

## State leaders laud GDA contributions to agriculture at 150th anniversary event

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ATLANTA—Hundreds gathered inside the Georgia State Capitol last month to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, reflecting on the past and looking to the future for the state's No. 1 economic sector.

Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper hosted the event and noted that the department's mission has evolved since 1874, with the one constant being to serve Georgia farmers and consumers. "Today is an awesome opportunity. We are here not only to celebrate the department's 150 years of service to the people of this state but also to celebrate the vital role agriculture has played and continues to play in the success of our state," he said.

In his remarks, Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp said the department's importance to the state has never been higher. "Today, we need this constitutional department to fulfill its modern mission more than ever, including in the security and safety of our food



Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper poses for photos during reception on Feb. 28 in the Georgia State Capitol, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Georgia Department of Agriculture. (GDA/Nick Vassy)

supply, serving our farmers and promoting Georgia's agriculture, among its many continuing responsibilities the department is tasked with," Kemp said.

The GDA was created in 1874, but Harper noted that agriculture has played a significant role in Georgia since the state was founded as a colony in 1733.

"The story of agriculture in our state is written in tradition and history, and it's a story worth telling that I see every single day," Harper said. "When General Oglethorpe came to Georgia in 1733, along with family farmers who came with him, they played a critical role in providing the food, fiber, and shelter the colonists needed in our state to survive."

Cotton and tobacco became the major crops grown in Georgia between the American Revolution in 1776 and the first half of the 19th century. By 1860, Georgia had over 68,000 farms. Harper explained that the GDA arrived when soil health and seed germination were a major concern as the agricultural section

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## GDA Law Enforcement Division help in massive pot bust in Pierce County



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The Georgia Department of Agriculture Law Enforcement Division assisted the Pierce County Sheriff's Office in arresting four people identified as Chinese nationals and seizing over 11,000 marijuana plants with an estimated value of \$22.35 million.

Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler

Officers found a large and sophisticated marijuana growing operation in rural Pierce County in south Georgia after executing a search warrant on Feb. 23, where they arrested a woman and three men described as Chinese nationals. The Georgia Department of Agriculture's Law Enforcement Division assisted in the investigation, which resulted in the seizure of 11,153 marijuana plants. (GDA/Special Photo)

Harper and Pierce County Sheriff Ramsey Bennett announced the arrests during a press conference in Atlanta on Feb. 27. The marijuana seizure was the largest in the county's history.

The arrests and drug seizure took place on Feb. 23 at a commercial building located in a rural part of the county near Blackshear and followed a four-week investigation. Bennett said the people there told his department they were operating a food processing plant for fish products. However, Bennett said PCSO investigators determined illegal activity was occurring at the location and called the GDA, the regulatory agency of food processing facilities for assistance.

The investigation resulted in the arrest of a woman, Chehui Shu of New York City, and three men: Zhu Sheng Bing, also of New

York City; and Jinpeng Ma and Wei Sheng Deng, both of Offerman. Their ages were not released.

Deng was determined to have allegedly entered the United States illegally and was being held for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Bennett said the other three were in the U.S. legally.

All four were held in the Pierce County Jail without bond. They were each charged with felony possession of marijuana and felony manufacturing of marijuana. "As soon as we get the product dried and weighed, we will process with the appropriate charges of trafficking," Bennett said.

Harper praised the cooperation between the GDA and the sheriff's office in this

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## Coming soon to a store near you

Agriculture commissioner, onion committee set April 17 as Vidalia pack date

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The Georgia Department of Agriculture and the Vidalia Onion Committee have set April 17 as the 2024 sweet onion season pack date. A rite of spring for its legion of devotees, the pack date means shoppers will soon be able to purchase Vidalia onions, which are only available for a limited time each year.

Vidalia onions are available each year between April and early September. The Vidalia Onion Committee and Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper determine the date each year. Soil and weather conditions in south Georgia are considered when selecting the date, helping ensure only the highest-quality onions end up on consumers' plates.

"Georgia-grown Vidalia onions are recognized around the globe for their iconic, sweet flavor that is treasured by culinary leaders and home chefs alike. This is an exciting time for Georgia farmers and consumers as we look forward to enjoying the sweet onion again!" Harper said in



Vidalia onions rolling into a packing house on a farm. Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper and the Vidalia Onion Committee set April 17 as the pack date for Vidalia onions. About 11,000 acres of Vidalia onions were planted in 20 South Georgia counties for the 2024 season. (GDA/Jay Jones)

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1968 Ford gas tractor, runs well, owners manual: \$2800. Text msg. Jim **Cartersville** 770-546-6673

1974 Farmall Cub tractor. Planters, cultivators and several other pieces of equipment. No calls after 9PM. Larry Cook **Marietta** 770-428-4301

1975 John Deere 4430 cab and A/C snap-on duals, 2WD. Very good condition. 5600 hours, second owner: \$24,000. Tony Edge **Glenwood** 912-497-7160

1976 International 364 gas tractor. 5ft rotary mower, both in good condition: \$3500 Cliff Layson **Haddock** 478-221-2257

1998 John Deere 6400 2WD deluxe cab, loader & power quad transmission, 9130hrs, always running, brakes just replaced, hay tractor, excellent: \$29,500. Jack Jenkins **Athens** 706-286-4438

2 Gravelly walking tractors, 1 running with issues, 1 not. With implements: (2) 30inch mowers, cultivator, rotary plow, sawblade, dump cart, scoop, seat: \$450 for everything. Jeff Wilson **Griffin** 770-837-8910

2015 John Deere 5085E with H240 loader. Excellent condition with 930 engine hours: \$46,000 OBO. Marietta Radiator Services. Roy Kemp **Marietta** 770-428-7120



2019 JD 5065, 4WD, front-end loader, cab & air, 800hrs: \$40,000; 2023 JD 450E 4x5 baler, only baled 130 bales, net/string wrap: \$31,000. David Pettit **White Plains** 706-614-3913

2020 Ditch Witch trencher, 4WD, 6-way blade, excellent part-time income: \$6850. Clayton Brown **Fort Valley** 478-391-7556

2021 John Deere 5055E cab, with 116 hours, 2WD, 12-speed. Transmission, loader ready, heat and air, new condition, warranty: \$31,000. Larry Maney **Baldwin** 706-244-4348

2021 Kubota M-6111, 4WD, LA1955 loader, 175 hours, perfect condition: \$74,000. Gary Campbell **Royston** 706-391-7733

2210 Yanmar tractor for sale with 4-foot finishing mower: \$4800. John Jones **Barnesville** 678-603-8920

2240 John Deere tractor, needs minor repair: \$2800. C.E. Meers **Silver Creek** 678-591-4004

2910 Ford Tractor (1985), 45HP, diesel, 3-cylinder, 8speed, PS, 2WD: \$9,250. Brenda Brown **Fort Valley** 478-954-1283

3 Farmall tractors, running when parked – 1 Cub: \$1500; 1 Super A: \$2000; 1 Super C: \$1500; or all 3: \$4000. C B Bailey **Marietta** 404-310-9605

4030 John Deere w/quad range transmission, has top, runs good: \$8000. Jimmy Mixon **Lyons** 912-347-1552

4040 John Deere 6,000hrs. Rebuilt injection pump, moon walk 6-ton spreader, new hydraulic lines, new tires, rod and bearings on back. Ready to work. William **Carnesville** 678-614-3569

5065E John Deere, 2014, 4WD, H240 loader, good condition. 6ft Bushhog mower (new blades), canopy, new front tires, owner's manual, serviced, clean, shelter kept. 1747hrs: \$39,900. Steve Newman **Ellaville** 229-891-6136

600 Ford tractor, gas, for parts, bad motor: \$1000. W.C. Quarles **Dawsonville** 706-344-7595

AC Model B w/5ft belly mower, has rebuilt engine; have other Model B; also good running Model B engine. Can hear run. Mack Shaw **Waycross** 912-283-7150

Bush Hog 2845QT loader with quick attach bucket and remote hydraulics. Very good condition: \$3200 cash. Chad Green **Ideal** 770-823-2001

Farmall Super A, excellent condition, runs good, everything works. Tractor only, no equipment: \$3000. Alma Tony 912-282-0446, Ridge 912-387-1219

Farmtrac 45 diesel with only 1045hrs, 2WD w/power steering, in great condition w/many new parts & paint: \$8500 OBO. Field ready, photos available. Harold Page **Columbus** 706-681-6781

For sale 1989 Ford 8000 tractor: \$8,000. Robert Buchanan **Plains** 229-591-0997

Ford 3930, 51HP, 3100hrs. Ford loader bucket shuttle shift, 2WD, rear tires 90%, canopy. Everything works as it should: \$9500 cash firm. Chad Green **Ideal** 770-823-2001

Ford 6610, 2WD, 82HP, rear remotes, 2600hrs. Good tires, very nice, strong running tractor. Field ready: \$14,500 firm. Chad Green **Ideal** 770-823-2001

Int. Cub tractor, red color w/cult. & etc., almost new tires, very good condition. Tommy Walker **Rockmart** 678-684-9770

JD 6120E MFWD cab, air w/H310 loader, 713hrs: \$79,500. Darrell Williams **Swainsboro** 478-494-3237

JD tractors, balers, combines, 6-row planter, hooded sprayer, NH 1069 diesel bale wagon, KMC 6-row strip till and shank subsoil. Walker sprayer. T. Guevara **Fort Valley** 478-957-0487

