width. 6 baskets. Very good condition: \$17,500. Floyd Knowles Jr. **McRae-Helena** 229-315-0409

6ft 3pt hitch root rake, new condition: \$700 cash. Wilson Phelps **Greensboro** 706-347-0492

6ft box blade: \$450; 6ft spike aerator: \$450; 30in scoop: \$150. Purchased new, excellent condition, stored inside. John Morris **Winston** 404-641-2698

7610 Ditch Witch trencher: \$9500. Runs and works good, as it should. Benny West **Colquitt** 229-205-0253

78in brush grapple, skidsteer type, quick connect, new: \$1499. Have forks and buckets. Jim Bishop **Heard County** 706-675-3943

Christmas tree farm equipment – tree drill, shaker, baler, trimmers, cash register, saws, stands, wheelers, maypoles, netting, Yule trimmer display, & other assorted items. Don **Jackson** 770-550-1794

For sale – John Deere 725 front end loader, has bucket & spear that bolts to bucket, works great: \$7500 firm. Doug Baily **Dublin** 478-488-0687

Fork lift forks w/Bobcat hitch, heavy made. Daniel Barnes **Eastanolee** 706-244-4452

Four 3-ring hopper bottom tanks: \$1500 each. Excellent condition; John Deere 220 harrow, excellent shape, field ready. David Green **Montrose** 478-278-5252

Log splitter, heavy duty, on trailer, horizontal, good condition, Briggs engine: \$975. Harry Hughes **Warm Springs** 706-655-2475

Meadows Grist Mill in working condition. Believe stone is 16 inches: \$1400. T. Mull **Woodbury** 770-757-2563

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# Bulletin Calendar

## May 4

Virtual Lunch and Learn:  
Basic Rose Culture  
UGA Extension Camden County  
**ONLINE WORKSHOP**  
Email for registration  
912.576.3219  
eg43271@uga.edu  
<https://bit.ly/3Plh5Nr>

## May 5-6

Tractor Show and Farm Day  
Cleveland Carter and Family  
5279 Highway 144  
Baxley, Ga. 31513  
912.571.1387 or  
904.613.1722

## Yard and Plant Sale

Fayette County Civitan Club  
575 Bradley Dr  
Fayetteville, Ga. 30214  
404.915.4504

## May 6

5th Annual Awesome Blossom Spring  
Festival  
Bethel UMC  
245 Fairview Road  
Stockbridge, Ga. 30281  
770.474.2570  
abinfo@bethel-umc.com  
[www.awesomeblossomfestival.com](http://www.awesomeblossomfestival.com)

## May 6-7

Gay Cotton Pickin' Fair  
Gay Family Farmstead  
18830 Ga. Highway 85  
Gay, Ga. 30218  
706.538.6814  
info@thecottonfair.org  
[www.thecottonfair.com](http://www.thecottonfair.com)

## May 10

Vegetable Garden Lunch & Learn  
Insect, weed and disease control  
UGA Extension McDuffie County  
337 Main St  
Thomson, Ga. 30824  
706.595.1815  
Sarah.Cranston@uga.edu  
<http://bit.ly/40nkHIG>

## May 11-14

Spring Showdown Barrel Racing  
Georgia National Fairgrounds  
401 Larry Walker Pkwy  
Perry, Ga. 31069  
334.790.1077  
[www.springshowdown.com](http://www.springshowdown.com)

## May 13

Grand Slam Show Pig Sale  
Foster Rhodes Beef & Dairy Arena  
Georgia National Fairgrounds  
401 Larry Walker Parkway  
Perry, Ga. 31069  
478.232-3410  
Facebook: Grand Slam Show Pig Sale  
<https://www.gnfa.com/events/>

## Hiawassee Highlands Wine Festival

Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds  
1311 Music Hall Rd  
Hiawassee, Ga. 30546  
706.896.4191  
<http://bit.ly/3kUVF16>

## May 13-14

Atlanta Rose Show  
Greater Atlanta Rose Society  
Atlanta Botanical Garden  
1345 Piedmont Ave., N.E.  
Atlanta, Ga. 30309  
hello@atlantarose.org  
<https://atlantarose.org/>

## U.S. Mounted Games Association Southern Series II

Grand Prix Stadium  
Georgia International Horse Park  
1996 Centennial Olympic Parkway  
Conyers, Ga. 30013  
carol\_wmga@hotmail.com  
[www.usmga.us](http://www.usmga.us)

## May 16

Egg candling class  
Callaway Livestock Pavilion  
1812 Macedonia Church Rd  
Buchanan, Ga. 30113  
470.501.0325  
LaQuanna.ponder@agr.georgia.gov  
<http://bit.ly/4182SyG>

## Heart of Georgia Beekeepers Meeting

Argene Claxton Canning Plant  
1701 Houston Lake Rd  
Perry, Ga. 31069  
[www.hogba.org](http://www.hogba.org)

## Metro Atlanta Beekeepers Association meeting

Topic: Russian Bees  
Peachtree Road United Methodist Church  
3180 Peachtree Rd., N.E.  
Atlanta, Ga. 30305  
812.369.0401  
<https://metroatlantabeekeepers.org/>

## May 17

Egg candling class  
UGA Extension Troup County  
2168 Pegasus Parkway  
LaGrange, Ga. 30240  
470.501.0325  
LaQuanna.ponder@agr.georgia.gov  
<http://bit.ly/3XJCRTd>

## Taking Your Food Business to the Next Level

GaMEP at Georgia Tech  
Georgia Grown Innovation Center  
25 South Terrell St  
Metter, Ga. 30439  
912.314.2604  
hjeffers@cityofmetterga.gov  
<http://bit.ly/3F2CRHu>

## Journeyman Farmers Certificate Program

Small Farm Business Planning  
UGA Extension Henry County  
97 Lake Dow Rd  
McDonough, Ga. 30252  
770-288-8421  
tdaly@uga.edu

## May 18

Lake Country Beekeepers Association  
Program: Linda Tillman, Every Bee Hive Tells a Story  
Sparta-Hancock County Library  
8984 East Broad St  
Sparta, Ga. 31087  
706.444.5389  
[www.lakecountrybeekeepersassociation.com](http://www.lakecountrybeekeepersassociation.com)

## May 19-20

Spring Open Dairy Goat Show  
Georgia Dairy Goat Breeders Association  
FFA-FCCLA Ag Center  
720 FFA FHA Camp Rd  
Covington, Ga. 30014  
706.816.9100  
yrgoats@gmail.com

## May 20

Art of the Garden Tour (Home Gardens)  
25 Third St (Begin)  
Jackson, Ga. 30233  
770.715.9352  
[www.JacksonArtsCouncil.com](http://www.JacksonArtsCouncil.com)

## Monroe County Open Horse Show and Contesting Classes

IBRA sanctioned event  
Monroe County Parks and Recreation  
100 Dan Pitts Dr  
Forsyth, Ga. 31029  
765.655.6005  
Facebook: GA Horse Shows & Events

## May 20-21

Fiber Festival in the Valley  
Santee Nacoochee Cultural Center  
283 Ga. Highway 255 North  
Santee Nacoochee, Ga. 30571  
706.878.3300  
fiberfest.snca@gmail.com  
[www.snca.org](http://www.snca.org)

## May 20-21

Eastern Brahman Extravaganza  
Eastern Brahman Breeders Association  
Georgia National Fairgrounds  
401 Larry Walker Parkway  
Perry, Ga. 31069  
336.410.2126  
<https://easternbrahman.com/extravaganza>

## May 26-28

State Rodeo Finals  
Georgia High School Rodeo Association  
Georgia National Fairgrounds  
401 Larry Walker Parkway  
Perry, Ga. 31069  
404.427.9586  
[www.ghsra.com](http://www.ghsra.com)  
Facebook: GHSRA Rodeo

## May 26-28

Hiawassee Pro Rodeo  
Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds  
1311 Music Hall Rd.  
Hiawassee, Ga. 30546  
706.896.4191  
<http://bit.ly/40IATF3>

## May 31-June 3

Georgia 4-H Horse Show  
Foster Rhodes Arena  
Georgia National Fairgrounds  
401 Larry Walker Parkway  
Perry, Ga. 31069  
706.542.8892  
[www.georgia4h.org](http://www.georgia4h.org)

## June 2-3

Georgia Blueberry Festival  
Downtown Alma  
912.300.1180  
GABlueberryFestival@gmail.com  
<https://georgiablueberryfestival.org/>

## June 3

Honeybee Festival  
100 Lafayette Square  
Lafayette, Ga. 30728  
706.639.1500  
[www.myhoneybeefestival.com](http://www.myhoneybeefestival.com)

## June 8-10

Journeyman Farmers Certificate Program  
Small Fruit and Vegetable Production  
UGA Extension Henry County  
97 Lake Dow Rd  
McDonough, Ga. 30252  
770-288-8421  
tdaly@uga.edu

## June 13-15

Georgia Green Industry Association's  
Southeast Green Conference and Tradeshow  
Gas South Center  
6400 Sugarloaf Parkway  
Duluth, Ga. 30097  
706.443.1440  
[www.ggia.org](http://www.ggia.org)

## June 14

Egg candling class  
UGA Extension Harris County  
121 North College St  
Hamilton, Ga. 31811  
404.363.7646  
LaQuanna.ponder@agr.georgia.gov  
<http://bit.ly/3lfj9Jt>

## Vegetable Garden Lunch & Learn

Harvesting, Cleaning off rows  
UGA Extension McDuffie County  
337 Main St  
Thomson, Ga. 30824  
706.595.1815  
Sarah.Cranston@uga.edu  
<http://bit.ly/40nkHIG>

## June 16-17

Southeast Kiko Goat Association Round-Up  
and Sale  
Carroll County Ag Center  
900 Newman Rd  
Carrollton, Ga. 30117  
478.954.6120  
<http://bit.ly/3Me065Z>

## June 22

Georgia Prescribed Fire Council  
North Georgia Meeting  
Chattahoochee Technical College  
100 Campus Drive  
Jasper, Ga. 30143  
706.894.1591  
<http://www.garxfire.com/>

## June 24

Watermelon Days Festival  
Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park  
2459-H Highway 280 West  
Cordele, Ga. 31015  
229.273.1668  
<https://visitcordele.com/watermelon-days-festival/>

## June 24-25

Lake Chatuge Made In Georgia Festival  
Towns County Rec & Conference Center  
150 Foster Park Rd.  
Young Harris, Ga. 30582  
706.896.4966  
<http://bit.ly/3MbP40C>

## July 12

Vegetable Garden Lunch & Learn  
Planning Fall Garden  
UGA Extension McDuffie County  
337 Main St  
Thomson, Ga. 30824  
706.595.1815  
Sarah.Cranston@uga.edu  
<http://bit.ly/40nkHIG>

## July 12

Egg candling class  
UGA Extension Dooly County  
Pig Jig Livestock Barn  
360 Pig Jig Blvd  
Vienna, Ga. 31092  
229.386.3489  
Glenda.Adams@agr.georgia.gov  
<http://bit.ly/3KymS7d>

## July 18

Heart of Georgia Beekeepers Meeting  
Argene Claxton Canning Plant  
1701 Houston Lake Rd  
Perry, Ga. 31069  
[www.hogba.org](http://www.hogba.org)

## July 18-21

State 4-H Congress  
Crown Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia  
4355 Ashford Dunwoody Rd.  
Atlanta, Ga. 30346  
706.542.7076  
bjand626@uga.edu

## July 20

Sunbelt Ag Expo Field Day  
Spence Field  
290-G Harper Blvd.  
Moultrie, Ga. 31788  
229.985.1968  
<https://sunbeltexpo.com/>

## July 22

Harvest Festival  
Hardman Lake Historic Site  
143 Highway 17  
Santee Nacoochee, Ga. 30571  
706.878.1077  
<http://explore.gastateparks.org/info/254633>

## July 23

Heart of Georgia Lamb Show  
Georgia Club Lamb Association  
Southern Pines Ag & Expo Center  
575 Southern Pines Rd  
Dublin, Ga. 31021  
478.490.5826  
[www.gaclublamb.com](http://www.gaclublamb.com)

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*Additional pesticide recertification training notices are available on the department website under the Plant Industry Division tab.*

## OTHER MACHINERY AND IMPLEMENTS

Old pull type farm implements, turning harrow, sub soiler, mowing machine, etc. Steve Moss **Canton** 770-881-1114

Tedder rake, mower, pasture renovator, box blade, post hole auger, subsoiler, Greenway seeder, baler, 1998 Chevy 1 ton truck - all for sale. Call for details. Mike **Covington** 770-652-7229

U.D. Int. engine, starts on gas, runs on diesel. 1950 Case power unit, runs on gas or diesel (w/power take off on both.) 4-71 Detroit, smokes, runs w/truck trans: \$200/all. Will load. R.L. Thompson **Rossville** 423-991-7530

## HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Please specify if equipment is in running condition or not.

## FORESTRY AND LOGGING EQUIPMENT

1994 Wood-Mizer LT40, hydraulic lifts, Onan engine, great machine, runs like new: \$28,000 OBO. Please call for more details. Craig Darsey **Griffin** 678-572-3160

Sawmill equipment - sawdust conveyor, 45ft: \$5000; live deck, homemade: \$3500; Mello live deck, four strand, 20ft X 15ft 5in: \$5500 OBO. Lloyd **Long County** 912-977-4578

## CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

1980 John Deere 450C loader. Runs good, good undercarriage, low hours: \$14,500 or trade. DH Johnson **Dahlonega** 770-540-9449



1994 dump truck, FI70 Freightliner with newly rebuilt Mercedes diesel, low mileage, A/C cold, auto transmission, nice ride: Asking \$10,250. Terry Bishop **Oxford** 404-731-4106



All 1985, ready to work. Sold as 4 units, will not separate. Dump truck, loader, dozer, 20,000lb equipment trailer. Asking: \$53,500. Terry **Oxford** 404-731-4106



TD-20E, no engine, have all parts including blade. Excellent undercarriage: \$5,000. Tim Simmons **Demorest** 678-776-2725

## TRAILERS

### LIVESTOCK HANDLING AND HAULING

16ft Ponderosa gooseneck livestock trailer, new floor: \$2500; WW cattle loading chute, 12ft long, app. 30in wide (tapered), 5ft tall. Dewel Lawrence **Vienna** 229-322-4048

2006 Sundowner 24ft aluminum gooseneck stock trailer. One cut gate, 4 saddle racks with hooks and storage in front. Hauls great, good tires: \$17,500. Courtney Ariola **Madison** 706-424-2774

BP 16ft 2 axle trailer, new tires, brakes, lights, removable cattle rack, has center gate: \$250.00 cash. Lloyd **Martin** 706-356-2236

### EQUIPMENT TRAILERS AND CARTS

2 mobile home axles with 6 tires and wheels: \$150. Ervin Young **Hephzibah** 706-836-7249

2002 Superior tandem axle trailer, 14ft + 2ft dovetail, 3000# axles, 1ft railing, 5ft ramps, new tires & wheels: \$2000. Can send pictures. Tom Lord **Alto** 706-677-9887

6x12 utility trailer, brand new, never been used. 15in wheels, pressure treated floor, lift gate, well built: \$2000. Gail Lathan **Toccoa** 706-886-3763

Big Tex 6.5ftX12ft pull type trailer, wood floor, drop tail gate, shed kept, excellent condition. Tires nearly new. Leave message. Bobby Hawks **Nicholson** 706-983-0258

### CROP TRAILERS, AND CARTS

4-wheel side-dump forage wagon, GEHL 9000 Hydra-Tilt box, field-ready, 10ft wide, 13ft high, 12ft long, 8-ton capacity: \$4000. Richard Acree **Calhoun** 706-629-7694

Single axle pole trailer. Ex-military. Very heavy duty, maneuverable for hauling trees, poles, timbers up to 40 feet: \$800. Leave message, photos available. E. Julian **Acworth** 678-742-8645

## VEHICLES

Please specify if vehicles are in running condition.

## TRUCKS

1956 Chevy 6400, runs: \$1500; 1976 Ford F756 boom truck, runs: \$1800; 1973 Ford F700 boom truck, runs: \$1800. Jim Adamson **Newnan** 770-318-8089

1988 Suburban, 6.2 diesel, 4WD: call for pricing; John Deere ripper, off of 650 dozer: \$10,000 OBO. Todd Grogan **Montgomery, AL** 334-320-7315

2010 F250, 4x4, 4DR, Powe Stroke diesel, turnover gooseneck ball, 280k miles: 12,000; 6403 John Deere: \$20,000; Amadas 9997 peanut combine, 2005 model, field ready: \$18,000. Galen Kreider **Register** 912-687-5719

2011 Chevy Silverado HD 3500, one owner. Well maintained w/12ft flatbed, HD metal sidebodies, top rails & tailgate. Excellent tires, body & running condition: \$14,500 negotiable. W. Finch **Conyers** 770-714-7464

2012 Chevy Silverado 3500 HD, one owner, well-maintained, 6.6 diesel, white, 4DR, 145k, gooseneck in bed: \$28,000. William Finch **Conyers** 770-714-7464

## TRUCK ACCESSORIES AND PARTS

(4) Beauty rings for 1986 Chevy PU wheels: \$25; Home-lite hand-held blower: \$15; rear bumper for 1986 Chevy PU: \$100. Louis Salmon **Eatonton** 706-473-4490

14ft scissor lift dump bed mounted on 60s model GMC: \$500. Not running. Richard Holt **Lithonia** 770-482-6938



**UTVs/ATVs**

2014 Kawasaki Mule 4x4, P/S, cab, dump bed, new tires, runs good, heater in cab, green, good condition. Michael Knox **Douglasville** 770-942-0003 or 770-403-2560

2020 Polaris Sportsman 450 H.O. Green w/490 miles. Vehicle is in excellent condition. Has been well maintained and kept in garage: \$5,500. William **Sunny Side** 678-972-0541

John Deere Gator TX Model 2005 and 2006 models. Run well. Exterior fair/good condition: \$3000 each. Can provide pictures if requested. Tom Lord **Alto** 770-235-4263

**BOATS**

2 kayak for sale. One is an 11ft Reception and the other is a 9ft Otter XT. Both light blue: \$200 each. Will text photos. R. Conley **Conyers** 770-851-2623

**LAWN AND GARDEN**

Please specify if machinery is in running condition or not.

**GARDEN TRACTORS**

2022 Bad Boy zero turn mower, 29hrs, good condition, like new: \$3,350. Ronald **Auburn** 770-307-7152

Cub Cadet LTX 1045 mower, like new. 20HP Kohler twin cam, 26-inch cutting deck. Terry Mikle **Snellville** 770-979-8981

Husqvarna YTH2348 riding mower, 304hrs, 23hp Briggs Intek, 48in deck, brand new blades, automatic drive, good tires that stay up: \$700. David **Jefferson** 706-367-4107

Modified 275 Hustler mower 60in mower, runs and cuts great: \$875 OBO. Paul Stacey **Toccoa** 706-886-6994

**LANDSCAPE TOOLS AND MATERIALS**

Fresh, clean, red long needle pine straw installed \$5/bale. Travis Golden **Conyers** 770-895-8073

Troy-Bilt model 204 chipper shredder vacuum, w/optional 10ft hose, runs great: \$450. Bob Horansky **Jackson** 404-965-1163

Worm castings: \$30 for 5 gallons. Joe Tucker **Chula** 229-425-1409

**FARM SUPPLIES**

**IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT**

Jacto cannon sprayer, 2003 J600CHT 165gal: \$4,500; Greenhouse 28ft X 72ft, 3ft bow spacing: \$4,000. Lloyd Busby **Hinesville** 912-977-4578

Valley 6000 pivot point with end gun shutoff. Center pipe like new: \$2500. Text for pictures. James Gaston **Americus** 229-938-9115

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**TOOLS AND HARDWARE**

Acetylene/oxygen tanks on easy roll cart w/torch and hose: \$250. Jim Pickering **Mansfield** 770-712-2914

Brand new, 1,000s of pieces Stanley Hardware – door stoppers, hinges, cabinets, handles, eye bolts, fence, brackets, latches. Valued \$10,000, selling: \$2500; Summit 14in Pro Gold Trommel, brand new: \$3900. Lisa **Cumming** 407-970-2909

Forge – pan type. Ready to use or look at. Cook **Calhoun** 706-624-8928

Lincoln Electric welder for sale: \$600; generator: \$600; also 4x10 utility trailer in good shape w/spare tire: \$500. Terry Edins **Riverdale** 478-390-2847 or 770-210-0475

**GENERATORS AND COMPRESSORS**

100kW Kohler (natural or propane gas) generator. Shed kept; (2) auto transfer switches also available. Ronnie Gasaway **Bethlehem** 770-307-7117

5HP Vintage Century commercial air compressor, completely rebuilt & refurbished, in excellent condition: \$4500; USM HCM-B: Hytronic die cutting machine Model B: \$1000; Copper sulfate: \$200. Lisa **Cumming** 407-970-2909

8000 watt generator purchased from Agri Supply approximately seven years ago. Excellent condition. Low hours: \$700. Randy Deloach **Claxton** 912-282-4300

Onan diesel generator. 100,000KW 1974 Allis Chalmers HD-11E 185HP motor. DynaGen digital controller. Currently 3-phase. Mechanicals good. Barn kept. Ran good last time used: \$5000. Paul Chappell **Pine Mountain** 706-887-1624

**BUILDINGS AND MATERIALS**

Aged barn tin, red. You remove: make offer. Kris **Newnan** 404-606-0887

Barn for sale – 30x50 pole barn enclosed w/tin: make offer, you haul off. Lamar Long **Chatsworth** 706-695-5906

Channel iron, 8ftX8ftX1/4in: \$100; plate steel, 40inX36inX3/4in: \$100; plate steel, 4ftX1ftX1in: \$150; welding table, 57inX36inX1in: \$300. Nelson Hollingsworth **Molena** 404-805-4156

Plastic pallets. Black, large heavy duty, over sized, 43.5in (W) X 55in (L) X 6in (H), good condition, durable: \$18/ea. Alexander **Brooks** 678-723-9265

Steel light poles, (4) 25ft & (1) 20ft, 5in bottom tapered to 4in top w/8in base: \$300/ea. Pictures available. Call or text. Ken **Social Circle** 404-444-0831

Timber bamboo 6inX6ft poles, shoots & roots: price depends on quantity. Japanese Madaki used for building, arts, crafts, fencing. Shoots are delicious raw steamed or pickled. Mike Tackett **Braselton** 678-617-0873

**LUMBER**

Band-sawn lumber - pine or hardwood; siding or framing and beams; oak trailer decking or blocking; T&G shiplap. Text or call. Larry Moore **Grantville** 678-278-5709

Sawmill lumber - rough cut & finished, kiln dried, air dried or green. Pine, red/white oak, poplar, cherry, & black walnut. AA Farms **Hartwell** 706-376-8968

Wood-Mizer custom-cut lumber, air-dried, milled. Restorations, timber frames, mantles, flooring, barns, fencing, reclaimed lumber, live-edge lumber, trailer flooring. John Sell **Milner** 770-480-2326

**POSTS AND FENCING**

(115) used 1.33lb/ft, studded 6.5ft T-posts w/ electric fence toppers: \$6/ea; (5) 12ft galvanized gates: \$50/ea; (1) 16ft red bull gate: \$75. Frank **Hahira** 229-686-4896

Thousands of brand new electric fence insulators; (2) new 120 mile chargers; wire & other fencing supplies. Got out of cattle business. Mitch Denham **Sycamore** 229-392-3520

**FARM ANIMALS**

**Livestock listed must be for specific animals. Ads for free or unwanted livestock will not be published. All animals offered for sale in the Market Bulletin must be healthy and apparently free of any contagious, infectious or communicable disease. Out-of-state animals offered for sale in the Market Bulletin must meet all Interstate Animal Health Movement Requirements, including appropriate testing for the species and a current official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or NPIP 9-3 for poultry. Individuals may sell their own animals; however, livestock dealers are required to have a Livestock Dealer License from GDA. For more information, please call the GDA Livestock and Poultry Division at 404.656.3665.**

**CATTLE**

(18) reg'd red Angus bulls & reg'd black Angus bulls, 14m/o, over 1100lbs. Top bloodlines. Starting at: \$1795/bull. Joe Gibson **Rome** Gibsoncattle.com 706-506-3026


(2) Reg'd SimAngus (fall calving) cows for sale. Both pasture exposed to Broad River Farms bull. High quality and great producers. Tanner Foster **Carnesville** 706-968-0710

(5) Reg'd black Angus bred heifers. Excellent EPDs, top bloodlines, some w/calves at side: \$2450/ea. Joe Gibson **Rome** Gibsoncattle.com 706-506-3026

## LIVESTOCK QUOTATIONS

**Average prices for April 2023 at Georgia Auction Markets, Georgia Department of Agriculture and U.S.D.A. Cooperative Federal-State Livestock Market News and Grading Service. For daily quotations, call (229) 226-1641 (7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**  
**(Cattle prices expressed in price/hundredweight)**

SLAUGHTER CLASSES	AVERAGES	
<b>COWS:</b>		
Breakers 75-80% lean	95.39	
Boners 80-85% Lean	95.25	
Lean 85-90% Lean	81.09	
<b>BULLS:</b>		
<b>Yield Grade 1</b>		
1000-2100 lbs	116.02	
<b>FEEDER CLASSES:</b>		
<b>WEIGHTED AVG PRICES</b>		
<b>STEERS: MEDIUM AND LARGE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
300-350 lbs	259.77	244.50
350-400 lbs	252.85	245.11
400-450 lbs	246.94	236.42
450-500 lbs	243.01	227.33
500-550 lbs	232.67	220.88
550-600 lbs	228.21	208.46
600-650 lbs	205.48	199.27
650-700 lbs	194.44	187.27
<b>HEIFERS: MEDIUM AND LARGE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
300-350 lbs	223.42	210.69
350-400 lbs	218.55	209.13
400-450 lbs	210.99	199.39
450-500 lbs	203.45	192.48
500-550 lbs	195.70	183.41
550-600 lbs	190.75	178.95
600-650 lbs	178.83	167.58
650-700 lbs	171.72	156.14



**BULLS: MEDIUM AND LARGE**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
300-350 lbs	252.62	238.33
350-400 lbs	242.60	229.84
400-450 lbs	230.92	220.43
450-500 lbs	219.78	211.33
500-550 lbs	212.65	202.58
550-600 lbs	205.88	191.53
600-650 lbs	190.24	180.89
650-700 lbs	179.51	169.94

**GOATS (priced per head)**

**SLAUGHTER CLASSES**

**SELECTION 2 ACTUAL WEIGHT**

**BILLIES/BUCKS**

70-75 lbs ..... 130.00

80-85 lbs ..... 141.67

90-95 lbs ..... 186.67

100-145 lbs ..... 266.00

150-180 lbs ..... 308.65

**NANNIES/DOES**

60-65 lbs ..... 138.33

70-75 lbs ..... 167.86

80-85 lbs ..... 156.52

90-95 lbs ..... 155.36

100-125 lbs ..... 195.53

**KIDS & YEARLINGS**

20-25 lbs ..... 69.03

30-35 lbs ..... 107.42

40-45 lbs ..... 107.00

50-55 lbs ..... 124.60

60-65 lbs ..... 155.92

70-75 lbs ..... —

Producers can obtain daily cattle prices by Internet at the following website: <http://www.ams.usda.gov>  
Once at the site, select Market News and Transportation Data in the left column. Click on Livestock, Meats, Grain and Hay under the heading Market News Reports by Program. Next, click on Cattle under the heading Browse by Commodity. Then click on Feeder and Replacement Cattle Auctions and select Georgia.