John Deere Model 40-S and Deutz Model DS-20-D-3H tractors. Both sheltered but have not run for years. Will sell individually or as a pair. No trades. Russell Dasher **Acworth** 770-235-7799

Kubota BX2380 tractor/bush hog/loader, 45hrs, Quick-Hitch: \$15,000. Cochran **Mountain Rest, SC** 678-925-0913

Kubota L2501HST, bush hog, 60in, front end loader, 5ft box blade, sun canopy installed, 330hrs, always in garage. Used for light farm work only: \$16,000. Les Rager **Atlanta** 404-355-6770

Kubota M6S-111 4WD loader w/third function hydraulic, hay spear, pallet forks, heavy duty grapple rake, 1790hrs, major service just performed, excellent: \$67,500. Jack Jenkins **Athens** 706-286-4438

L2800 4WD Kubota with Kubota front-end loader. Also includes a 5ft bushhog. Barn kept, 275 hours: \$17,000. Craig Wilcox **Dallas** 678-410-9191

Long 460, 752hrs, 2WD, one remote, very good condition, always sheltered: \$5500. Can send pictures. Chris Newman **Canton** 770-883-5952



Massey Ferguson 135, early 60s, w/power steering, needs work: \$3000 as is. Michael Johnson **Lake City** 404-408-4052

Massey Ferguson 240, runs great and in good condition, no issues: \$5900. Tee **Eaton** 478-952-1552



New Holland 2020 working master 75HP. Like new, only 740hrs. Comes with a bucket, forks, and a spear. Everything works nice clean tractor: \$49,000. Etta Lee **DuPont** 229-585-0581 or 229-560-9070

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2008 Viccon cutter - this is wheeled, 10ft wide, works great, well maintained, have manuals and parts list, additional replacement blades. Price reduced: \$3500. Pabst **Hartwell** 404-217-8471

6-foot King Kutter rotary mower, good condition. Text please. Bobby Battles **Talbot** 478-235-0430

8ft Heavy duty Tennessee River Implements, rotary cutter, lightly used, HD gearbox: \$4500. Call for details. James Brown **Ty Ty** 229-272-2653

Bush Hog brand 5ft cutter with slip clutch. Used very little, always sheltered, new blades: \$1500. Doug Askew **Greensboro** 706-347-1610

BushHog Squealer SQ148-10 48inch rotary cutter. Weight: 475lbs. Cutting height: 2-12 inches, 3pt hitch, Cat 1&QH. Recently serviced, blade sharpened. Stored indoors, good condition: \$800. Paul Steffen **Waleska** 678-665-3389

John Deere 60D drive over mid mount mower deck. Year 2016 model. Less than 92 hours of use by one owner: \$2100. David Caudell **Roswell** 678-772-1945

Razorback bushhog, 5ft rotary cutter, good condition: \$1150. Please leave message. Hugh Mobley **Social Circle** 678-851-7180

Rotary cutter 15-foot bat wing Kubota RC 3715. Medium duty, cuts up to 21/2 inch diameter trees. 2 years old used less than 20 hours. Excellent condition. Jack Jenkins **Athens** 706-286-4438

**PLANTING AND TILLAGE**

20 disc harrow, discs 20in, Ford brand: \$600; 9 point chisel plow "International": \$550; dirt pan: \$250. Alan Atwood **Alto** 770-654-6371

2022 Unverferth model 332 6-row ripper stripper: \$25,000 and 2019 Unverferth Model 332 12-row ripper stripper: \$35,000. Paul Harrell **Cairo** 229-377-4020

4-foot tiller for sale. Needs at minimum 30HP tractor: \$300 cash, firm. William Kimsey **Loganville** 470-664-9694

4-row cultivator w/all ft: \$500; antique rolling stalk cutter: \$500. William Collins **Lyons** 912-526-1270

6-row 38in JD 1720 air planter: \$6000. Jimmy Mixon **Lyons** 912-347-1552

Case IH 335 vertical till, 31ft., disk 17.5inch: \$50,000. John Deere 726 mulch finisher, 24.9ft: \$21,000; Krause 4118 field cultivator, 21ft: \$4,750. Paul Harrell **Cairo** 229-377-4020

Collari food plot planter, 6ft one-pass till, plant-pack. New: \$7600. Charles Mathis **Jefferson** 404-317-6173

Farming equipment for sale. Marvin McWilliams **Marietta** 770-427-6848

Frontier tiller RT1165. Very good condition, original owner, works great. The tiller has been stored in barn: \$2700. Joshua N. **Marietta** 404-644-1878

Great Plains solid stand 7ft grain drill in good shape ready to plant: \$16,000. Charles Mathis **Jefferson** 404-317-6173

Hoss planter-seeder, row marker, seed plates: \$200. Troy-bilt 6HP rear-tine tiller and Troy-bilt 8HP chipper-shredder: \$200 each, both needs work; Small propane-fired Forge for knife making: \$50. William Houston **Macon** 478-319-5152

JD 8300 drill, sheltered, 14ft w/small seed box: \$4500; JD 1630 cutting harrow, new hyd. hoses, little disc wear: \$7250. Aubrey Nelson **Milledgeville** 478-457-5951

Keulavator Frame w/2 cultivator long shanks w/plates plus 2 LH 4-gang rolling cultivator assembly, plus 2 RH 4-gang rolling cultivator assembly, like new: \$700. Frank **Hahira** 229-686-4896

KMC 6-row strip till; K2 150-gal saddle tanks w/brackets; JD 23ft harrow; JD 7100 6-row notill planters; 2200, 3000gal storage tanks. Text. John Payne **Allentown** 478-230-5372

KMC 9-shank ripper roller shear bolt like new condition. Leslie Jones **Jacksonville** 229-860-1277

Little Beaver towable hydraulic auger, 3-position handle rotates 180degrees. Auger tilt 20degrees. Accepts 36inch and 42ft auger lengths, 11HP Honda engine: \$3200. Bryan Hancock **Lawrenceville** 770-931-4077

Taylor Way harrow, 8 20in discs, 6ft wide, model 200000, serial #22258, heavy duty: \$500. Made in Athens TN. Lynn **Fayetteville** 770-653-1852

**GRADERS AND BLADES**

Roll over box scrape with scarafying teeth by Land Pride 7ft wide: \$1500. Allan Brittan **Jackson** 404-328-5756 abrittain47@gmail.com

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Case IH 2208 30 8 row corn head and Horst header trailer. Serial # HAJ0018509: \$16,000. Franklin Dyck **Stapleton** 706-832-6877 fkdyc@gmail.com for pics

Cotton trailers, 8x40: \$3500 each; John Deere 10-bolt dual wheel hubs: \$800. Paul Harrell **Cairo** 229-377-4020

JD 4400 combine, good condition, sheltered, dual tires, needs a motor. Has three headers – corn, soybean, row crop. Jimmy Mallard **Portal** 912-687-4929

John Deere 630 harrow, 32ft: \$7000; 2012 KMC Inverter, 4-row, 36-38inch, 1000 PTO: \$5500. Crustbuster Boll Buggy, 16 Ft, Vane Packer, 4 tires: \$750. Paul Harrell **Cairo** 229-377-4020

John Deere 6620 grain combine, fixed minor issues, ready to harvest now, engine & machine run good: \$9500. Billy **Warwick** 229-406-0170

Peerless 28ft drying trailer, \$3500; Parker 528 bushel gravity flow wagon: \$8500; Miller-Yoder 1 horse surry buggy: \$1750; (3) 160 bushel gravity flow wagons: \$1700-\$1900. Paul Harrell **Cairo** 229-377-4020

**HAY AND FORAGE**

2020 Vermeer 7050 cutter with 9'x4" cut mounted to a KMC 4755 caddy: \$9500. If no answer, leave a message. Jeff Hobby **Sylvester** 229-798-7140

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570 New Holland baler, Hoelscher 10 bale accumulator, 10-bale Hoelscher grabber, 57 NH hay rake, Greenland Fanex 500 tedder: All for \$24,900 OBO. Coy T Nash **Monroe** 770-815-9871



Following items for sale: bailer, cutter, tedder and hay rake: \$8500. Yasi **Atlanta** 678-691-5366

Hay spear, 48inch. Brand new, never used: \$40. Charles Mathis **Jefferson** 404-317-6173

JD 375 round baler, 5x4, great condition; 3pt hitch JD hay rake, tedder & more; 4spd trans. for 3cyl 1969 to early 70s Ford. Call for details. Marvin **Pendergrass** 770-533-2887

JD 469 mega wide baler, 10,987 bale count: \$27,500. Darrell Williams **Swainsboro** 478-494-3237

JD467 round baler, mega wide P/U, monitor reads 2514 bales: \$23,000; JD275 disc mower: \$9000. Jarrell Cagle **Rome** 706-676-8376.