(50) yearling Hereford bulls, (20) yearling Braford bulls, (20) open Hereford heifers. Jonny Harris **Odum** 912-586-6585

10 Brangus heifers farm raised. Will make great Mama cows. Don Hudgins **Marietta** 404-886-6849

10 reg'd polled Herefords bulls, 16-24 months old, good EPDs. Larry Lane **Carrollton** 678-378-5170

2 year old polled Hereford bulls, top bloodlines ready for service, gentle. James Jeanes **Macon** 478-972-0912 or 478-363-0915

5 commercial black Angus heifers. Fall bred to low birth weight black Angus. Farm raised. Vaccinated. Deanna Purther **Ellijay** 530-263-3638

BBU reg'd Beefmaster bulls, red, polled, 1y/o. Bill Hutson **Blairsville** 404-550-8766

Beefmasters. Successful herd needs thinning. Registered, non-registered, purebreds, cross-breeds. Bred, open, cow-calf pairs, calves. All beautiful. Prices vary. J. Kiser **Carnesville** 706-247-0976

Black Angus bulls all sizes: \$900 to \$1800 each. Black Angus heifers: \$900 to \$1300 each. All vaccinated. Rodney Brooks **Glenwood** 912-523-5282

Black Angus bulls ready for service, all vaccinated. Sam Holland **Lumber City** 912-497-0005

Bradford bull, 3y/o: \$2000. William Simpson **Millwood** 912-288-8619

Dexter herd – (1) friendly purebred Dexter cow (red) w/purebred yearling heifer (black, polled), (1) Dexter/mini Jersey cow w/her 1.5y/o heifer calf & 8m/o steer calf. O'Toole **Demorest** 404-218-6645

Full-blooded unregistered black Angus bulls. Several ages to choose from, 6-16 months: \$600 to \$ 2200. Great herd bull. John Thompson **Dahlonaga** 678-725-4043 or Cezsar 706-973-8796

Grain finished cattle, steers & heifers, Angus x Hereford, 1200-1300lbs: \$2/lb. Joshua Meeks **Kite** 478-494-1432

I have five registered Simmental and Sim-Angus yearling bulls for sale. Tested by vet. very docile. Good calving ease and low birth weight bulls. Chuck Woodward **Covington** 678-858-0203

Jersey bull, 2y/o: \$1000 OBO. William Yates **Summerville** 423-645-0646

Limousin & Lim-Flex semen available. Great bulls for registered, commercial or dairy herd use, priced: \$1-\$20/straw. Call or text for a full list. Skyler Davis **Winder** 770-307-7036

One quarter Simmental SimAngus bull, good genetics, growth, and disposition. CED 13.7, BSE, 15m/o: \$2500. Randy Waters **Brooklet** 912-682-7543

Pure bred Charolais bulls. Semen tested, docile. Larry Garrett **Royston** 706-498-4698

Purebred Hereford yearling bulls. Weldon **Nicholson** 706-255-8094

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## CATTLE



Livestock for immediate sale. Reg'd polled Herefords, bulls & heifers, 18+m/o, 800-1000lbs. Interested buyers only. East Georgia Cattle, Patterson **Green County** eastgacattle@gmail.com 404-852-4105 or 770-630-1389

Red Devon heifer polled 10m/o, very gentle: \$950. Can send picture. Michael Warren **Monroe** 770-731-7118

Reg'd Angus bull, 4y/o, good bloodlines & EPDs: \$2800. Robert Wright **Woodbury** 706-601-9124

Reg'd Angus bulls, fall calved 2022. Just weaned. Embryo transfers and AI sired. +98 weaning weight EPD. Will be great herd bulls. Joe London **Cornelia** 770-654-0654

Reg'd Angus bulls, w/excellent traits for growth & carcass, delivery available. Windell Gillis **Eastman** 478-231-8236

Reg'd Beefmaster bulls black and polled: \$1500 and up. I have been breeding black Beefmaster bulls for 15yrs. Larry Bowen **Woodland, AL** 770-826-2512

Reg'd black Angus bull w/papers, 4y/o, semen tested, LBW, excellent breeder: \$1800. Vernon McDuffie **Milan** 229-425-1016

Reg'd black Angus bull, 18m/o, ready for service. Bred for calving ease w/good disposition: \$2500. Free delivery in GA. Call or text. Cloud Cattle, Sam **Canton** 678-294-4475

Reg'd black Angus bulls 16m/o, low birth weight, semen tested, AI sired, Growth Fund: \$2800 each. Wayne Cleveland **Baconton** 229-669-1921

Reg'd black Angus bulls, AI sired, BSE/DNA tested, 15-25m/o Top 1% C.E., W.W., Marb., & R.E; also reg'd bred cows. Ken McMichael **Monticello** 706-819-9295



Reg'd Brangus bull out of Hunt Brothers Farm. Gentle, 3 years old. Great heard bull. Don Hudgins **Marietta** 404-886-6849

Reg'd Dexter bull. DOB 2/13/2020, ADCA# 052039, polled, dun in color, good disposition. Sammy Hall **Milledgeville** 478-456-2838

Reg'd polled Hereford bulls; rugged, pasture raised, gentle exc bloodlines & EPDs, small calves, exc growth, western genetics, Ga bred. Bobby Brantley **Tennille** 478-553-8598

Reg'd red Angus bull, breeding age, Andras New Direction bloodline. Great EPD: good prices. Jorge Haber **Midland** 706-323-2405

Reg'd Santa Gertrudis bulls and heifers, breeding age & younger. Eddy Mullinax **Elijay** 706-273-4282



Registered 2-year-old bull. S. A. V. bloodlines, LBW. Great heard bull. Don Hudgins **Marietta** 404-886-6849

Registered Angus cow 12 yrs with heifer calf sired by Rainfall: \$2200 for the pair. Cow may be bred to a son of Deer Valley Growth Fund. Mitchell Barrett **Cleveland** 706-531-4330

Registered black Angus born 9/10/2019. Green President 1928 sire, SAV President 6874 dam. ET Meldon Black Cap-094. Great breeder offspring on property: \$4000. John Thompson **Dahlonega** 678-725-4043 or Cezsar 706-973-8796



Registered red Angus bull. \$3000. Born 10-20-20. ProS-96, CED-11, BW-.09, YW-88. Bull is gentle and ready for service. Jim Reid **Americus** 229-942-0035

Simmental/Fleckvieh bull, 3y/o, red/white face, moderate birth weight, gentle. Chris Keller **Alma** 912-286-0286

Two yearling registered black Angus Heifers. Great blood lines. Don Hudgins **Marietta** 404-886-6849

Wagyu embryos for sale. Good selection, strong bloodlines, sold nationally or internationally. Call for details & prices. Ozella Farms, Joel **Newton County** 404-520-0258

## SWINE

Advertisers submitting swine ads must submit proof of a negative brucellosis and pseudorabies test from within the past 30 days. Exceptions are swine from a validated brucellosis-free herd and/or qualified pseudorabies-free herd; these operations must submit proof of those certifications. Buyers are urged to request proof of a negative brucellosis pseudorabies test prior to purchase. Feral hogs may not be offered for sale or advertised in the **Market Bulletin**.

Hampshire, Yorkshire, Berkshire, Duroc boars weaned to service age, validated herd #211. Performance info. Lawton Kemp **Dudley** 478-697-2521

IPP piglets, ages 3-8w/o, ready to go: \$100/ea. Text for more info. Eric Hogan **Lizella** 478-955-8891

Poland China/Yorkshire cross pigs, 3m/o, castrated, dewormed, very healthy: \$180/ea. Phone calls only. Fred Hubbert **Hogansville** 678-876-0680

## GOATS

All goats offered for sale must be individually identified in compliance with the USDA Scrapie Program. For more information, please call the GDA Animal Health Division at 404.656.3667.

(2) male Kiko goats - (1) 100% & (1) full-blood; also (1) nanny, part Kiko. Ken Hughes **Oxford** 770-596-2381

4 goats for sale. 2 young male and 2 female: \$150 each. Scott Bryan **Dahlonega** 706-482-8059

5 Nigerian Dwarf bucklings for sale. Blue eyed and several naturally polled (no horns). Born March 14, 2023: \$200 each. Call for more information. Larry R. Pirkle **Dawsonville** 706-216-2954

7m/o, light brown, full blooded, Boer buck: \$180. Call/text. **Tallapoosa** 470-241-0483

Boer percentage nanny, bapple, excellent nanny: \$350. Larry Kelley **Williamson** 404-858-9884

Boer/Kiko mix, female, 11m/o, red color, very sweet: \$135. Norman Henderson **Comer** 706-410-5700

Couple NG dwarf billies, 4w/o here. William **Canton** 770-712-7948

Fainting bucks born in Jan. Can be registered w/the MGR. Polled and horned available. Collins **Macon** 478-808-6097

For sale - (2) 4w/o Lamancha/Nubian cross billies: \$175/ea. Denise Tillman **Hawkinsville** 478-892-9875

Full-blooded Boer billies - (1) 14m/o red; (2) 5m/o, (1) red, & (1) traditional. Taylor **Lula** 770-539-2131

Goats: doelings and bucklings available, all born and raised on our farm. Also grown nannies and billies available. Lexington. Call or text. Townley Wilson **Rayle** 770-601-3080.

Kiko doelings and bucklings. 100% New Zealand. Some 75% doelings available. All registered. All born in early February: \$400 and up. Text or call. David Yearout **Rome** 404-285-1922

Kikos 50, 75, and 100% New Zealand bucklings and does. Born March 2023. Registered for added fee. Start at \$150 each. Registered buck \$600. Kathy Hood **Kite** 478-455-0968

Kinder goats. Bucklings: \$175 non-papered, \$225 papered; Doelings: \$200 non-papered, \$250 papered. Harold Turpin **Travelers Rest SC** 864-787-8948

Milk goats, Nubian and Alpine, for sale. 2 females. Males available. In Franklin County: \$150. Mark Simmons **Canon** 706-713-1935

Myotonic goats - good selection, different ages, starting at: \$300; also for trade 5y/o billy. Scrapie #GA2919. David Pitts **Crodele** 229-938-0898

Nigerian Dwarf bucks, 2 months to 1 year old, blue eyes: \$150-\$200; Does, 2 months to 3 year old, blue eyes: \$175-\$250. Text or call. Debi Shell **Lenox** 229-531-3661

Nubian Registered Buckling disbudded otherwise intact goats two born on 3/16/23 and two born 3/19/23: \$300 to \$350 each. Call/text. Dave Garrett **Dahlonega** 404-542-5876

Pure Saanen does w/kids; also doelings & bucklings; & 2y/o pure good-looking Saanen buck. All healthy and up to date on CDT shots. Emma **Hartwell** 706-391-7267

Pure solid black Spanish KOY bucklings, 3m/o, CD/T vaccination: \$300/ea. Scrapie #GA2365. Text or call. Matt Milam **Carrollton** 770-301-6115

Registered boer buck kid, born 12/14/22, beautiful dapple color: \$450. Larry Kelley **Williamson** 404-858-9884

Young 3m/o billy, brush type goat. Very friendly. We call him Sunny. Pet or meat goat: \$125. Text for pictures. Donald Bowden **Newnan** 770-253-9847

## SHEEP

(2) Dorper ram lambs born 2/24. Used to rotational grazing, both grazing FT. Parents are hardy, born on pasture with zero issues. Text/call. Rebecca Truitt **Griffin** 678-699-9880

Beautiful yearling breeding rams. Katahdin-Dorper cross. Sire is registered Katahdin with high worm resistance. Call/text and leave message. Will text pictures. Susan Cobb **Cedar-town** 404-218-1615

Dorper/Katahdin 60-70lb ram & ewe lambs, apporox: \$200. Closed flock, good quality & selection. 20 years with sheep. Calls, no texts. Jim Jackson **Wrightsville** 478-290-0263

Katahdin Dorper cross ram lambs for sale: \$100-\$150. Larry Priest **Monroe** 770-630-7982



Katahdin ewes sell w/lambs at their side. Adult ewes: \$350; ewe lambs: \$125; ram lambs: \$100. S. Wright **Talking Rock** 706-889-0999

Katahdin sheep for sale. Proven ram, ram lambs, ewes, and ewe lambs. Call or text. Rigo Campbell **Clarksville** 509-881-1518

Katahdin yearling and Fall 2022 rams. Breed leading genetics. Mike Jones **West Point** 706-773-3612

Katahdin/Dorper ram lambs and wethers for sale. Rams picked for worm resistance, growth rate and overall best looking, born beginning of Jan and Feb: \$300/ea; wethers: \$250/ea. Fred **Madison** 706-474-3284

Ram and ewe lambs for sale, mixed Dorper and Katahdin. Tim Horst **Dublin** 478-697-7052

Reg'd Katahdin ram, born 2/19/21: \$350. See his 38 new spring lambs here on the farm. S. Wright **Elijay** 706-889-0999

Reg'd proven Jacob ram. Cindy Saban **Hephzibah** 803-439-4899

Registered Katahdin ram lambs, born 2/2023, great genetics, excellent growth, muscular structure, parasite resistance, some with beautiful colors: \$500 each. Pics available at [www.sunridgefarms.org](http://www.sunridgefarms.org). S. Kozee **Molena** 678-877-9860

## EQUINE

Advertisers in the Equine category must submit a current negative Coggins test for each equine advertised. This includes horses, ponies and donkeys. Buyers are urged to request verification of a negative Coggins from the advertiser before purchasing any equine. Generalized ads such as those selling "many horses," "variety to choose from" or "free" animals will not be published. For more information, please call the GDA Equine Health Division at 404.656.3713.



Reg'd Missouri Foxtrotter gelding, 22y/o, excellent horse. Cim is up to date on his shots & has a current negative Coggins: \$4000. Call or text. **Milledgeville** 478-288-6807

## CITRUS: Kemp signs bills into law

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resources and representation they need to succeed in the global market."

HB 545 received overwhelming support in both chambers of the Georgia General Assembly. Rep. Chas Cannon carried HB 545 with co-sponsors Reps. John Corbett, Robert Dickey, Trey Rhodes, Penny Houston and Joe Campbell. The bill was carried through the state senate by Sen. Sam Watson.

Kemp thanked all the legislators and Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper for their support of the legislation.

Georgia Citrus Association President Lindy Savelle said the creation of the commodity commission is a huge step forward for Georgia citrus.

"We keep relying on the University system and the Department of Agriculture and other entities to help us grow this industry to research, and we're also looking for marketing and that is what a commodity commission is designed to do. All of those things are needed for this industry and the commission will help fund them. It's a positive thing in every aspect," Lavelle said.

She added the commission will "intentionally advance the industry," a phrase credited to former Agriculture Commission Gary Black.

"We continue to use that phrase because that's what we are trying to do in working with the University (of Georgia) and in getting people involved in citrus. This is what we do in intentionally advancing the indus-

try," Savelle said.

The new commission, officially the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Citrus Fruits, will be composed of five members appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture from a list of nominees submitted by citrus producers.

Citrus is the 14th agricultural product with a commodity commission in Georgia. The other commodity commissions are Apples, Beef, Blueberries, Corn, Cotton, Equine, Milk, Peaches, Pecans, Soybeans, Tobacco, Vegetables, and Wine & Grape.

Kemp also signed Senate Bill 220 that creates the Georgia Farmland Conservation Fund, which will be administered by the Department of Agriculture and will provide matching grants to certain holders or prospective holders of agricultural conservation easements.

"I am proud to sign these bills that will boost our state's citrus production and farmland conservation efforts," Kemp said. "We are also investing in our rural communities by creating a fund that will provide matching grants to protect the land of farming families from development and preserve our state's number one industry."

To read HB 545, go to the Georgia General Assembly webpage at <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/64717>. To read SB 220, go to <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/64678>.

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# Livestock Sales and Events Calendar

## APPLING COUNTY

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 12:30 p.m. at the Baxley Fairgrounds: Goats, sheep, feeder pigs, hogs, calves, poultry and rabbits; A&A Goat Sales, 187 Industrial Drive, Baxley. **Call** Allen Ahl, 912.590.2096

## ATKINSON COUNTY

2nd & 4th Saturdays, 1 p.m.: Goats, sheep, chickens, small animals; Pearson Livestock, 1168 Highway 441 N, Pearson. **Call** Michelle S. Mizell, 912.422.3211

## BEN HILL COUNTY

Every Monday, 1 p.m.: Cattle; South Central Livestock, 146 Broad Road, Fitzgerald. **Call** Thomas Stripling, 229.423.4400 or 229.423.4436

## BLECKLEY COUNTY

2nd & 4th Saturday, 1 p.m.: Goats, sheep, calves, rabbits, poultry. Every Saturday miscellaneous at 10 a.m. Col. Wayne's Auction Co., Bleckley County Barn, 293 Ash St., Cochran. **Call** Wayne Chambley, 678.544.3105. Lic# AU004496

## BUTTS COUNTY

Every Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.: Beef cattle; 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.: Dairy cattle; Jackson Regional Stockyard, 467 Fairfield Church Road/Hwy. 16 W, Jackson. **Call** Barry Robinson, 770.775.7314

Every Monday, noon: Cattle, goats, sheep; Carroll County Livestock Sales Barn, 225 Salebarn Road, Carrollton. **Call** Barry Robinson, 770.834.6608 or 770.834.6609

## CLARKE COUNTY

Every Wednesday, 11 a.m.: Goats and sheep; noon, cattle. Northeast Georgia Livestock, 1200 Winterville Road, Athens. **Call** Todd Stephens, 706.549.4790

## COLQUITT COUNTY

Every Wednesday, 1 p.m.: Cattle; Moultrie Livestock Co., 1200 1st Street NE, Moultrie. **Call** Randy Bannister, 229.985.1019

## COOK COUNTY

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1 p.m.: Cows, goats, sheep, chickens, small animals; Deer Run Auction, 1158 Parrish Road, Adel. **Call** John Strickland, 229.896.4553

## DECATUR COUNTY

2nd Saturdays, 1 p.m.: Goats, sheep, chickens, small animals; Waddell Auction Co., 979 Old Pelham Road, Climax. **Call** John Waddell, 229.246.4955

## DOOLY COUNTY

May 11-13, 9 a.m. daily: Central Georgia Horse and Carriage Auction: Farm Equipment, carriages, horses and mules; Southeastern Arena, 2410 Arena Road, Unadilla. **Call** Mark H. Segars, 706.961.0475, Email: marksegars106@yahoo.com. GAL #2489

## EMANUEL COUNTY

Every Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.: Cattle; Southern Livestock, 131 Old Hwy 46, Oak Park. **Call** Clay Floyd, Dustin Miller and Cody Copelan, 912.578.3263.

2nd & 4th Saturdays, noon: Goats, sheep, chickens, small animals; R&R Goat & Livestock Auction, 560 GA Hwy. 56 N, Swainsboro. **Call** Ron & Karen Claxton, 478.455.4765

## FORSYTH COUNTY

Every Tuesday, noon: Cattle, goats, sheep; Lanier Farm's Livestock Corp., 8325 Jot-Em Down Road, Gainesville. **Call** Tyler Bagwell, 770.844.9223 or 770.844.9231

## FRANKLIN COUNTY

Every Tuesday, noon: Cattle, goats, sheep; Franklin County Livestock Sales, 6461 Stone Bridge Road, Carnesville. **Call** Chad Ellison, 706.384.2975 or 706.384.2105

## GORDON COUNTY

Every Thursday, 12:30 p.m.: Cattle, goats, sheep, slaughter hogs; Calhoun Stockyard Hwy. 53, 2270 Rome Road SW, Calhoun. **Call** Dennis Little & Gene Williams, 706.629.1900

## GREENE COUNTY

Every Monday, noon: Cattle, goats, sheep; Duvall Livestock Market, 101 Apalachee Ave., Greensboro. **Call** Jim Malcom, 706.342.5655; JD Hldgon, 706.817.6829; or main office, 706.453.7368

## JEFF DAVIS COUNTY

1st Fridays: Horse sale, 7:30 p.m.; Circle Double S, 102 Lumber City Highway, Hazlehurst. **Call** Steve Underwood, 912.594.6200 (night) or 912.375.5543 (day)

## LAMAR COUNTY

Every Friday, 6 p.m.: Goats, sheep, chickens, small animals; 5 p.m., farm miscellaneous, Ga. Lic. #4213; Buggy Town Auction Market, 1315 Highway 341 S, Barnesville. **Call** Krystal Burnett 678.972.4599

## LAURENS COUNTY

2nd & 4th Thursday, 6 p.m.: Goats, sheep, chickens, small animals; Horse Creek Auction Co., 5971 Hwy. 441 S, Dublin. **Call** Daniel Harrelson, 478.595.5418

## MADISON COUNTY

Every Friday, 6 p.m.: Chickens, small animals; Gray Bell Animal Auction, Hwy. 281, Royston. **Call** Billy Bell, 706.795.3961

## MARION COUNTY

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.: Goats, sheep, chickens, small animals; Auction 41, 4275 GA Hwy. 41 N, Buena Vista. **Call** Jim Rush, 706.326.3549. **Email** rushfam4275@windstream.net

## PULASKI COUNTY

Every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.: Cattle, goats, sheep; Pulaski County Stockyard, 1 Houston Street, Hawkinsville. **Call** John Walker, 478.892.9071

## SEMINOLE COUNTY

Every Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., 3rd Saturday Special Sale, 1:30 p.m.: Cattle, goats, sheep; Seminole Livestock Exchange, 5061 Hwy. 91, Donalsonville. **Call** Luke Spooner, 229.524.2305

## STEPHENS COUNTY

2nd Saturdays, 5 p.m.: W&W Livestock, Eastanollee Livestock Auction, Eastanollee. **Call** Brad Wood, 864.903.0296

3rd Saturdays, noon: Goats, sheep; Agri Auction Sales at Eastanollee Livestock Market, Highway 17 between Toccoa and Lavonia. **Call** Ricky Chatham, 706.491.2812 or Jason Wilson, 706.491.8840

Every Monday, noon: Cattle, goats, sheep; Eastanollee Livestock, 40 Cattle Drive, Eastanollee. **Call** Mark Smith, 706.779.5944

## SUMTER COUNTY

Every Monday, 1 p.m.: Cattle; Sumter County Stockyard, 505 Southerfield Road, Americus. **Call** Aaron and Anna White, 229-380-4901 or 864.704.2487

## TAYLOR COUNTY

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.: Feeder pigs, goats, sheep, chickens, small animals. Taylor County Livestock Auction, 1357 Tommy Purvis Jr. Road, Reynolds. **Call** 678.914.7333

## THOMAS COUNTY

Every Tuesday, 1 p.m.: Cattle. Thomas County Stockyards, 20975 Hwy. 19 N, Thomasville. **Call** Danny Burkhart, 229.228.6960

## TOOMBS COUNTY

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 11 a.m.: Feeder pigs, goats, sheep, chickens, small animals; Metter Livestock Auction, 621 Hwy. 1 S, Lyons. **Call** Lewie Fortner, 478.553.6066

## TURNER COUNTY

Every Wednesday, 1 p.m.: Cattle; Turner County Stockyards, 1315 Hwy. 41 S, Ashburn. **Call** Alan Wiggins, 229.567.3371

## UPSON COUNTY

Every Tuesday, 12 p.m.: Cattle, goats, sheep, horses. Upson County Livestock, 2626 Yatesville Hwy., Thomaston. **Call** Aaron and Anna White, 864.704.2487 or 770.713.5045

## WILKES COUNTY

Every Wednesday, noon: Cattle, goats, sheep; Wilkes County Stockyard, Hwy. 78 Bypass/302 Third Street, Washington. **Call** Sam Moore and Shane Moore, 706.678.2632

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## STOCK DOGS

Ads in this category are limited to breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club as herding and/or working dogs (in an agricultural context). Ads for breeds that do not meet those definitions will not be published.

Advertisers must submit a copy of a current Rabies Vaccination Certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian for dogs 12 weeks and older and include the ages of all dogs being advertised. Ads submitted without this information will not be published.

AKC reg'd Australian Shepherd puppies, will be ready May 19<sup>th</sup> - merles: \$850/ea & solids: \$650/ea. Joe **Murphy**, NC 828-361-3666

Great Pyrenees pups, born 1/22/23. Both parents are working dogs. Raised w/chickens & goats. (2) males, (5) females available: \$500/ea. Call or text. Gregory Reese **Ila** 706-224-5884

Purebred Australian Shepherd puppies born 4/5/23. Tails docked and dew claws removed. Blue merles and black tris available. Ready to go June 1st. Emma McPherson **Dawsonville** 678-772-2144

Reg'd Karakachan X Anatolian/Pyrenees LGD puppies, all males: \$250/ea. Parents trained for chickens and sheep. Good with children. Available 4/19+. Call/text. Trey **Gainesville** 770-540-2871

## BARN CATS

Barn cats available: no charge. Calls only. Jeannette **Temple** 770-316-9480



Barn cats available for rodent control (shelter rescues). Neutered, vaccinated, delivered to you at no cost. Call or text. Linda **Watkinsville** 706-343-8173 barncatsgeorgia@gmail.com

Floyd Felines has rescue cats for rodent control in barn/garden homes. Cats are neutered/vaccinated & come at no charge. Must provide daily food, water. Will deliver. Text/email. Angie **Rome** 706-512-7004 angieyanceygae@gmail.com

## RABBITS

Bunnies, small to large, mixed breeds: \$20/ea. Michael Phippen **Newnan** 770-755-8702

Flemish giants for sale. Lee Eason **Hogansville** 706-594-6916

New Zealand red and broken colors, bucks and does available 3 1/2 months old. Silver Fox litter available 5/5/2023. Kelly Maxwell **Winder** 404-925-2369

New Zealand White and New Zealand Flemish Giant Cross does, 10-12m/o. Ready to breed. Bishop Herington **Forsyth** 478-974-8135

Rabbits for sale. Cottontail - San Juan. Call for more info. Ray Brantley **Davisboro** 478-456-5495

## POULTRY/FOWL

Any person engaged in buying live poultry of any kind for resale, or in selling live poultry of any kind bought for resale, must be licensed by the GDA. Possessing such a license does not by itself disqualify an individual from advertising poultry in the *Market Bulletin*. Mallard ducks must be at least three generations from the wild before they can be advertised in the *Market Bulletin*. Advertisers must include this information in notices submitted for publication. Out-of-state poultry must have a negative Avian Influenza test and negative pul-lorum test within 21 days of entering Georgia. For more information, call the GDA Livestock and Poultry Division, 404.656.3665.