Kuhn GF 5202 THA gyro tedder \$10,000; Kubota TE 4052T hay tedder, purchased new 2022; \$10,000. Dennis Oliver **Macon** 478-972-2385



Kuhn vb3185 baler, bales dry hay or silage. I bought new in 2019. Around 17000 bales. Comes with monitor: \$15,250. Weston **Waynesboro** 478-299-8690

New Holland 1033 stack wagon, good paint, good tires, works well: \$6,500; Lely rotary rake: \$2,500; square bale elevator: \$800. Andy Shank **Metter** 912-682-9644

New Holland round hay baler, net wrap BR750, well maintained, good condition: \$9500. Photos available. Mark Crosby **Wrightsville** 478-455-2981

**SPRAYERS AND SPREADERS**

21-foot boom, pull behind sprayer, 275-gallon capacity tank: \$900 Will text pictures. Randy Lowe **Roberta** 478-837-6018

250-gallon PTO, 3pt hitch Big John sprayer, 5-nozzle, sprays 55-60ft. Great for small pecan orchards: \$4200. Melvin Paulk **Sylvester** 229-776-5411

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John Deere 6000, 60ft boom, field-ready, 325gal poly tank: \$12,500. Ronnie Hardigree **Athens** 706-224-3583

Savage 528 air blast pecan sprayer. New tires 2022, used on 15ac grove. Always sheltered/maintained: \$4800. Jack Ewel **Alachua, FL** 352-682-2111 jackewel@cox.net

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5ft bushhog, 18ft hay elevator, Bronco model C-300 fertilizer spreader, 50-gallon Fimco sprayer. B. Roberts **Canton** 678-462-3132

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- Equine
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- Barn Cats
- Rabbits
- Poultry/Fowl
- Poultry/Fowl Requiring Permit or License
- Non-Traditional Livestock

## Animal Supplies

- Cattle Supplies
- Swine Supplies
- Goat Supplies

- Sheep Supplies
- Tack and Supplies
- Dog Supplies
- Rabbit Supplies
- Poultry Supplies

## Miscellaneous

- Bees, Honey and Supplies
- Aquaculture and Supplies
- Feed, Hay and Grain
- Mulch and Fertilizers
- Poultry Litter/Compost
- Plants, Trees and Flowers
- Hemp
- Herbs
- Seeds
- Timber
- Firewood
- Farmers Markets
- Pick Your Own
- Things to Eat
- Oddities
- Handicrafts and Supplies

- Farm Antiques
- Canning Supplies
- Other
- Christmas Trees

## Real Estate

- Farmland for Sale
- Farmland Rent/Lease
- Garden Space Rent/Lease

## Services

- Stud Services
- Boarding Facilities
- Farm Services

## Employment

- Farm Help Needed
- Seeking Farm Employment

## Wanted

- Items wanted in all categories will be advertised here.

## OTHER MACHINERY AND IMPLEMENTS

Blower, PTO-driven, 3pt hitch, great for pecan orchards: \$1700; mower Bush Hog ATH 900, cuts 90in: \$1100. Melvin Paulk **Sylvester** 229-776-5411

Ford 14in 2-bottom turning plow, spring tripped; 6ft HD box blade; 6ft, like new, rock rake; large dirt scoop; large dirt harrow; nice large fertilizer spreader. Darwin Blansit **Trion** 706-238-0465



Grass Works Weed Wiper (used once) 30ft flex w/10ft back center, 40gal main tank, large foam marker. Was \$26,100 new: \$22,000 OBO. Leave contact information for callback. Bob **Valdosta** [jstout@stoutsheffield.com](mailto:jstout@stoutsheffield.com)

Miscellaneous plows. One turning plow, three disc harrows, one cultivator. None are 3-pt hitch. Asking \$150 for all. Calvin Lee **Cartersville** 770-655-1856

Various HP electric motors, single phase and 3 phase. Call for pricing and more info. Please leave message if no answer. Frank **Garrett** **Gainesville** 770-887-1970

## HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Please specify if equipment is in running condition or not.

## FORESTRY AND LOGGING EQUIPMENT

Band sawmill 16-foot cut length. New predator engine: \$6500. David **Chambless** **Dawson** 229-894-1561

LT15 Wood-Mizer sawmill, excellent condition, mid-range mill, 3 section, 19hp cuts, 26in log, 17ft 8in. Hobby use/special cuts: \$9,800. Leave message. Grady **McDonough** 404-771-9525

Stihl 036 chainsaw 20in bar: \$550; also Stihl chainsaw, run but will not accelerate: \$100. Byron Irvin **Gainesville** 678-943-9910

## CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

2018 Deere 210G LC excavator, 3505hrs, 50%UC 40inch bucket, pin on thumb: \$142,000; 2017 Wacker Neuson ET90 excavator, 2042hrs, 75%UC, 18inch bucket, third function: \$52,500. Paul Harrell **Cairo** 229-377-4020

Caterpillar 951B, runs great, looks good, under carriage 60%. Farm machine since new, hydraulics good, new batteries: \$12,500. Jack Pierce **Forsyth** 706-473-6210

Fore sale – 1984-85 931C Caterpillar. Needs new engine & left track coil. Engine model 3204 PC. Arrangement 4N169. Plenty of working parts: \$7000. Lisa Simmons **Conyers** 770-605-6107

Late 90s Huber maintainer motor grader, runs and operates. 320 hours, perfect for driveways and parking lots. 4-cylinder diesel: \$12,500. Shane Brady **Dallas** 770-871-0693

Skidsteer - 2015 Bobcat T590. Works well, good engine, hydraulics, bucket w/good teeth, good tracks, BICS has manual bypass installed, 2530hrs: \$25,000. Text only. Clay Chastain **Cartersville** 770-826-4562

Termite backhoe with 12 inch bucket, works good: \$2200. James Sullivan **Vidalia** 912-537-4944

Two 10inch table saws, dust collector, shapers. Call for pricing and more info. Please leave a message if no answer. Frank **Garrett** **Gainesville** 770-887-1970

## TRAILERS

## LIVESTOCK HANDLING AND HAULING

1990 Chaparral 3-horse slant, gooseneck, weekender package, rear tack, steel, 10,400 lbs, 27ft, 76inch inside height, Roof A/C needs work: \$5000 negotiable. Call/text. MJ Conner **Stockbridge** 770-241-2607

20ft Aluminum stock trailer, center dividing; 351 NH feed mill; 7ft landscape rake. No text. Joe Shurley **Warrenton** 706-799-1553

## EQUIPMENT TRAILERS AND CARTS

5x10 utility trailer. Good wood floor, 14inch tires, fair condition: \$375. Sam Riddle **Hogansville** 706-637-6034

6ft wide, 14ft long trailer, dual axle w/mounted loading ramps, 3-ton: \$1050 OBO. Casey **Adairsville** 770-548-8473

7.5ft X 20ft metal floor, 2 7,000lb axles, 16in tires, 8-lug, pintle hitch, heavy duty trailer: \$2100. Melvin Paulk **Sylvester** 229-776-5411

All types and size of trailers for sale. Real reasonable. New and used. Lorene Durden **Monticello** 706-468-1834

Dual axle utility trailer with brakes, 5x10 bed with ramp, side rails: \$2500. Call. Alfredson **Canton** 770-313-0369

Small trailer for sale, much work; also Snapper small lawn mower, parts new. Connie Powell **Monticello** 762-290-4095



Down to Earth 834 gooseneck deckover equipment trailer, (2) 7000# axles, 34ft long, 2022 model, like new, only used 3-4 times, no longer needed, asking: \$11,000. Jerome Woodham **Dawson** 229-894-4727

## CROP TRAILERS, AND CARTS

Gooseneck hay trailer, 6 bales, low boy, very little use: \$2000. Mitchell **Cochran** 478-308-8928

## VEHICLES

Please specify if vehicles are in running condition.

## TRUCKS

1996 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4, 1 owner, 162k miles, loaded: \$4,990. Steve Moore **Carrollton** 404-374-3322

1999 Dodge Ram 2500 for parts – engine, trans, fenders, bumpers, hood, seats, windshield & (4) new tires on wheels; also Kubota L225 w/some implements: \$1800. Call for details. Larry **Covington** 770-235-3082

2003 Ford F-450 XLT 2WD 5speed manual transmission. Flatbed, 6.0 bullet proofed, 126,000 miles, excellent condition. James Martin **Waynesboro** 706-554-2480

Chevrolet Silverado 2001 short bed, V-8, engine, automatic, runs good, almost new tires, towing package: \$4800. Wallace **Winder** 770-867-7140

Duce and a half (2 1/2 ton) truck 1972, mileage 23,000. Runs, and drives, comes with a matching trailer. \$6,000. TJ Allums **Lithia Springs** 678-709-4060

School bus 2007 International, diesel, auto trans, full size (approx. 40 feet long) runs, and drives good, 150,000 miles: \$6000. TJ Allums **Lithia Springs** 678-709-4060

## TRUCK ACCESSORIES AND PARTS

Cross bed truck box, diamond plate aluminum, picture available: \$125. Excellent condition. Jerry Cooper **Kingston** 770-624-4383

Hard tri-fold tonneau cover, fits Chevy/GMC 6ft bed, great condition; pair of swing case SD100D truck storage boxes, fits Chevy/GMC. Call for pricing, photos available. William Coleman **Monticello** 410-830-9799

## UTVs/ATVs

1974 Harley Davidson Sportster. 22k, 1000cc Iron Head, new tires, front brake pads, new alternator, new battery, LED lighting. Bike runs and rides fine: \$3500 OBO. Mike Hamm **Warner Robins** 478-538-2904

## LAWN AND GARDEN

Please specify if machinery is in running condition or not.

## GARDEN TRACTORS

Bob Cat lawn mower, model #Z7 2000, year model 2023. Daniel Swartzentruber **Montezuma** 478-397-3542

John Deere F725 riding lawn mower, 1170 hrs, 54inch deck, shelter kept, one owner: \$2500. Jackie Fraser **Fayetteville** 770-632-8947

John Deere Z930M 60inch, 25.5HP. Zero turn mower. Commercial grade with Michelin Tweek Tires: \$9800. Charles Mathis **Jefferson** 404-317-6173

Snapper 30-inch cut rear engine mower. Very good condition. New tires, battery, seat, recently serviced. Sheltered and well taken care of: \$400. Larry Stewart **Danielsville** 706-789-3771

## LANDSCAPE TOOLS AND MATERIALS

100+ mulch 4x5 round bales for sale. Weighs approximately 900lbs. Net-wrapped: \$30 per bale, 10 bale minimum. Will load on trailer at no additional charge. Phillip Bridges **Lexington** 706-255-8494

2023 Zinnia seeds. 1/2 cup, large and small blooms. Multi colors. Free shipping. \$5 cash to Vickie Robinson, 416 Parks Mill Rd., **Auburn**, Ga 30011 or text 770-680-1895

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Fresh pine straw installed. 20+ years experience: \$4.75-\$5.75/bale, no additional fees, (50) bale minimum. American owned/operated. Serves north metro Atlanta and surrounding areas. Gloria Williamson **Atlanta** ysrv@hotmail.com 770-912-6671

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

John Deere 10P dump cart. Very good condition: \$165. Also, Agri-Fab 45-inch plug aerator. Very good condition: \$165. James Harber **Hawessee** 706-896-2445

Plastic nursery pots, most all sizes. Charles Parrish **Vidalia** 912-583-2537

Snapper grass catcher-bagger parts, several used pieces, some new parts. JC Mullins **Holly Springs** 770-595-4987

Troy-Bilt chipper shredder leaf vac, self propelled, great condition: \$300. David Patton **Williamson** 770-228-4415

**FARM SUPPLIES**

**TOOLS AND HARDWARE**

Columbian machinist vise, model 505.5 in jaws. 8inch jaw opening. Stationary base: \$400 firm. Can pick up in Marietta or Rome. Al Jett **Marietta** 678-200-5825

For sale – Sears Craftsman 10in, 2.5hp radial arm saw: \$150, firm. Must take delivery in Roswell. Text if interested. Philip Hasty **Roswell** 770-833-8138

Milwaukee starter kit, M18/12 charger, XC 5.0 battery & CP 2.0 battery, Model 48-59-1852, brand new in unopened box: \$180. Paul Perdue **Evans** 706-863-3518

Phase converter 240v 1ph-240v 3ph 20hp total: \$650; Foley Belsaw planer 12inch 5HP: \$500; Craftsman 10inch radial arm saw w/stand: \$150. Jimmy Johnson **Sylvania** 912-682-6768

Tippmann propane post pounder, never used: \$1500; Earthquake hand held power auger, new in box: \$250; used Earthquake: \$190; plastic 50-gal barrels w/lids: \$20. Smith **Blairsville** 727-457-3843

**GENERATORS AND COMPRESSORS**

Champion generator, model 9375. 7500 watts, dual fuel electric start. Used one day. Covered, always gargared. Manual and 100lbs tank: \$850. Ron Wolfe **Albany** 229-291-4207

Winco 25KW PTO drive, mounted for 3pt hitch, Midwest 400 amp, manual transfer switch: \$1200. Ray Waters **Ball Ground** 770-479-5165

**BUILDINGS AND MATERIALS**

400-500 bricks, 2 5/8 X 7 5/8, red & black. Terry Mikle **Snelville** 770-979-8981

EMT conduit, EMT fittings, hangers, all thread. Can send pictures: \$350. Leave message. Brown Scott **Lizella** 478-365-5679

Modular classroom trailer, 14ft wide X 43ft long. Use for office, storage, dwelling. Complete AC & heat, new carpet, no roof leaks: \$9700. Call. William Solomon **Brooks** 678-723-9265

Plastic pallets - black, large heavy duty, over-sized, 43.5in (W) x 55in (L) x 6in (H). Good condition, durable: \$19/ea. Alexander **Brooks** 678-723-9265

Solid and steel mesh pallet baskets, solid size: 52x50x15; mesh size: 42x46x24: \$50 each. Different sizes on the mesh baskets. Michael Driver **Americus** 229-815-5596

Timber bamboo up to 6inch x 60ft. Japanese Madiki. edible shoots. Great for fencing, building, arts and crafts. Poles and roots. Quantity determines price. Mike Tackett **Braselton** 706-605-0211

**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, finished, kiln-dried, air-dried or green. Pine, red/white oak, poplar, cherry, black walnut, slabs available for counter tops. Can cut up to 24ft. AA Farms **Hartwell** 706-376-8968

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**POSTS AND FENCING**

275ft chain link fence w/hardware & gate: \$700. David Blasczyk **Dallas** 770-445-5646

New roll barb wire-heavy duty, 90 plus rods never installed. Royce Brooks **Acworth** 770-378-2564

Rusty roll of chain-link fence. 75ft in length. Free for you to load and haul. Darl Arbogast **Silver Creek** 423-625-1194

Roll of barbed wire: \$75; ten 6ft, nine 6.5ft T-posts with clips: \$6/each; 1 roll half-inch 19-gauge 24x50: \$45; used 12ft tubular gates, 3-loft gates: \$65/each. Willie Coggins **Flowery Branch** 770-500-9318

**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**

(1) SimAngus bull, born Feb, 2023; (2) Black Baldy bulls, born June, 2023. Contact for prices. Can text pics. Scott Price **Grantville** 404-326-6189

(5) Hereford heifers, 10/11mo, average 675lbs, vaccinated, grass based herd: \$1200/ea; (1) black Angus bull, Wye lineage. Call for details. A. Stober **Carrollton** 770-854-4258

(50) yearling Hereford bulls; (30) yearling Bradford bulls. Jonny Harris **Odum** 912-294-2470

1st calf heifers w/bull calves. Both heifers out of reg'd cows. Simangus, 1250lbs 2y/o & Angus 1125lbs 2y/o. Bull calves AI sired by Hometown, born Jan 25th. Frederick **Stone Mountain** 678-523-2456

2 reg'd black Angus bulls for sale, 2y/o w/shots, low birth weight, EPDs available. James Miller, 1499 Unadilla HWY, **Hawkinsville** 478-892-2839 478-955-0224

2 year old registered polled Hereford bulls for sale. Will make somebody a good heifer bull. Semen and registration papers on hand. McKennon Strickland **Athens** 706-201-5572

20 Registered Charolais replacement heifers for sale: \$1750 each or \$1500 each for groups of five or more. Franklin Dowell **Cartersville** 678-520-0026

2y/o registered Angus bulls for sale. Ready for service: \$2800/ea. Pachitla Creek Farm, Matt Masters **Albany** 229-881-1213

4 commercial Angus heifers. 1 year old. 2 year old black Angus bull. All farm raised. Vaccinated and gentle. D. Purther **Ellijay** 530-263-3638

4y/o reg'd Angus bull, gentle. Call for more info. Mark West **Collins** 912-816-7992

Charolais bulls 17 months old. Calving ease performance, quiet disposition. Ready for service. Scott Carey **Madison** 706-474-0738

Cow pairs (heifer & calf): \$1800; heifers: \$1400; bulls, 2-3y/o: \$2500; 3-4y/o: \$2800. Farm-raised, vaccinated, good health. Jorge Caycay **Hazlehurst** 912-253-1247

Line one Hereford bulls for sale. 16 months to 3yrs old. Jim Drake **Starr, SC** 864-933-2790

LowLine Angus bull for sale. Seven-eighths LowLine, one-eighth Angus: \$2000. Beverly Johnson **Millen** 478-494-7363

Mid-mini Jersey bull, 4y/o, proven breeder, healthy, easy keeper, great disposition: \$750. Perfect homestead bull. Peggy **Fort Valley** 478-335-6736

Red Angus heifers out of registered herd, 15 months old. Ready to breed. Average weight 874 lbs. Michael Smith **Newnan** 770-301-1945

Reg'd Beefmaster bulls black and polled: \$1800 and up. I have been breeding black Beefmaster bulls for 15yrs. Larry Bowen **Woodland, AL** 770-826-2512

Reg'd black Angus bulls, 16-30m/o, AI sired by Enhance, Fireball, Veracious; DNA/BSE tested, Top 10% C.E., Top 4% WW; Top 1% Marb/R.E.; bred heifers & cows. Ken McMichael **Monticello** 706-819-9295

Reg'd black Angus heifers, 14-16m/o; also, cow-calf pairs available. Can Deliver. Call/text for info. Sam Cloud **Canton** 678-294-4475

Reg'd PB Simmental bull. BWF, 15 months old. Easy calving, Passed BSE, API=181. Jessie Driggers **Glennville** 912-237-0608

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 polled Hereford bulls. Good bloodlines, excellent EPDs. Several to choose from 16 months to 2 1/2 years old. Prices start at: \$2500. Andy Hames **Trion** 706-639-6044

Reg'd red Angus heifers and bulls, breeding age, good EPDs, low birth weights, high ww, yw, priced to go, reg'd papers on hand. Ronald Williams **Cochran** 478-934-6998