(15) varieties game fowl: \$75-\$125/pair or \$15-\$25/hen; (15) varieties peafowl: \$250-\$400/ea. Ray Watts **Macon** 478-361-3468

(2) one-year-old Royal Palm Tom Turkeys: \$75 each. Eddie Bozeman **Dublin** 478-609-5163.

(4) Dom hens, 19m/o, (2) reds, 18m/o, (12) mix hens, half Black Butcher game, (20) mix chicks, straight run - hens: \$15/ea; chicks: \$2/ea. Michael Price **Canton** 404-625-4010

Assorted breeds baby to adult; chicks sexed and unsexed; ducks, guineas, Ayam Cemani also. Sherry Amerson-White **Augusta** blackberrycreekminifarm@gmail.com 706-833-5535

Baby geese, various breeds. Absolutely adorable. Only doing one hatch. Linda **Senoia** 770-599-9062

Bantam hatching eggs for sale: \$10 per dozen. Come by to pick up. Lorene Durden **Monticello** 706-468-1834

Blue eared pheasant, male, 2y/o: \$150. Diane **Macon** 478-808-9128

Blue Orpington chicks for sale, hatched March 6, pullets, purebred: \$30/ea. Call or text for pictures. Summer Hunt **Thomson** 706-825-1455

Bourbon Red and Narragansett heritage turkey poult hatching weekly. Bourbon Red and Narragansett turkey hatching eggs available. Rhode Island Red and Welsummer chicken hatching eggs. Daniel Andrews **Pine Mountain** 678-687-6746

Chicks available. Easter eger, Black copper Maran, Silkie, Cochin, Leghorn, Game. Hatching weekly. Michelle Brantley **Pine Mountain** 678-736-3911

Chicks hatching weekly. Breeds include Americana, Jersey Giants, Wyandottes, and Barnyard Mix. Also other chickens for sale, 3w/o-4m/o: prices vary depending on age. Moriah Cress **Washington** 706-714-8194

Chicks, pure French black copper Maran, straight run: \$12/ea. Limited supply, variety of ages. Maurice **Maxeys** greenbefarms@gmail.com 706-920-9066

French Black Copper Maran hens 8w/o: \$45/ea; also Americana, Cochins, Frizzles, Blue laced Barnevelders. New chicks weekly. Call or text. Gary **Lawrenceville** 470-540-1929

Game chickens - Asil cross Hatch & White Hatches. R. Shepard **Fortson** 706-358-5601

Game chickens. Four for sale. Pumpkin Hulsey Roundhead stags: \$100 each. Wayman Jordan **Douglasville** 404-245-9374

Game fowl for sale - Maclean, Lacey Roundhead, Kelso, Albany, Mug, Sweater & Blue face & Gilmore, crosses and pure blood; also ask about others. David Williams **Sparta** 478-232-4332

Guinea chicks: \$4/ea; large breed mixed black chicks, straight run: \$2.50/ea; large mixed breed roosters: \$10/ea. Call/text. M. Saponari **Elberton** 706-498-5277

Hatching eggs - Laughing chickens and Silkies. NPIP and AI, clean. Pickup or ship. Text. Raynae **Stockton** 229-561-3597

Houdan rooster, gentle nature, called Houdini Tweaky Beaks due to overlap of his beaks. Special home needed: \$20. Wee Woods Farm **Danielsville** 706-254-7717

In search of old English bantams for sale and also looking for gold Seabrights and silver Seabrights. Johnny Reece **Woodstock** 404-947-9189

Pigeons - white rollers, turner rollers, colored rollers & white homers: \$22/pair. Wyatt Johnson **Midville** 478-494-3240

Proven gamefowl - Red Foxx Hatch, Madigan Clarets, White Clarets. Selling due to health. Proven bloodlines. Cocks, stags & hens. Leave message if no answer. Ricky **Bowersville** 706-376-7382

Pure French Black Copper Maran, quail size: \$15/ea & up. Call, leave message. David **Arnoldsville** 706-410-8390

Red Sex Link, ready to lay - pullets: \$20/ea; pullet chicks: \$4.50/ea; ready to butcher roosters: \$15/each or 5 for \$70. RES Poultry Farm **Louisville** 478-241-3989

Rhode Island Reds & Red Sex Links, all ages. Call for availability. Philip Register **Cumming** 770-377-3117

Special sale on game roosters. Buy one \$10; buy 3 or more \$5 each. Marvin Garner **Resaca** 706-913-3165 or 706-625-5291

Toulouse goslings, straight run. Taking orders, some available now: \$50/ea. Melanie Scoggins **Newborn** 706-476-3302

White leghorn chicks 2wks old. Also, silver-laced Wyandotte, black Jersey Giant, blue Jersey Giant, barred Rock and heritage Rhode Island reds: \$5 each. C. Freeman **Gainesville** 678-897-9318

## ANIMAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

### CATTLE SUPPLIES

(9) Electric fence chargers: \$10/ea; also (1) wooden goat milk stand: \$100. Dale Jones **Flowery Branch** 770-967-6948

Vet-Gun w/CO2 cartridges and wormer boluses. Like new: \$175. Text only. Terry McCants **Butler** 770-468-2650

### GOAT SUPPLIES

Nigerian Dwarf buck, 3m/o, friendly, tri-colored, beautiful, good milk lines: \$100. Text or call. Aline Bennett **Auburn** 678-227-9535

## TACK AND SUPPLIES

Draft team harness w/bridles, heavy duty nylon by Stich N Hitch, good condition: \$650 (New \$1200+) Lamar **Cleveland** 404-790-2944

Horse-drawn hearses for sale. One white and one black. Hydraulic brakes, safety glass. Ready for use. Can send photos. Joe Watkins **Winder** 770-307-6979

Wagon, 2-horse, Owensboro, circa 1948. Original undercarriage w/steel axles and auto type wheels. Fair condition. Needs work but usable: \$600. Lamar **Cleveland** 404-790-2944



Strawberries,  
blueberries,  
apples, and more?



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We recommend  
calling ahead to these  
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**Abbotsford Farms**  
410 Abbotsford Road  
LaGrange, GA  
706-957-2374  
Strawberries

**Abby J's Gourmet**  
GA Hwy 197  
Clarkesville, GA  
706-947-3474  
Flowers

**B.J. Reece Orchards**  
9131 Hwy 52 East  
Ellijay, GA  
706-276-3048  
Apples

**Bella Orchards**  
533 Mineral Springs Road N  
Jasper, GA  
678-687-9302  
Muscadines & Strawberries

**Berry Good Farms**  
930 William Gibbs Road  
Tifton, GA  
229-821-0746  
Blackberries, Blueberries, Citrus,  
Fuyu Persimmons, Muscadines &  
Strawberries

**Blackwater Vineyard  
at Leitch Farms**  
1606 John Burch Road  
Folkston, GA  
912-276-4001  
Muscadines

**Blessings Grow Meadows**  
1711 Saint Mathews Church Road  
Metter, GA  
762-212-0943  
Flowers

**Blue Sky Farm At Lone Oak**  
Lone Oak Road  
Lone Oak, GA  
404-543-7902  
Flowers

**Bovines And Bouquets**  
4758 Irby Road  
Gibson, GA  
508-680-4869  
Flowers

**Burton Brooks Orchards**  
16116 Adel Highway  
Barney, GA  
229-775-2710  
Peaches

**Calhoun Produce**  
5075 Haw Pond Road  
Ashburn, GA  
229-273-1887  
Strawberries

**Cornwell Blueberry Farm**  
304 Cornwell Road  
Americus, GA  
229-938-9496  
Blackberries & Blueberries

**Champion Blueberry Farm**  
304 Cornwell Road  
Americus, GA  
229-938-9496  
Blackberries & Blueberries

**Daydream Rescue Sanctuary**  
3352 Roy Parks Road  
Gainesville, GA  
770-855-6225  
Flowers

**Days Of Creation**  
3997 Waycross Highway  
Jesup, GA  
912-256-1167  
Vegetables

**DGD Farms**  
1150 Cliff Dawson Road  
Watkinsville, GA  
706-705-6132  
Blueberries

**Dickey Farms**  
3440 Musella Road  
Musella, GA  
478-836-4362  
Strawberries

**Double Branches Farm and  
Produce Market**  
4995 Double Branches Road  
Lincolnton, GA  
229-392-1069  
Blackberries, Blueberries, Flowers,  
Strawberries & Vegetables

**Duncan Citrus Farm**  
1433 Old Screven Road  
Jesup, GA  
912-385-6330  
Citrus

**Elliott Farms**  
4761 Holley Road  
Lizella, GA  
478-935-8180  
Strawberries

**EM Farms**  
1456 U.S. Hwy 80 West  
Culoden, GA  
478-508-5365  
Mint & Vegetables

**Farmer Millz Farms**  
2448 Gibbs Bridge Road  
Uvalda, GA  
478-420-0307  
Herbs, Strawberries & Vegetables

**Georgia Grown Citrus**  
2273 Malloy Road  
Ochlockne, GA  
850-830-2644  
Citrus

**Green Box Mushrooms**  
1604 Athens Highway  
Gainesville, GA  
678-687-8354  
Mushrooms

**Green Gate Farm**  
51 Camp Road  
Griffin, GA  
770-584-6052  
Flowers & Vegetables

**Greene Acres Farm**  
952 Empire Chester Highway  
Cochran, GA  
478-230-4124  
Blackberries & Strawberries

**Hamlin Hills**  
447 Dames Ferry Road  
Forsyth, GA  
478-750-5000  
Strawberries

**Hardman Farm State Historic Site**  
143 Hwy 17  
Santee Nacoochee, GA  
706-878-1077  
Corn & Sunflowers

**HEMI Blueberry Farm**  
1861 Bramlett Road  
Greensboro, GA  
770-403-7018  
Blackberries, Blueberries,  
and Muscadines

**Hillside Orchard Farms**  
105 Mitcham Circle  
Tiger, GA  
706-782-4995  
Apples, Blackberries & Blueberries

**Honey Pot Farms**  
4759 Hwy 142  
Shade Dale, GA  
678-255-7290  
Apples, Blueberries, Figs, Herbs,  
Plums & Vegetables

**Hottar Sauces and More**  
0 Ellington Road  
Norman Park, GA  
229-224-2696  
Vegetables & Herbs

**Jaemor Farms**  
5340 Cornelia Highway  
Alto, GA  
770-869-3999  
Flowers, Peaches & Strawberries

**Julep Farm**  
500 Hwy 246  
Dillard, GA  
706-960-9600  
Flowers

**Keel's Farm**  
3270 H D Atha Road  
Covington, GA  
678-300-1477  
Blueberries

**Lane Southern Orchards**  
50 Lane Road  
Fort Valley, GA  
800-277-3224  
Strawberries

**LCCL Strawberry Farm**  
3743 Old Dalton Road NE  
Rome, GA  
706-295-2587  
Strawberries

**Lazy Creek Farms**  
29 Yarbrough Bend Road  
Rome, GA  
770-547-8741  
Strawberries & Vegetables

**Mark's Melon Patch**  
8580 Albany Highway  
Sasser, GA  
229-698-4750  
Strawberries

**Mercier Orchards**  
8660 Blue Ridge Drive  
Blue Ridge, GA  
706-632-3411  
Apples, Blackberries, Blueberries,  
Flowers & Strawberries

**Merck Farms**

4745 Clark's Bluff Road  
Kingsland, GA  
912-674-0197  
Strawberries & Vegetables

**Mitcham Farm**

797 Macedonia Church Road  
Oxford, GA  
770-855-1530  
Blueberries, Peaches,  
and Strawberries

**Morning Belle Farms**

762 Pine Drive  
Woodbine, GA  
404-735-7527  
Blueberries

**Nonchalant Farms**

225 Fairlane Drive  
Covington, GA  
470-205-7360  
Blueberries, Flowers, Muscadines,  
Pecans & Scuppernongs

**O5 Farms**

279 Stoney Porter Road  
Jefferson, GA  
706-510-8212  
Blueberries

**Oakhurst Farm**

19566 GA Hwy 219  
West Point, GA  
706-315-8260  
Blackberries, Blueberries, Flowers,  
Onions & Strawberries

**Ohoopee Farms**

3029 GA Hwy 292  
Lyons, GA  
912-245-8434  
Tomatoes

**Ottawa Farms**

702 Bloomingdale Road  
Bloomingdale, GA  
912-748-3035  
Blueberries, Flowers &  
Strawberries

**Paulk Vineyards**

1788 Satilla Road  
Wray, GA  
229-468-7873  
Blackberries, Muscadines & Straw-  
berries

**Pharr Farms**

480 Argonne Road  
Winder, GA  
678-925-0246  
Strawberries

**Pleasant Union Farm**

1994 Pleasant Union Road  
Canton, GA  
470-448-8078  
Blueberries

**Hillcrest Orchards**

9696 Hwy 52 East  
Ellijay, GA  
706-273-3838  
Apples

**R & A Orchards**

5505 Hwy 52 East  
Ellijay, GA  
706-273-3821  
Apples

**Rebel Run Fresh Cut Flowers And Herbs**

222 Farm Estates Road  
Perry, GA  
478-273-7374  
Flowers & Herbs

**Red Apple Barn**

3379 Tails Creek Road  
Ellijay, GA  
706-635-5898  
Apples & Flowers

**Red Oak Lavender Farm**

2882 Red Oak Flats Road  
Dahlonega, GA  
706-974-8230  
Flowers & Lavender

**Roberts Vineyard**

11903 GA Hwy 42 South  
Byron, GA  
478-320-2824  
Muscadines

**Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch**

336 Rocky Hollow Road  
Cave Spring, GA  
706-676-8769  
Strawberries

**Sugar Hill Berry Farm**

6646 Jake Kemp Road  
Murrayville, GA  
770-540-6952  
Peaches & Muscadines

**Sleepy Hollow Farm**

628 Sleepy Hollow Road  
Powder Springs, GA  
770-880-8846  
Vegetables

**Sonrise Farms**

2478 Claxton Dairy Road  
Dublin, GA  
478-697-1235  
Blackberries

**Soperton Vineyards**

3115 Ohoopee Bend Road  
Soperton, GA  
912-508-5362  
Muscadines

**Southern Belle Farm**

1658 Turner Church Road  
McDonough, GA  
770-288-2582  
Blackberries, Blueberries, Flowers,  
Muscadines, Peaches, Scupper-  
nongs & Strawberries

**Southern Grace Farms**

3131 Vickers Church Road  
Enigma, GA  
229-533-4314  
Blackberries, Blueberries, Musca-  
dines, Citrus, Peaches, Plums &  
Strawberries

**Strickland Farms**

333 Luella Road  
Locust Grove, GA  
770-231-0859  
Flowers & Vegetables

**Sugar Hill Berry Farm**

6646 Jake Jemp Road  
Murrayville, GA  
770-540-5952  
Muscadine & Peaches

**Sweet Berry Orchard**

6659 Lone Oak Road  
Hogansville, GA  
772-342-1224  
Blackberries, Blueberries & Straw-  
berries

**Sweets Berry Farm**

3800 Davis Academy Road  
Rutledge, GA  
678-662-6119  
Blackberries, Blueberries, Peaches,  
Pears & Nectarines

**Tesnatee River Winery and Meadery**

172 Lloyds Honey Farm Road  
Cleveland, GA  
706-352-5488  
Blueberries & Muscadines

**The Blueberry Barn**

108 W 12th Street  
Alma, GA  
912-632-2583  
Blueberries

**The Folk Collaborative**

2984 Mobile Road  
McCaysville, GA  
706-492-7753  
Apples

**The Fruit Factory**

6162 Airline Road  
Pavo, GA  
229-859-2714  
Blueberries, Citrus, Mulberries.  
Muscadines, Pears & Pomegranates

**The Herb Crib**

2998 Trackrock Church Road  
Blairsville, GA  
706-994-3485  
Herbs

**The Market at Rutland Farms**

5641 Union Road  
Tifton, GA  
229-386-5111  
Citrus & Strawberries

**The Shed at Fitzgerald Fruit Farms**

3355 Imlac Road  
Woodbury, GA  
706-553-2795  
Strawberries

**The Strawberry Farm at Ramhurst**

2865 Smyrna Ramhurst Road  
Chatsworth, GA  
706-270-4518  
Strawberries

**Tuckaway Blueberry Farm**

3560 Claude Brewer Road  
Loganville, GA  
770-560-5922  
Blueberries

**Twin Oaks Fun Farm**

1946 Johnstonville Road  
Forsyth, GA  
404-456-1198  
Blueberries & Strawberries

**Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch**

125 Bannister Road  
Dawsonville, GA  
770-772-6223  
Flowers

**Warbington Farms**

5555 Crow Road  
Cumming, GA  
770-889-1515  
Strawberries

**Washington Farms**

5691 Hog Mountain Road  
Bogart, GA  
706-769-0627  
Flowers & Strawberries

**Whispering Pines Ga Farm**

15412 GA Hwy 86  
Soperton, GA  
678-283-7592  
Blueberries & Muscadines

**Wild Daisy Lavender Farm**

1885 GA Hwy 18  
Molena, GA  
770-584-1878  
Flowers & Lavender

**POULTRY SUPPLIES**

Chicken cages, 3 sections w/openings, (1) chicken brooder, holds 100 chicks, self-contained w/lights, fans, heater: free, you move. Bob Emmett **Byron** 478-960-9181

Dickey incubator for sale. Excellent condition. Vickie Hogan **Clarkesville** 706-768-5441

Mobile chicken tractors for meat birds or layers. Available w/roost board & nest boxes or without. Delivery available, some areas. Text/call for more info/photos. Justin Gill **Greenville** 678-633-1808

**FEED SUPPLIES**

(2) Big Dutchman feed boxes, (2) 80ft double section feeder chain, (2) 80ft large feed trough: \$2500. Emory Hulet **Milan** 229-362-4141

1500lb grain bin: \$800; 30ft portable grain auger: \$400; Baltic 3pt hitch seeder: \$500 OBO; Sureweigh cattle scales, 3000lb capacity: \$1500. Willard Redwine **Dalton** 706-260-9526

Equine hay ring for sale, galvanized, excellent condition: \$300. Call or text. Danny Greene **Cordele** 229-273-9074

Meadows 6in steel burr mill. Practically brand new. Needs nothing to go to work. Daniel Senoia **770-351-7098**



**MISCELLANEOUS**

Only agriculture-related items may be advertised in this Category.

**BEES, HONEY AND SUPPLIES**

10, 8, and 5 frame equipment, 5 frame nucs, 3# packages, beekeeping supplies, beekeeping classes, honey, swarm capture. Harold Commerce **harold@lanierbeebarn.com** 678-471-7758

3lb package bees: \$140; March 5-frame nucs: \$200. Multiple discounts available on some supplies. David McDaniel **Rome** 706-389-5425

Adult 10-frame single hives, full of bees w/working queen; also 5-frame nucs w/working queen and bees. You pick up. Henry R Parker **Dawsonville** 706-265-2644

Albany/SW Georgia complete bee removal from structures. State licensed & insured, 30 years experience. Dale Richter **Leesburg** 229-886-7663

Bee removal Valdosta and Southwest Georgia (100-mile radius). Structural bee removal for a fee, swarms free. Licensed and insured. Blossom Bee Removal. S. Peterson **Valdosta** 229-563-3050

For sale - 10 frame complete flow hive w/premier bee foundation flow frames, never used, excellent condition: \$500. Greg Lewis **Baxley** [glewis62@proton.me](mailto:glewis62@proton.me) 912-367-9283

Need garden pollination? 5-frame nucleus hives with quality well mated queens: \$200. BJ Weeks **Ball Ground** [weeksworks@gmail.com](mailto:weeksworks@gmail.com)



Gallberry honey - Voted Best-Tasting & Flavor of GA winner: \$68/gallon including shipping. B. Bruce PO Box 88 **Homerville, GA** 31634 [www.brucesnutnhoney.com](http://www.brucesnutnhoney.com) 912-487-5001



Long Langstroth horizontal hive. Holds 31 frames. Comes w/metal lid cover & one primer coat: \$475. Other upgrades available. Free delivery up to 40 miles. Jon Cordell **Gainesville** 404-353-0951

Nucs, queens, packages & beekeeping classes. Melissa **Monticello** [www.gsbeez.com](http://www.gsbeez.com) 312-909-3050

Removal of swarms: free; removal of bees from structure: fee; also used clean bee equipment for sale. Honey Bee Rescue, Derry Oliver **Commerce** 706-335-7226

Swarms removed: free of charge. No structures. Joe Clark **Upson County** 706-975-1096

Remove honey bees from a structure for a fee; remove a swarm for free. Also, wanted bee equipment. Leonard Day **Macon** 478-719-5588

**AQUACULTURE AND SUPPLIES**

Advertisers selling sterile triploid grass carp must submit a current Wild Animal License from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Ads without this license will not be published. Entities producing and selling or reselling domestic fish in Georgia are required to obtain a free Aquaculture Registration Permit. For more information on aquaculture rules and licensing in Georgia, including a listing of domestic fish and other fish species requiring a Wild Animal License, visit <https://georgiawildlife.com/aquaculture> or call **770.761.3044**.

10-12in sterile grass carp, bluegill, largemouth bass, shellcracker, catfish, pond lime, weed analysis, electrofishing services, feeders, aeration. Keith Edge **Soperton** 478-697-8994

A-1 Big Reds/Euro great fishing: \$45/lb; Red wigglers perfect for fishing and composting: \$35/lb. Lew Bush **Byron** [bigreds1@cox.net](mailto:bigreds1@cox.net) 478-955-4780

All sizes - Bass, Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Threadfin, Gizzard Shad, Shellcracker and more. Free delivery or pick up. Danny Austin **Roberta** 478-391-9068

Bass, bluegill, hybrid bream, shellcracker, sterile grass carp, channel catfish, koi. Lake management. David Cochran **Ellijay** 706-889-8113

Grass carp, Bluegill, Threadfin shad, Shellcracker and Catfish. Delivery available at: \$2.50/mile, one way. Brian Simmons **Hawkinsville** 478-892-3144

Koi and Goldfish for sale. All sizes and colors. Call for more info. Glenn Kicklighter **Sandersville** 478-232-7704

Small head channel catfish available. 4-6 inches and 6-8 inches. Tribble Channel Catfish **Alamo** 478-609-3067

**FEED, HAY AND GRAIN**

2022 Alicia Bermuda hay, fert, horse quality: \$8/sq bale. Jim Grant **Elko** 478-217-0626

2022 Peanut hay: \$50.00/roll at barn. Delivery available. Glenn Brinson **Tarrytown** 912-288-5960

2022 Russell Bermudagrass - (150 bales) 4x5 fertilized, net-wrapped, outside: \$40-50/bale. 2023 hay in barn: \$85/bale. Delivery negotiable. VM/text. Pruitt **Statesboro** 912-682-4481

2022 Russell hay, UGA tested, 4x5 net-wrap rolls. Excellent horse & cattle quality: \$65/roll. Lonnie McKinney **Cordele** 229-947-2878

2022 square bales, Bermuda crabgrass mix, sprayed, fertilized & weed free: \$5.50 each at barn. K. Wood **Hoschton** 770-867-4332

Alfalfa hay, highest quality, UGA tested, 65lb square bales: \$12/bale. Lespedeza bales: \$10/ea. (10 bale min); 4x5 round bales: \$90/ea. AA Farms **Hartwell** 706-376-8968

Bermuda, mixed hay, rye. Fertilized & rain free, horse quality: \$8/sq; round bales in barn: \$60-\$80. Large quantity delivery available. S. Stana **Carrollton** 770-241-3201

Hay for sale - 5x5.5, net-wrapped, inside & outside: \$45 & up. Todd Grogan **Montgomery, AL** 334-320-7315

Hay sale - 2022 barn-stored Coastal Bermuda, UGA inspected, RFQ 135, 4x5 round bales, 100 available: \$60/ea. Discount available on 30+ bales. Pierce **Screven Co** 912-659-9726 or 912-925-9796

Hay, mixed grass, 4x5, net-wrapped, rain-free. John Bullington **Pelham** 229-322-8480

Horse/cow hay, 2022 Fescue/Orchard mix: \$4.00 at the barn. John Petrel **LaFayette** 706-313-6628

Tift 44 and Russell horse quality hay; limed, fertilized 4x4.5 rolls: \$90 per roll. Jim Bishop **Newnan** 678-378-2903

Wheat straw for sale - square bales: \$7; round bales: \$40. Russ Elliott **Lizella** 478-935-8180

**MULCH AND FERTILIZERS**

100+ 4x5 rolls of mulch hay: free. Dwight Mobley **Bethlehem** 770-307-7356

2022 Wheat straw: \$3.50/bale at barn. Delivery available. Gary Brinson **Tarrytown** 912-286-3191

Aged horse manure, free. B. Thompson **Macon** 478-719-6100

Horse manure w/shavings, aged or fresh: free. 1 load w/Bobcat. Paulding/Cobb/Barrow area. Robert **Acorth** 770-974-2010

Horse manure, mixed with shavings: free. Danny West **Fayetteville** 404-771-4041

Manure and shavings compost. Free for pickup. Ann Riles **Douglasville** 770-949-2238

Mulch hay bales for sale. 4x5 net wrapped in fair condition. Loading available: \$20/bale, 10 bale min. Phillip Bridges **Lexington** 706-255-8494

**PLANTS, TREES AND FLOWERS**

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2023 Citrus (5 types): \$27/ea; apple: \$27/ea; banana: \$10/ea; muscadine, blue/blackberry, gardenias, sago palms, Brown Turkey fig: \$7/ea; 3ft wide ground cloth (silt fence): \$0.50/ft. Whispering Pines Farm **Soperton** [aikenyoun@gmail.com](mailto:aikenyoun@gmail.com) 678-283-7592

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## GEORGIA COOKING: Whole Wheat Blueberry Dutch Baby Pancakes

To open Georgia blueberry season, let's switch up breakfast with this recipe for blueberry Dutch Baby pancakes. These delightful, puffy pancakes are cooked in a hot cast iron skillet, resulting in a crispy golden crust and a light, fluffy interior.