Reg'd Texas Longhorn cattle. 15 heifers, 10 bred/fresh cows, 5 bulls available. Top bloodlines, big horns, vaccinated, wormed, gentle. All colors, some pets. Chuck Sean **Aragon** 706-766-9777

Registered black Limosin bull: \$2500. D. Davis **Commerce** 770-616-6038

Registered Red Angus bulls for sale. 3-4 years old. Margan Marlowe **Pine Mountain** 706-315-8260

Two registered Angus cows, thirteen years old. One Enhance bull calf at side: \$2500; other cow bred to Growth Fund: \$1800. Call. Mitchel **Cleveland** 706-531-4330

**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

Young pigs, male and female, and cut hogs. Tasha Gratham **Villa Rica** 770-313-0088

**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.**

10 weeks old and ready to go, Nigerian/Pygmy baby goats: \$100 for females and \$75 for males. All males have blue eyes. Ricky Day **Monroe** 770-267-0004

2 large billies. One is 100% Spanish, 4y/o & one is 100% Kiko, 3y/o. Both have high parasite resistance: \$500/ea. Michael **Luthersville** 678-378-4822

3 Kiko female, (2) 98%, 1y/o: \$150; (1) 8m/o: \$120; (1) 1y/o kiko whether: \$150. Ralph Gunn **Monticello** 706-468-6955

Boer cross male 10m/o: \$150. Pictures upon request. Debbie **Hampton** 678-283-4364

Boer/Kiko mix, female, 10m/o, very sweet, parents on site. Norman Henderson **Comer** 706-410-5700

For sale. Male 2y/o, Boer/Kiko mix: \$200. Russell Howington **Good Hope** 404-304-6166

Kiko percentage - 100 young bucks & does, hands-off management, hardy stock, lots of spots, starting at: \$150. **Grantville** 470-347-4182

Nice young Billy, born 05/08/2023. Boer Nubian mix. White with brown spots. Proven: \$200. Can send pictures. V. Wilkerson **Jackson** 770-617-1305 Leave message

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# Bulletin Calendar

**March 21**  
Where Do I Start? Planning a Vegetable Garden 101  
Virtual Series  
UGA Extension Gwinnett County  
Register at <https://bit.ly/48NetpW>  
678.377.4026  
[lisa.klein@gwinnettcounty.com](mailto:lisa.klein@gwinnettcounty.com)

**March 21-22**  
Termite Control Workshop 2  
UGA Entomology and Structural Pests  
UGA Griffin Campus  
Student Learning Center  
1109 Experiment St  
Griffin, Ga. 30223  
[dsuiter@uga.edu](mailto:dsuiter@uga.edu)  
770.233.6114  
<https://bit.ly/47JZtIs>

**March 22-23**  
Turner County Fire Ant Festival  
Downtown Ashburn  
[www.fireantfestival.com](http://www.fireantfestival.com)

**March 22-24**  
Georgia Food and Wine Festival  
Georgia Grown  
Jim R. Miller Park  
2245 Callaway Rd, S.W.  
Marietta, Ga. 30008  
<https://georgiafoodandwinefestival.com/>

**March 23**  
Heirloom Southern Apple  
Conference: Past, Present, and Future  
State Botanical Garden of Georgia  
2450 S. Milledge Ave  
Athens, Ga. 30605  
770.721.7830  
[jfuder@uga.edu](mailto:jfuder@uga.edu)  
<https://bit.ly/49k0B6G>

**March 23-24**  
Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival  
Georgia International Horse Park  
1996 Centennial Olympic Parkway  
Conyers, Ga. 30013  
770.860.4190  
[www.conyerscherryblossomfest.com](http://www.conyerscherryblossomfest.com)

**March 23-24**  
Clover Jam 4-H Conference  
Camp Jekyll  
550 South Beachview Dr  
Jekyll Island, Ga. 31527  
Contact your local UGA Cooperative Extension office  
<https://bit.ly/3RK1azC>

**March 25**  
Apple Grafting Workshop  
UGA Extension and Banks County Young Farmers  
Banks County H.S. Agricultural Barn  
1486 Historic Homer Hwy  
Homer, Ga. 30547  
770.228.7214  
[zmccann@uga.edu](mailto:zmccann@uga.edu)  
<http://tinyurl.com/ycxadrpu>

**March 27**  
Egg candling class  
Georgia Department of Agriculture  
Berry College (Floyd County)  
Lamar Westscott Building  
Viking Way  
Mount Berry, Ga. 30149  
404.656.3627  
[tina.maples@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:tina.maples@agr.georgia.gov)  
<https://bit.ly/3OcVNio>

**March 29**  
Apple Grafting Workshop  
UGA Extension Cherokee County  
Cherokee Veterans Park  
7345 Cumming Highway  
Canton, Ga. 30115  
770.721.7830  
[jfuder@uga.edu](mailto:jfuder@uga.edu)  
<https://bit.ly/49fZS6C>

Georgia Dairy Youth Foundation  
Annual Golf Tournament  
Hard Labor Creek State Park Golf Course  
706.310.0200  
[Register: gadairyouth@gmail.com](mailto:Register:gadairyouth@gmail.com)

**March 29 & 30**  
Apple Grafting Workshops  
UGA Extension Cherokee County  
Cherokee Veterans Park Rec Center  
7345 Cumming Hwy  
Canton, Ga. 30115  
770.721.7830  
[jfuder@uga.edu](mailto:jfuder@uga.edu)  
<https://t.uga.edu/9ly>

**March 30**  
4-H Ranch Horse Clinic  
720 FFA FHA Camp Rd  
Covington, Ga. 30014  
770.784.2010  
[abest22@uga.edu](mailto:abest22@uga.edu)  
<https://bit.ly/3w7dIPU>

**April 1**  
Equine Exchange: How Horses Learn  
Online Webinar series  
706.359.3233  
Register at <https://bit.ly/3Rjmjla>  
[rlstew2@uga.edu](mailto:rlstew2@uga.edu)

**April 3**  
UGA Blueberry Field Day  
UGA Alapaha Blueberry Research Farm  
2.5 miles south of Alapaha on U.S. Hwy 129  
229.445.5962

**April 4**  
Flavor of Georgia contest  
The Classic Center  
300 N Thomas St  
Athens, Ga. 30601  
[flavorofga@uga.edu](mailto:flavorofga@uga.edu)  
<https://flavorofgeorgia.caes.uga.edu/>

**April 5-6**  
Spring Garden Expo  
Hall County Master Gardeners  
Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center  
1855 Calvary Church Rd  
Gainesville, Ga. 30507  
770.535.8293  
[www.hallmastergardeners.com](http://www.hallmastergardeners.com)

**April 6**  
Seed Swap  
Vegetables, herbs, flowers  
Statham Public Library  
1928 Railroad St  
Statham, Ga. 30666  
770.725.4785

Learn & Burn Workshop  
Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources  
2650 Floyd Springs Road  
Armuchee, Ga 30171  
[info.ccrd@gmail.com](mailto:info.ccrd@gmail.com)  
706.894.1591

Symposium: Commemorating 150 Years of Georgia's Department of Agriculture  
Georgia Archives  
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Morrow, Ga. 30260  
678.364.3710  
[www.georgiaarchives.org](http://www.georgiaarchives.org)

**April 10**  
Structural Pest Management  
Webinar Series  
The Role of Customer Service to Effective Pest Management  
ONLINE WEBINAR  
Register at <https://bit.ly/4b7kYWp>  
770.228.7214  
[bhome@uga.edu](mailto:bhome@uga.edu)

Egg candling class  
Georgia Department of Agriculture  
Burke County Office Park Auditorium  
715 West Sixth St  
Waynesboro, Ga. 30830  
470.501.0605  
[tina.maples@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:tina.maples@agr.georgia.gov)  
<https://bit.ly/3OQBt4t>

**April 12-13**  
Spring Plant Sale  
State Botanical Garden of Georgia  
2450 South Milledge Ave.  
Athens, Ga. 30605  
706.542.1244  
[garden@uga.edu](mailto:garden@uga.edu)  
<http://bit.ly/3xlECp7>

**April 17**  
Egg candling class  
Georgia Department of Agriculture  
Honey Ridge Agricenter  
477 Honey Ridge Rd  
Guyton, Ga. 31312  
229.386.3489  
[glenda.adams@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:glenda.adams@agr.georgia.gov)

**April 18**  
Egg candling class  
Georgia Department of Agriculture  
Cherokee Veterans Park Recreation Center  
7345 Cumming Hwy  
Canton, Ga. 30115  
404.656.3627  
[bradley.brown@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:bradley.brown@agr.georgia.gov)

**April 19-20**  
Valdosta Bluesberry Festival  
Unity Park Amphitheater  
Downtown Valdosta  
<https://valdostabluesberry.com>  
[bdame@valdostacity.com](mailto:bdame@valdostacity.com)

**April 20**  
2024 Agri-Business Expo & Career Fair  
Rockdale County SWCD  
Rockdale Career Academy  
1064 Culpepper Dr S.W.  
Conyers, Ga. 30094  
478.387.3125  
<https://bit.ly/3wa8AFh>

**April 24-27**  
Georgia FFA State Convention  
Macon Coliseum  
200 Coliseum Dr  
Macon, Ga. 31217  
[www.georgiaffa.org](http://www.georgiaffa.org)