Bursting with plump, juicy blueberries, these Dutch babies are a mouthwatering treat that will satisfy your morning cravings. With simple ingredients and easy preparation, this recipe is a surefire way to impress your family and friends at the breakfast table. A recipe for a sourdough version is available at <https://georgiagrown.com/recipes>.

Dutch babies and German pancakes are the same thing, according to Chef Andrew Janjigian in *Cook's Illustrated*. The dish is said to have originated in Germany, not the Netherlands. The term Dutch baby was coined by an American restaurateur who used Dutch to corrupt the word Deutsch

("German" in German). Baby referred to the fact that the restaurant served miniature versions.

*Courtesy of Georgia Grown*

**Ingredients**

- ½ cup whole wheat flour
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole milk
- 4 eggs
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ tsp vanilla
- 3 Tbsps honey
- 4 Tbsps butter
- ½ cup fresh blueberries, plus more for garnish
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- ½ tsp combined assorted ground spices (such as allspice, coriander, cardamom, nutmeg or cinnamon)

Honey and ricotta cheese, for garnish.

**Instructions**

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
2. Use a blender or whisk flours,

(Photo credit: Georgia Grown)

- eggs, milk, salt, spices and honey together in a bowl to create a very loose, liquid batter. Set aside to rest for 1 hour.
3. Brown butter in a 9-inch cast-iron skillet. Add blueberries and sugar to the hot butter and toss to coat.
4. Cook over medium-low heat for about 5 minutes until blueberries have released some of their juices and begun to cook down.
5. Pour batter all at once into the

skillet and transfer to oven.

6. Bake for 15 minutes until edges are brown and pancake is puffed and golden and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
7. Garnish with fresh blueberries, honey, and ricotta.

Serves 4-6

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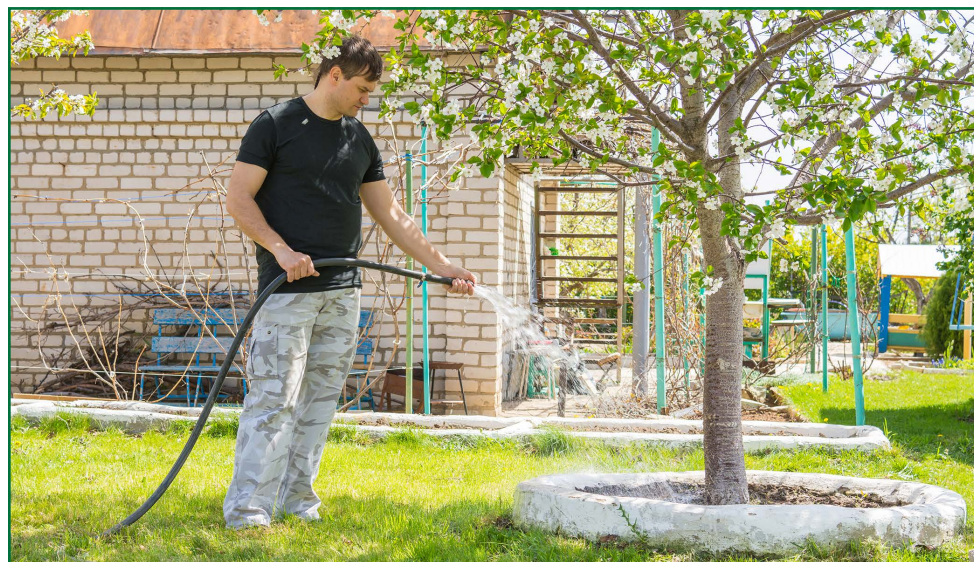
By Stasia Kelly  
Georgia Forestry Commission

The sure signs of spring have been around us for a few weeks now, with many Georgians falling into one of two categories: love it or hate it! The hate-it folks most likely have a box of tissue at hand and are swallowing their trusty Zyrtec. The love-it crowd relishes mild temperatures and the brilliant chartreuse blanketing the landscape.

As spring leaf-out continues and we return to the outdoors, many tree issues come to light. Now is the time to take inventory of your trees to ensure healthy growth and longevity. Extra watering and selective pruning will help this time of year.

There's a formula for calculating how much water to give your trees. A tree's caliper measurement at planting equals the number of growing seasons to give it extra water. (Reminder: caliper is the diameter of the stem, measured six inches above ground level at the time of planting.) For example, a two-inch caliper tree usually needs two growing seasons of supplemental watering and care to be considered established.

Tree roots only like to stay wet sometimes, so deep watering once weekly is usu-



The Georgia Forestry Commission recommends extra watering and selective pruning of trees to help this time of year. New trees typically need extra water to become established, based on the plant's caliper measurement at planting. (Special Photo/GFC)

ally adequate. Higher temperatures and sandier soils may dictate a twice-weekly regime. If two or more inches of rain are received in a week, supplemental water is likely not needed. Check this fact sheet for more information: <https://gatrees.org/wp-content/>

<https://gatrees.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/How-to-Water-Your-Trees.pdf>. Also, a GFC Ask the Arborist video about watering is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuaWj-7MsmY>.

Spring can also be a good time to prune. Cutting out any dead branches or stems can

establish a better structure and help trees seal off wounds where the dead branches had been. Pruning out those branches will also lend an ounce of prevention ahead of those windy spring and summer storms.

Just as we seek out a specialist when facing a medical issue, a certified arborist is the one to call for information on technical pruning and tree health care. The Georgia Forestry Commission's Ask the Arborist (certified arborists) service mentioned above has information and a video about pruning (as well as many other topics), and you can find an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborist at: <https://www.treesaregood.org/findanarborist>.

Another GFC resource designed specifically for landowners with fewer than 20 acres is the Conservation Woodlands Program. This program helps landowners who cannot or do not want to harvest but rather manage their land for small agriculture, wildlife habitat, or recreation. It is a great suite of tools and information for such properties, including land management practices, property tax incentive programs, and overall sustainability: <https://gatrees.org/forest-management-conservation-woodland-program/>.

## UGA Peanut Lab receives \$15 million for improved seed variety research

By Allison Floyd

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Farmers around the world grow peanuts because the plant adapts to poor soils and produces a crop even as droughts become more common. Peanuts are shelf-stable, nutritious, don't require expensive fertilizer and people like to eat them. Smallholder farmers around the world grow the crop on modest plots and cook the nuts into traditional dishes or sell the crop for money to send their kids to school.

To leverage the power of this unique crop, the U.S. government partners with the University of Georgia to solve problems faced by farmers. On April 12, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and UGA announced a five-year extension of their collaborative research and outreach work in peanut innovation.

The \$15 million grant from USAID will allow the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Peanut, which is headquartered in the UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES), to scale up the findings from previous research and get the technology into farmers' fields.

"We are so pleased that USAID has chosen to continue their funding of the Peanut Innovation Lab for another five years," said CAES Dean and Director Nick T. Place. "Our mission in CAES is to support the creation of sustainable food systems both here and abroad – the important work done through this program is a critical part of that mission and we are excited to see what results come out of the Peanut Innovation Lab during this next funding cycle."

### About the Peanut Innovation Lab

While UGA has hosted international peanut research for decades, the Peanut Innovation Lab embarked on the most recent round of projects in 2018. The lab has managed two dozen research projects led by UGA scientists as well as researchers at a dozen other U.S. universities, including Virginia Tech, North Carolina State University, Penn State, Texas Tech, University of California-Santa Barbara and others.

Many of the research findings apply



Danielle Ama Essandoh, a Ghanaian student studying at Makerere University, works in a greenhouse on a research project in Uganda led by UGA's Soraya Leal-Bertioli in 2021. Essandoh completed a master's degree and is now working toward a doctorate at UGA. (Special Photo/UGA-CAES)

throughout the world, including here in the U.S., but the field work is performed in Senegal and Ghana in Western Africa, and Uganda and Malawi in Eastern and Southern Africa.

Some of the lab's research involves making stronger peanut plants — varieties that can survive disease or drought — and other studies focus on creating small machines or educational programs to help farmers and processors, designing products to bring the nutritional benefits of peanuts to consumers, or understanding the gender and age dynamics that lead farmers to make the decisions that they do.

### Tobacco and training

Malawi, a small landlocked country in southern Africa, is making a major transition. Once the second-most tobacco-dependent economy in the world, Malawi is diversifying its crop production. As tobacco declines, a fragile industry supporting tens of thousands of smallholder farmers is learning to handle a healthier alternative, peanuts.

Working with companies, local universities and the Malawian government, the Innovation Lab has helped to build the value chain for peanuts. In 2021, 10,000 farmers

received improved seed and science-based training, resulting in higher yield and a better-quality harvest.

### Gender parity

Across Africa, it's common for women to grow, harvest and sell peanuts, making the crop an important source of household income as well as food. The Peanut Innovation Lab considers how the dynamics of gender and youth impact biological research (such as creating a new plant variety), but also investigates specific questions about gender and youth to understand decision-making among women farmers and how greater profitability in peanut farming may take that source of revenue away from women.

This research helps to explain why women might not use a particular time-saving technology or why young people choose careers outside of agriculture. It also helps to ensure that women and young people aren't left out as agriculture becomes a more profitable enterprise.

"In Malawi over the next few years, we hope to evaluate a GALS (Gender Action Learning System) method that uses principles of gender inclusion to improve house-

hold communication, income, and food security," said Jessica Marter-Kenyon, the Peanut Innovation Lab's gender specialist. "Crop diversification provides a unique opportunity to test and develop these programs to ensure women have as much opportunity to benefit as the men in their households."

### Genetic gains

Plant diseases continue to pose major problems for farmers around the world, particularly in places where herbicides and pesticides aren't affordable. Finding genes that make the plant naturally resistant to disease is the most cost effective and environmentally sustainable solution for the farmer. Sometimes it's the only tool to control a disease.

Researchers in UGA's Wild Peanut Lab are creating varieties from relatives of the cultivated peanut. Those wild cousins have genetic strengths that the domesticated peanut lost, so by breeding the two and selecting the right offspring, plant breeders can get a variety that has all the traits consumers want, like flavor, with the disease resistance farmers need.

By working with the Peanut Innovation Lab, the Wild Peanut Lab has been able to partner with plant breeders from across Africa to test out varieties made from the wild species.

"The Peanut Innovation Lab has created a solid network of breeders and basic researchers throughout East, West and Southern African countries. With this network, we are able to disseminate information and materials to be tested in these different countries in a systematic way," said Soraya Leal-Bertioli, who leads the Wild Peanut Lab with her husband, David Bertioli. "We feel that the Wild Peanut Lab's mission of expanding peanut genetic diversity for food security in Africa is now an attainable goal."

To learn more about how the Peanut Innovation Lab applies innovative science to improve peanut production and use, raise nutritional awareness, and increase food safety and gender parity around the world, visit <https://ftfpeanutlab.caes.uga.edu/>.

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## Innovation Center hosts small business workshop on expanding sales, branding

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The Georgia Grown Innovation Center in Metter is offering the Taking Your Food Business to the Next Level workshop on May 17 to help small food businesses expand their product distribution and sales.

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, at the Innovation Center at 25 South Terrell St. in downtown Metter. Attendees will gain an inside perspective from retail, distribution, packaging, food safety, and branding experts. The Georgia Manufacturing Extension Partnership at Georgia Tech (GaMEP) is organizing the workshop.

Wendy White, GaMEP Food and Beverage Industry manager, said they held the same workshop in Atlanta in March, and the response was so great they partnered with the Innovation Center to host it in Metter.

"So many people are interested in taking their small food company and selling their product in retail and really expanding that market share and getting themselves out there," White said. "Our speaker lineup is very diverse. They really covered the highlights of what you need to know and what you need to start thinking about before you

start entering retail."

Founded in 1960, GaMEP works similarly to an agricultural Extension service to support manufacturing in Georgia. White noted that information from the upcoming workshop could also benefit those already in retail.

"I've talked to several of our people here who are already in the food business, and this just gives them a way to map their business because it covers everything from marketing and branding, to different grocery stores and markets, and tells what they're looking for," White said. "I think a really good thing that was done is hearing from other companies who've already been there."

Speakers scheduled for the workshop include:

- White will discuss the importance of a food safety plan not only to product quality issues but also how the plan can give you an edge in pitching your product to larger companies.
- Kristin Sherman, principal local forager for the Southeast at Whole Foods Market, will share how retail buyers choose companies to put on the shelf.
- Darrah Gist, founder of The Gist Marketing and Communications, a public relations firm specializing in food product

marketing. He will discuss how to tell your brand story in a way that catches the eye of retail buyers and customers.

- Diana Earwood, founder and managing member of plain.stated, a consulting firm connecting growers and producers to target markets. She will translate retail terminology and help you understand how to navigate the retail world.
- Nick Carse, co-founder of P-10 Foods and King of Pops. He will offer his experience building his business and share tips for success in working with a distributor.
- Joy Wilkes, regional sales executive at ePac Flexible Packaging, specializes in developing effective product packaging. She will cover the basics of why packaging is important and how to make the best decisions.

The workshop is only one of several resources the Innovation Center provides to small businesses across Georgia that are either just starting up or have been in operation for a few years.

The center offers physical space for new businesses that showcase agriculture, food, and retail businesses. Georgia Southern University's Business Innovation Group is a partner with the Innovation Center and created a business incubator with a focus on ag-

riculture and geared to support agri-business locally, regionally, and throughout the state.

Georgia Grown is the economic development arm of the Georgia Department of Agriculture. The program identifies business opportunities through state programs and partners and provides technical industry expertise, collaborative research and partnerships.

Heidi Jeffers, the city of Metter's economic development director, said the Taking Your Business to the Next Level workshop was a natural fit for the center.

"We work with a lot of small manufacturers, and they're asking the same questions over and over again. And for many of them, that's their dream; their dream is to get into retail," Jeffers said. "They're responsible business owners, and they want to do it correctly. That's why we partnered with Whole Foods and some other companies to have this workshop."

To register, go to <https://ggicmetter.com/events/>. The cost is \$25 and includes presentations and question-and-answer sessions. Georgia Grown will provide lunch and will include products from Georgia Grown companies.

To learn more about GaMEP, go to <https://gamep.org/>.

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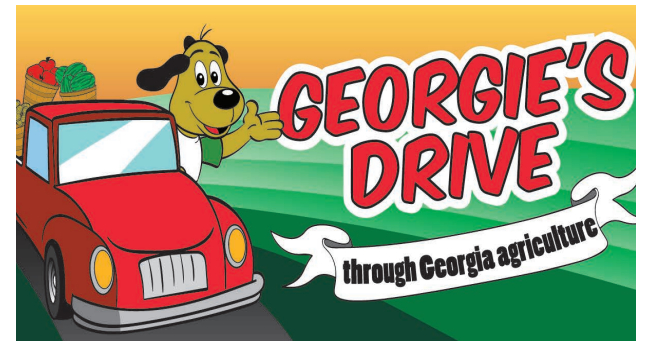
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### Georgie's Drive Thru Marietta

Hello! I'm Georgie, the Georgia Grown mascot. I travel the state of Georgia promoting our #1 industry, agriculture! Producing \$4.2 billion worth of chicken annually, Georgia is the largest poultry producing state in the country! It is also home to the biggest chicken attraction, too! On Cobb Parkway in Marietta sits the Big Chicken.

When it was originally built in 1963 as Johnny Reb's Chick, Chuck and Shake, the restaurant advertised a 15-piece meal of fried chicken for a whopping price of \$3.50! Today, the Big Chicken is now operated by KFC. The red and white chicken structure is 56 feet tall with a moving beak and rolling eyes. Being that tall, the chicken serves as a landmark to help line up airplanes on their approach to Hartsfield-Jackson Airport and Dobbins Air Force Base.

At the counter inside, you can purchase souvenir Big Chicken socks or a shirt. Customers order fresh fried chicken from a menu with a sign informing them where the chicken was sourced from that day. The day I was there, the chicken came from Carrollton, Georgia. Of course, a 15-piece bucket of fried chicken costs a little more than \$3.50 nowadays.



Built in 1963, the Big Chicken in Marietta stands 56 feet tall at the intersection of Cobb Parkway and Roswell Road and has served as a directional landmark for motorists. The structure is also known for helping aircraft in their approach to Atlanta Hartsfield airport and nearby Dobbins Air Force Base. (GDA/Lee Lancaster)

## Recipes for Tiny Tasters!

### Strawberry Banana salad

Strawberry Banana Salad is the perfect addition to any party or picnic and it makes an unforgettable snack too. Packed with fruit, this dish is sweet, creamy and takes just minutes to make.

**Ingredients**

- 3 ripe bananas
- Half a lemon, juiced
- One-third cup sugar
- 1 can (14oz) crushed pineapple drained
- 1½ cups diced strawberries
- ½ cup chopped maraschino cherries
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tub whipped topping (8 oz)

**Directions**

1. Place bananas in a large bowl and mash. Stir in juice from half of a lemon.
2. Add sugar, pineapple and Greek yogurt. Stir until smooth. Stir in cherries and strawberries.
3. Fold in whipped topping. Refrigerate until serving.

*Courtesy of the Georgia Farm Bureau*

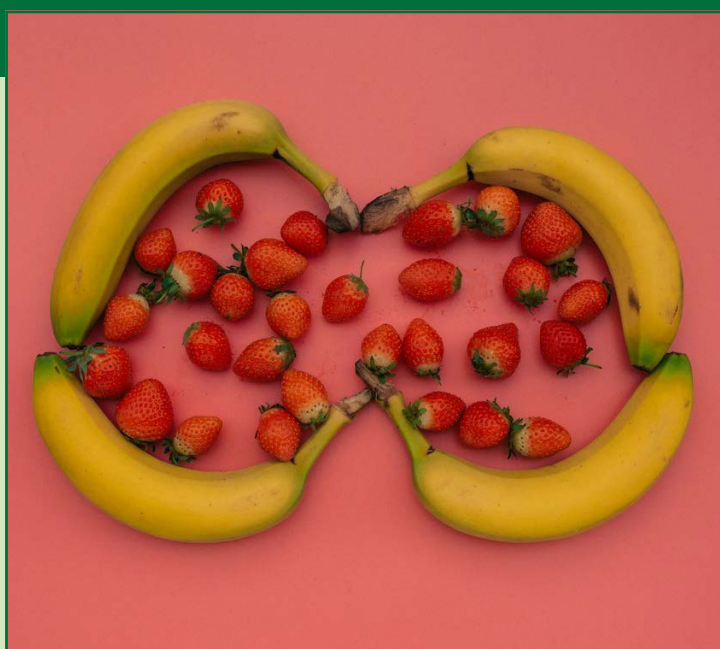


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# Master Gardener program celebrates 50 years of cultivating green thumbs

By Paul F. Brown

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What began decades ago as an experiment in horticultural education is still going strong — and celebrating 50 years of public service.

Offered through local Extension offices all across the country, the national Extension Master Gardener (EMG) program brings together local gardeners with a passion for educating others and land-grant universities to help spread the most up-to-date research and information on gardening and horticulture.

Through University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and similar programs at other universities, Master Gardeners help educate the public by answering questions during office hours, leading demonstration gardens, giving presentations and serving in numerous other ways.

Millions of Americans have benefited from these knowledgeable volunteers, including more than 2,000 who are currently a part of the Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteer (MGEV) program.

## Program origin

The EMG program was launched in the early 1970s through Washington State University Extension, which struggled to meet the growing demand for gardening know-how in the Seattle metro area. Extension Agent David Gibby came up with the idea of offering free public courses in horticulture and, in return, asking garden enthusiasts to then help educate others. After a promising trial clinic, the first EMG training commenced in the spring of 1973. Gibby's concept took off from there.

It was a decade when rising inflation and outright recession sparked interest in growing vegetables at home. Community gardens appeared in vacant urban green spaces. News of the EMG programs success spread widely through agricultural conventions and word of mouth.

States all across the country saw the value in it and started adding programs, said Georgia MGEV Program Coordinator Sheri Dorn. Often it was a grassroots request



The UGA Extension Service Master Gardeners program celebrates 50 years of service to the communities across Georgia. Master gardeners have helped people grow food to eat and plants that add beauty with hundreds of projects each year. Pictured is Jim Hinkle and members of the North Fulton Master Gardeners helping the Atlanta Mission establish a vegetable garden. (Special Photo: UGA-CAES)

where every day people would call up their Extension agent and say, Have you heard about this? We want it here. That's largely the way it started in Georgia.

## Peach State Master Gardeners

Requests for the program reached Georgia by 1979. That fall, UGA Extension offices in metro Atlanta offered the state's first training sessions for MGEVs Georgia's version of the national EMG designation. Becky Blades, among that first group of 140 trainees, recalled that the program had far fewer resources in those early years.

"The very first session, we had no textbooks," Blades said. "We had a 4-inch binder that we filled with handouts, notes and publications that pertained to class topics. Now they help you carpool to class. Everyone has a name badge and gets to know each other, and veteran MGEVs mentor the new ones coming in. It has improved a whole lot."

Volunteer retention increased as more resources and support became available and as

the program initiated long-term projects that stimulated involvement and ownership.

Collaborative projects also foster relationships and create positive change in volunteers communities. Blades, for example, volunteers at a local hospital and uses horticulture to promote patients rehabilitation and wellness.

## Virtual learning

Like Blades, Thomas Thompson is a Georgia MGEV whose initial training broke new ground. He started the program in early 2020, just as the pandemic began shaking up education across the board.

"We were one of the first virtual MGEV classes in Georgia at the beginning of COVID," Thompson said. "Except for some field trips that provided a little hands-on training, the class was 100 percent virtual. We were also a large cohort, with almost 50 participants."

While the virtual format lacked the in-person collaboration of physical class-

rooms, it allowed the program to thrive at a time when people were stuck at home and paying more attention to their landscaping.

"When people hunkered down during the pandemic, they became more aware of their outdoor spaces," said Thompson. "A lot of people considered gardening and said, 'Let me try it and see what happens.'"

After becoming an MGEV, Thompson continued using technology as a teaching tool. He helped develop an online workshop that taught formerly homeless veterans how to cultivate vegetables and eat healthier. Since then, he has led public "Gardening 101" workshops in a hybrid format through a local library.

## Super volunteers

Sheri Dorn calls MGEVs "super volunteers" because of the significant time they devote to learning and service. The initial training, equivalent to a semester-length course, now totals 50 hours. New MGEVs complete another 50 hours of volunteer work their first year.

In 2021, the 2,311 active MGEVs in Georgia logged 135,217 volunteer service hours — effectively adding 65 full-time Extension employees statewide and helping expand the programming delivered by UGA Extension. Half a century after its launch, the national EMG volunteer program now engages more than 86,000 active volunteers in 49 states plus Washington, D.C., collectively serving 5.6 million hours a year.

"It's a large commitment, but they typically serve for long periods of time and volunteer frequently throughout the year," Dorn said. "It's not unusual for individuals to serve hundreds or even thousands of hours per year, not just in Georgia but across the country. They're very dedicated people."

UGA Extension marked the 50th anniversary of the Master Gardeners program with a special online visual project at <https://discover.caes.uga.edu/master-gardeners-golden-jubilee/index.html>.

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## GEORGIA FLEX: New program connects student ideas and local business leaders

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His team members set up a display showing off his products and services on stage. He walked to the judges' table, offered each a sample of cooked peas, and then started his presentation. He explained the work he does each day on his business and some pitfalls he experienced along the way.

After delivering his pitch, Connor said his FLEX advisors helped him immensely by providing advice. One suggestion made Paulk look at his existing customer base to determine how to tailor his marketing to attract a wider audience.

"What's really helped me, being in FLEX, is the learning curve and having that knowledge of business before everybody else — what they have to offer and learned later in life," Paulk said. "They also helped me drum up business and get my name and business out there."

Mykayla Whitehead, a senior at W.S. Hutchings College and Career Academy in Macon, placed second with her business, Brittinque...Be Unique, a business specializing in organic beauty products and candles. Whitehead explained she had acne in middle school but was sensitive to retail products. She researched natural ingredients, learned to make soap and skin care products, and soon started selling

them online and at local markets.

Whitehead said her biggest takeaway from the FLEX program was building up her confidence. She mentioned on stage at the finals that she was nervous and joked about it before going into her presentation.

"During our meetings, they taught me a lot and built up my communication skills. The mentors taught me how to budget and a lot about customer service," Whitehead said.

Ava Dunlap, a sophomore at Jones County High School in Gray, garnered third place with Ava Kate's Confections, a bakery business. Her business is driven in part by her love of baking. Dunlap talked about how she learned a lot by baking with her grandmother, who kept her after school. "She was always, 'let's try this, let's try this ... I think this will be good.' Any time we could, we were baking."

Dunlap said she was overwhelmed by the support from her teachers and business people as she went through the FLEX program.

"People will have your back; even when you don't think so, people will always be standing there behind you," Dunlap said. "I thought going into FLEX that I would be by myself, but my community stood around me and supported me."

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enter into 10 school systems next year, double the number of schools participating this year.

"We know the impact of having mentors and people invest in these students, believing in them and telling them that they can do this and that this is possible. We see the impact that it has, and we are so excited to start that this year. None of those things would be possible without partnerships and support," Dark told the audience.

Chris Clark, president and CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, also served as a judge at the FLEX finals and offered the state chamber's support of Georgia Grown FLEX.

"It's an awesome opportunity in the partnerships that we have with our chambers of commerce throughout the state in building these new opportunities — building Georgia Grown opportunities," Clark said, "because all of these young men and women are Georgia grown. These are Georgia-grown businesses, these are Georgia-grown kids, and these are Georgia-grown opportunities we see."

To learn more about Georgia Grown FLEX, go to <https://georgiagrown.org/>.

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