**April 25**  
FFA Career & Trade Show  
Georgia FFA Association  
Macon Centreplex  
200 Coliseum Dr  
Macon, Ga. 31217  
770.786.6926  
[rjohnson@gaaged.org](mailto:rjohnson@gaaged.org)  
<https://bit.ly/3OAViYR>

**April 27**  
Blue Ridge Trout and Outdoor Adventure Festival  
Downtown Blue Ridge  
706.838.5259  
<https://blueridgetroutfest.com/>

**May 2**  
Agribusiness Clay Shoot  
Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Meadows Clay Shoots  
1064 Rumble Rd  
Forsyth, Ga. 31029  
706.336.6830  
[www.ga-agribusiness.org](http://www.ga-agribusiness.org)

**May 4**  
5th Annual Awesome Blossom Spring Fest  
Bethel United Methodist Church  
245 Fairview Road  
Stockbridge, Ga. 30281  
770.474.2570  
[www.awesomeblossomfestival.com](http://www.awesomeblossomfestival.com)

**May 4-5**  
Gay Cotton Pickin' Fair  
Gay Family Farmstead  
18830 Ga. Highway 85  
Gay, Ga. 30218  
706.538.6814  
[info@thecottonfair.org](mailto:info@thecottonfair.org)  
[www.thecottonfair.com](http://www.thecottonfair.com)

**May 6**  
Equine Exchange: Assessing Equine Welfare  
Online Webinar series  
Register at <https://bit.ly/3Rjmjla>  
706.359.3233  
[rlstew2@uga.edu](mailto:rlstew2@uga.edu)

**May 6-12**  
ATL Burger Week  
Various metro Atlanta locations  
Instagram: [atlburgerweek](https://www.instagram.com/atlburgerweek)

**May 10-12**  
Fiber Festival in the Valley  
Sautee Nacoochee Center  
283 Highway 255 North  
Sautee Nacoochee, Ga. 30571  
[jthomas@snca.org](mailto:jthomas@snca.org)  
706.878.3300 ext. 305  
[www.snca.org](http://www.snca.org)

**May 11**  
Hiawassee Highlands Wine Festival  
Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds  
1311 Music Hall Rd  
Hiawassee, Ga. 30546  
706.896.4191  
<http://bit.ly/3kUVFI6>

**May 15**  
Egg candling class  
Georgia Department of Agriculture  
Sumter County Extension Office  
127 William Bowen Pointe  
Americus, Ga. 31719  
229.386.3489  
[Glenda.Adams@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:Glenda.Adams@agr.georgia.gov)

**May 31-June 1**  
50th Georgia Blueberry Festival  
Goldwasser Park  
Downtown Alma  
912.300.1180  
[www.georgiablueberryfestival.org](http://www.georgiablueberryfestival.org)  
[GABlueberryFestival@gmail.com](mailto:GABlueberryFestival@gmail.com)

*Have an event to put on our calendar? Contact Jay Jones at 404.656.3722 or [jay.jones@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:jay.jones@agr.georgia.gov)*

*We accept calendar submissions for food, craft and agriculture festivals and events. Submissions for festivals that do not specifically promote those industries will not be printed.*

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

## 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.



Kiko X Baby Goats. About 100 to choose from. 12 weeks old: Starts at \$200 per animal, Catherine Jenkins **Grantville** [www.jenkinsfarmsga.com](http://www.jenkinsfarmsga.com) 470-347-4182

Nigerian Dwarf billy, 3 months old, naturally polled (no horns), mostly white with some brown spots: \$200. Larry R. Pirkle **Dawsonville** 706-216-2954

Reg'd Kiko 100% New Zealand pure (breed), due first of March 2024. Sold by sire Very Special Highland Mt. Kiko. Leave message. James Black **Adairsville** 770-773-3411

Registered Tennessee Fainting; 1 buck, 11m/o horned; 1 weather, 1y/o polled; 1 doe, 10m/o horned; Twins born 1/22/24 male and female horned; males: \$300; females: \$500. B. Flahardy **Kingston** [bethelflahardy@yahoo.com](mailto:bethelflahardy@yahoo.com) 678-901-5797

Tennessee Fainting goat kids born January, available for March pickup. Can be MGR registered, male and female, some blue eyes, some polled. Call/text. Louanna **Taylorville** 678-800-6162

We have 3 Nigerian Dwarf goats. Beautiful solid black, blue-eyed buckling, 11/14/23; gorgeous black & tan, 12m/o; 26m/o proven sire, beautiful baby-blue eyes. Text. Virginia **Danville** 478-319-5461

## SHEEP

Ouessant Black Mountain Welsh cross ram for sale: \$250. Approximately 1.5 years old. Proven lambs on ground. Call for more information. Greg Vinson **Waynesville** 912-288-7748 or 912-778-8457

Ram for sale. Three years old, proven sire, offspring on site: \$300. Can text pictures upon request. Call. Jimmy Blakey **Rincon** 912-704-3810

St. Croix rams for sale, purebred and registered. Rachel Estes **Forsyth** 770-468-9767

## 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.

Arabian male gelding, 15hh, 21y/o & 1/2 Arabian mare, 14hh, 19y/o: \$4500 OBO. Both very gentle trail horses. Prefer to sell as pair, call for additional details. Hank Stoehr **Buford** 770-530-7697

## 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.

(5) Great Pyrenees puppies, born 01/02/2024, UTD shots & dewormed: \$300/ea. Don Williams **Ringgold** 762-219-1847

Anatolian Shepherd and Great Pyrenees puppies available. Born 12-05-2023. On farm with sheep: \$400. Call or text. Kelly **Greensboro** 478-737-3506

Available April 1, registered Blue Heeler or Australian cattle dog puppies. Registry papers, wormed and first round of shots. Delivered free within 50 miles of Lakeland. Delbert Zirkel **Lakeland** 229-482-5200 or 229-482-2330

KC reg'd Great Pyrenees livestock guardian puppies, multi-generational guardian lines w/nearly nonexistent prey drive, parents/grandparents guardians of poultry/goats on our farm, excellent temperaments: \$400/ea. Gill **Greenville** 678-633-1808



Reg'd 4m/o female Border Collie puppy, fully vetted, knows name, will down, leash trained, already noticing stock, well bred, gritty, afraid of nothing. Text only. Anne Crawley **Hope Hull, AL** 251-564-1623

Two-year-old, black, tri-color female Australian Shepherd. Previously bred twice and possibly bred now: \$450. Ruth Oates **Register** 912-601-7744

## BARN CATS



Barn cats available for rodent control (shelter rescues). Neutered, vaccinated, delivered at no cost. You provide food, water, shelter. Linda **Watkinsville** 706-343-8173 [barncatsgeorgia@gmail.com](mailto:barncatsgeorgia@gmail.com)

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

Floyd Felines has barn cats in NW GA at no cost to you. Cats are neutered/vaccinated. Must provide daily food, water. Email/text. Floyd Felines, Angie **Rome** [spayfloydfelines@gmail.com](mailto:spayfloydfelines@gmail.com) 706-512-7004

## RABBITS

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

Pure New Zealand and BlkSilverFox rabbits from registered stock. Bunnies to breeders. Fed all natural grain and supplements. Raised in clean wire cages. J. Porter **Bostwick** 706-380-7222



**RABBITS**

Silver Fox bunnies: \$30/ea; American Blue bunnies: \$40/ea. Call, no text. Garry **Piedmont, AL** 256-447-7941

Young Flemish doe: \$45; also (2) large 3-story cages available, like new: \$50/ea. Tiffany **Tilley Fortson** 706-326-9098

**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.**

(5) 6m/o Blue Laced Red Wyandottes: \$25/ea. Joyce **Dahlonega** 678-725-2137

(5) Wyandotte roosters, 7m/o: \$25/ea. Joyce **Dahlonega** 678-725-2137

10 hens with a rooster, RIR and Red-n-Blacks: \$5 each; 125-gallon vertical propane tank, replaced the seals: \$200. Kenneth Burnam **Lizella** 478-235-8649

2023 hatched Bourbon Red, Narragansett, Self-Blue heritage turkeys. Toms, hens available. Non-GMO Project verified feed, rotationally pasture raised. Turkey poult and hatching eggs available for preorders. Daniel **Pine Mountain** 678-687-6746

75 chicks hatching weekly. Breeds include - Golden Comets: \$4/ea; RIR \$4/ea; show quality French Black Copper Marans: \$8/ea. Travis Ellington **Senoia** 678-787-9341

Assorted chickens - baby to adult; ducks, guineas, rabbits, goats, sheep also. Sherry Amerson-White **Augusta** blackberrycreekminifarm@gmail.com 706-833-5535

Baby chicks, 20 days old, 8 different breeds. C. Freeman **Gainesville** 678-897-9318

Beautiful Olive Egger roos, stunning and colorful. Request photos. Polish white splash roo: \$25. Wee Woods Farm **Danielsville** 706-254-7717

Big rooster available: \$2; ranch hand quarters, 2018 Catalina Legacy Edition, 28ft, kept under shelter, excellent condition: \$25,000; also full size twin bed, excellent shape. James Causey **Dawson** 229-395-6300

Bourbon Red and Narragansett turkeys, 8-9m/o. Males and females. They will start to breed in spring. Edward Sezonov **Snellville** 770-361-1871

Cochin Bantam chicks for sale. Gina McKinney **Jefferson** 706-207-3509

Coturnix quail chicks and eggs. All ages of chicks and fertile hatchling eggs: Chicks \$2 day old, \$5 each for 3+ week. Eggs: \$5 per dozen. Matthew Adcock **Monroe** 770-845-4143

Farm-raised Muscovy ducks, male and female, grown: \$25; six laying hens that have quit laying; Nigerian dwarf billy 1y/o: \$100. Dennis Richards **Canton** 770-363-0910

Have two pair Spaulding peafowl for sale. 2-3 years old: \$400 per pair. Leave message, will return call. M. Campbell **Danielsville** 706-247-6862

I have a mixture of chicks for sale that will lay blue, green, and chocolate eggs: \$5/ea, you must pick up. Mechele Pruitt **Ranger** 404-620-9750

Indian Blue peahen, 2 years old: \$200. Or will buy peacock of similar age. Gary Eaton **Dahlonega** 706-768-1063

Modern game Bantams, lots of colors, pairs or trios. Amber Leary **Stockbridge** 404-438-5304

One pair BR turkey: \$120; RIR hens, 8m/o, laying brown eggs: \$10/ea. Call or text. Carl Taylor **Meansville** 404-408-8466

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

Rhode Island Reds & BBS (Blue, Black, Splash) Ameraucana Chickens for sale. Fertilized Eggs also available. Philip Register **Cumming** 770-377-3117

Three Ayem Semani roosters for sale. Grant Harper **Madison** 706-818-0355

Turkeys for sale. Blue Slate Tom and Royal Palm hen. Both young, in first year: \$200 for pair. Glenn Milburn **Temple** 404-925-1859

White doves, any age. Release for weddings, funerals & events. Also good for eating. Also have cages, traps and displays. Call for details. Clifford Cabe **Toccoa** 706-244-2799

White leghorn & RIR chicks from just hatched to a few weeks old, hatching weekly: \$4 and up. Pick up on Fridays and Saturdays. Call/text. Cole Johnson **Jasper** 770-894-1244

White ring neck doves for sale. I have a few mated pairs: \$50 a pair; single birds: \$20 each. J.D. Jackson **Roberta** 478-731-0135. No calls after 9 p.m.

White, Indian Blue, and Black Shouldered peacocks for sale: \$150-\$350. Candi Whitman **Opelika, AL** 706-326-2812

**ANIMAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES**

**CATTLE SUPPLIES**

4x5 round bale hay for sale: \$50. Russell/Tift 85 mix. Call or text. Brett Burke **Millen** 706-871-5785

**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, 12:30 p.m. Goats, Sheep, Chickens, other livestock; Pearson Livestock, 1168 Hwy 441 N, Pearson. **Call** Jorge Caycay 912-253-1247

**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

**CAROLL COUNTY**

Every Monday, noon: Cattle, goats, sheep; Carroll County Livestock Sales Barn, 225 Salebarn Road, Carrollton. **Call** Eric Thompson, 678.372.3776

**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** Matthew Culpepper, 229.560.0595

**DECATUR COUNTY**

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 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, Donaldsonville. **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

Every Monday, noon: Cattle, goats, sheep; Sumter County Stockyard, 505 Southerfield Road, Americus. **Call** Aaron and Anna White, 229.380.4901 or 864.704.2487

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)

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

Western Stampede mobile chute, Priefert panels, Bowgate Alley backstop, calf pass panel, hay rings, horse stall, and dart gun. Also, poultry house for sale. David Hooper **Cedartown** 770-748-8929

Alicia Bermuda hay, square and round bales. Wrapped peanut hay also. Can deliver anywhere. Call for details. Steven Griggs **Odum** 912-294-0012

Cattle corral w/10ft header gate, (8) 12ft & (6) 8ft panels (panels 5.5ft high), (3) slider gates, (1) head chute. Easy set up/transport, HD: \$7000. **Carlton Dale** 706-338-4583

Handcrafted, two-drawer cabinet incubator. Manual turn. No calls after 9PM. Larry Cook **Marietta** 770-428-4301

Lewis Brothers housekeeper. Fair/good condition: \$7,500. G. Carey **Homer** 404-314-9866

New jumbo egg cartons: 30 cents each, 100 minimum. Larger quantity: 25 cents each. Roy Rush **Cairo** 404-683-2741

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**BEEES, HONEY AND SUPPLIES**

10, 8, 5-frame equipment, 5-frame nucs, 3lbs. packages. Beekeeping supplies, insulated hives, HivelQ hives, beekeeping classes, honey (wildflower, sourwood, gallberry). Swarm capture: Banks, Jackson counties. Harold Lanier **Commerce** 678-471-7758

Bee removal licensed and insured. Serving Athens and 50-mile radius. Residential and commercial. Daniel Peterson Blossom Bee Removal **Athens** 229-563-3050

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

Cutting back on beekeeping, selling 40-50 pulled comb extracting bee supers. Kenny **Hiawassee** 706-781-7337

For sale - 32 frame Walter Kelly extractor w/pump & wax melter: \$1500. Leonard Day **Macon** 478-719-5588

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

*Notices for auctions selling farm-related items other than livestock must be accompanied by the auction license number of the principal auctioneer or auction firm conducting the auction, per regulations from the Georgia Secretary of State. Auctions without this information will not be published. Have an auction to put on our calendar? Contact Jay Jones at 404.656.3722 or jay.jones@agr.georgia.gov.*

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### 1874

The Legislation to create the Georgia Department of Agriculture was approved on February 28th, 1874.

### 1917

The Georgia Department of Agriculture publishes the first edition of the Market Bulletin.

### 1935

HB163 The Farmers Market Act – authorized the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish farmers markets.

### 1942

The Bulletin uses color for the first time in a specialty Christmas edition. The banner is green for future issues.

# 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



## 150TH ANNIVERSARY: Longevity through dedication and service

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powered Georgia’s recovery from the Civil War. Today, agriculture contributes over \$80 billion and creates 330,000 jobs to Georgia’s economy. Georgia is home to just over 40,000 farms, and according to the USDA Ag Census, 96 percent of those farms are family-owned and operated.

In 2023, the GDA performed 125,000 inspections, labs conducted more than 38,000 tests, and licenses were issued or renewed for more than 78,000, Harper said.

“Over the last 150 years, the department has evolved considerably,” Harper said. “Today, we are arguably the only state agency that impacts every Georgian every single day. We regulate grocery stores and food manufacturing facilities, gas station fuel pumps, animal shelters and ag in-

puts, packing sheds, and poultry houses. At the same time, we work for a greater goal to ensure that the safety and security of our food supply remains strong and food products remain safe and wholesome.”

Harper recognized three people who represent Georgia’s youngest and oldest farmers – Saint Elmo Harrison, 101, a peanut and pecan farmer in Grady County, and Kendall Rae Johnson, 7, who farms in Atlanta with her parents at aGROWKulture urban farm. Also, 2024 Georgia Farmer of the Year Bruce Redmond of Shiloh Farms in Guyton was recognized.

Casey Cox Kerr of Longleaf Ridge Farm in

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# 1961

The “Georgia Agricultural Commodities Promotion Act” provides a means for Georgia farmers to unite efforts and funds.

# 1969

Commissioner Tommy Irvin changes the name of the Market Bulletin to add “Farmers and Consumers.”

# 2024

February 28, 2024, the Department celebrates its 150th anniversary.



Opposite page:

Top: Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper warmly welcomes guests at ceremony inside the Georgia State Capitol, marking the 150th anniversary of the Georgia Department of Agriculture. Standing behind Harper are members of House and Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs committees.

Middle and bottom: Harper greets Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp during the ceremony.

This page:

Left: The anniversary cake, a centerpiece of the event, included representations of the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the state's top commodities.

Middle left: Georgia's youngest farmer, seven-year-old Kendall Rae Johnson, greets people during the GDA 150th anniversary ceremony.

Middle right: Kendall Rae Johnson shows off a proclamation from Harper, right, recognizing her as Georgia's youngest farmer. Georgia House Speaker Jon Burns, left, congratulates Johnson.

Bottom left: State Sen. Russ Goodman, left, and State Rep. Robert Dickey, chairs of the chambers' agriculture and consumer affairs committees, present proclamations to Harper, far right.

Bottom right: Members from the Georgia House and Senate attend the ceremony celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

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**BEES, HONEY AND SUPPLIES**



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Swarms removed: free; removed from structures: fee. Call for quote. Honey Bee Rescue, Derry Oliver **Hoschton 762-347-8732**

**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.

A-1 quality, farm-grown channel catfish priced by size. Ask about other species & availability. Flynt Gilbert **Zebulon 770-567-1223** or 770-468-0725

A-1 Worms Big Reds/Euro Great Fishing: \$45/lb.; Red Wigglers: \$38/lb. perfect for fishing, composting and worm castings available. Lew Bush **Byron smokeyfj@gmail.com 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**

Grass carp, Bluegill, Threadfin shad and Shellcracker. 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**

**FEED, HAY AND GRAIN**

(2023) 4x4 Fescue hay rolls. Limed, fertilized, rain-free, weed-free, barn stored: \$50. Delivery available. Sam Cloud **Canton 678-294-4475**

(38) 4x5 Rolls of winter rye/mixed grass hay. Net-wrapped, baled 6-2023. Outside: \$35/roll. Roger Yates **Attalla, AL 256-295-1049**

100 rolls of hay, 4x6, net-wrapped: \$50/roll. James Bailey **Elberton 706-318-1012**

2023 Alicia Bermuda hay, 4x5 net wrapped rolls, RFQ ranging from 83-138, 340 bales available: \$55-75/bale, according to quality. Danny Varnadore **Alma 912-282-5330**

2023 Bahia hay for sale. Square bales: \$5. 25 bale minimum. David Jordan **Talbotton 706-575-2294**

2023 Bermuda hay, horse quality, fertilized, weed-free, rain-free, barn-stored. 4x5 rolls: \$90; square bales: \$10. James Vinson **Rutledge 478-360-3931**

2023 coastal Bermuda, some Fescue, x-large sq bales: \$7.50/ea. Horse hay in barn. N. Harris **Winder 770-867-0733**

2023 Bermuda hay. 2000+ square bales, fertilized, weed-and rain-free: \$7 per bale. Curtis Durden **Lyons 912-245-1081**

2023 coastal Bermuda Bahia mix, 4x5 rolls, fertilized & limed, triple net-wrapped: \$55/roll, delivery available, 3 bale minimum. Jim Rogers **Cochran 386-416-9901**

2023 fall mixed grasses (mostly fescue), firm full squares: \$4.00 at the barn. John Petrel **Walker County 706-313-6628**

2023 Fescue/Bermuda mix 4x5 rolls horse hay, in barn: \$75. Delivery available for a fee. Tim Garmon **Jefferson 706-367-4775**

2023 Fescue/orchard grass mix hay, 4x5 rolls, fertilized, stored in barn: \$50/ea. Grady Sutton **Clarksville 706-499-6761**

2023 Fescue/Orchid/Bermuda mix hay, fertilized & barn-kept, horse quality. Square bales: \$6/ea; round 4x5 bales: \$50/ea. Ron Teams **Cartersville 770-715-1368**

2023 horse quality fescue square bales: \$6 per bale. Glen Edmonds **Mount Airy 706-599-3673**

2023 Russell and Alicia Bermudagrass, 4x5 fertilized, net-wrapped, in-barn: \$70-\$80/bale; square: \$8/bale. Delivery negotiable. Taking 2024 orders. VM/text. W. Pruitt **Statesboro 912-682-4481**

2023 Tift 44 hay, square bales, fertilized and sprayed: \$7.50/bale at barn. K. Wood **Hoschton 770-867-4332**

4x5 round rolls, net wrapped, Fescue/orchard grass mix, baled September 2023, kept covered: \$45/roll. Wendell **Kingston 706-844-8383**

4x5.5 netwrap JD rolls. Starting at: \$65. Inside and outside, stored. Delivery available for mileage. Josh Pennino **Sparta 706-340-3146**

Coastal-Bahia hay, 4x5 rolls, net-wrapped: \$45-\$75/ea. Darrell Williams **Swainsboro 478-494-3237**

Fescue mixed hay, 4X5 rolls for sale: \$55 per roll, or \$50 per roll for 10 or more rolls. Tommy Scoggins **Dallas 404-732-6538**

Fescue/orchard horse hay - square bales: \$8/ea; round 4x5 bales: \$65/ea; also cow hay, 4x5 round bales: \$55/ea. Quantity discounts, delivery available. All stored dry, fertilized/sprayed. William **Dahlonega 706-300-6592**

Hay for sale. Horse & cow quality, rolls & square bales. Call for pick up. Donald, 4540 Three Bridge RD **Gillsville 770-540-8599**

Hay sale - 2023 Coastal Bermuda, UGA inspected, 4x5 round bales: \$65/ea; also square bales available. Bulk discount available. Pierce **Screven Co 912-659-9726** or 912-925-9796

Large quantity round and square Bermuda hay; round wrapped peanut hay. Paul Harris **Odum 912-294-2472**

New crop oats, combine run. Cleaned, bright, pretty oats. John **Cordele 229-322-8480** or 229-273-3597

Outside stored, well fertilized, net wrapped hay. 4x6 Bermuda: \$90; 5x5-1/2 Bahia/Bermuda mix: \$100. D. Huff **Dearing 706-833-1163**

**MULCH AND FERTILIZERS**

Horse manure and shavings for compost. Free for pickup. Jerry Riles **Douglasville 770 949-2238**

Mulch. Contains a mix of different types of trees: \$40/pick-up truck load. Joshua Schindler **Macon 770-356-4754**

**PLANTS, TREES AND FLOWERS**

Advertisers selling officially protected plants must include a permit to sell such plants. Ads submitted without this permit will not be published. For information on the sale or shipment of protected plants, visit [www.fws.org/Endangered/permits/index.html](http://www.fws.org/Endangered/permits/index.html) or call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 404.679.7097. For questions about ginseng, visit <https://www.fws.gov/Endangered/permits/index.html> or call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 404.679.7097.

Evergreen plants for shade. Mondo grass in 1-gallon pots: \$3 each; Cast-iron plants in 2-gallon pots: \$5 each. No delivery. R. Russell **Bonaire 478-923-1951**

Figs (three varieties), mulberries, camellias: \$5/ea; thornless blackberries, beautyberries, burning bushes, harlequin glorybowers, nandinas, hydrangea, forsythia, weeping cherries: \$3.50/ea; dew berries: \$2.50/ea; monkey grass & periwinkle: free. Carla **Marietta 770-428-2227**

Japanese maples, 15-65 gallons. Visit the farm near Panola Mountain or call/text. Ed Smith **Stockbridge 404-606-0992**

Large yellow daffodil bulbs: 65 cents; Japanese Bloodgood maple: large 1-gallon \$20; Weeping cut-leaf Japanese maple: 3-gallon \$69; Large 1-gallon azaleas: \$8. 9mi south of Columbus. Doug **Seale, AL 678-618-0352**

Now blooming Lenton Rose (Hellebores) and Green Japanese maples, gallon: \$6/ea or dug from yard: \$3/ea; other plants available. Leave a message. Tillman Farm **Hoschton 706-654-8639**

Pachysandra, evergreen ground cover. Loves shade, deer, rabbit resistant, doesn't climb: \$10 for 50 bare-root plants. Can text you a short video of what I'm selling. Carol Olson **Marietta 770-490-5685**

Privacy trees, direct from our farm and we plant for you. Thuja Green Giants, Leyland cypress. Serving all GA for 12 years. John Cowherd **Monticello 770-862-7442**

Sawtooth oaks, 3-5gal: \$13; blueberries 1gal: \$7; Chinese chestnuts, 5gal: \$15; Azaleas/Gardenias, 3gal: \$10; Japanese maples, 1gal: \$15; Crape myrtles, 3gal: \$10, 7gal: \$20. Mark **Wrightsville 478-455-2981**

Trees, maples, Japanese maples, oaks, white pines, tulip, poplars, pecans etc. Rhonda **Gainesville 706-400-2888**

Variegated liriope & mondo grass, 1gal pots: \$2/each; nandina, 1gal pots: \$5/ea; Ginkgo trees, 1gal pots: \$10/each. K. Patman **Athens 706-549-4487**



Water iris pond plants for sale, White Lady variety, large quantity available: \$10/3 clumps, special pricing 20 or more. Sandra **Conyers 770-851-5184**

**SEEDS**

Advertisers selling seeds must include a current state laboratory report (fewer than nine months old) for purity, noxious weeds and germination for each seed lot advertised. Ads submitted without this information will not be published. For more information regarding certified seed, call the GDA Seed Division, 229.386.3557.

2023 seeds for Scarlet Rose Mallow (Hibiscus coccineus). Commonly, called Texas Star hibiscus. Hummingbirds love the large red flowers. Send email for information. Sirmans **Macon csirmans@aol.com**

2023 ZINNIA Red or Lime with Blush 50+ seeds \$3 cash +SASE (Self-addressed Stamped Envelope). D Miltimore 1766 Pleasant Hill Rd NE **Ranger GA 30734**

Old time black diamond yellow belly red watermelon or orange rattlesnake: 20 seeds \$5,+SASE state kind. H. Anthony 567 Bennett Cemetery RD **Jefferson 30549 706-367-7116**

Old timey cayenne seeds, rooster spur seeds: \$3/pk (25 seeds), send SASE. Terry Madaris 2017 Cloud Springs Rd **Rossville GA 30741**

Old-timey Hot Cow Horn, Red Peter pepper seed, Rutger and German pink tomato seed: \$2/pack with SASE. Amory Hall 130 Ellison St **Maysville GA 30558 470-201-9105**

Old-timey white field corn seed 2023 crop. Family kept seed. 10-12 foot stalks with 2-3 cobs per stalk: \$4/lb plus shipping or local pickup. J. Smith **Auburn 770-826-0266**

Seed swap: Statham Public Library will host a seed swap April 6, noon to 2pm. Veggie, herbs, flowers seeds. Live plants, door prizes. 1928 Railroad St. Susan **Dukes Statham 770-725-4785**

**TIMBER**

Timber must be individually owned and produced by the advertiser on his or her personal property. No companies or businesses are permitted to advertise timberland in this Category. Timberland advertised must be at least one acre. Timber wanted ads will not be published.

Walnut saw logs available to be cut to length. Call for details. Bobby **Robinson Adairsville 678-767-8731**

**Market Bulletin Farmland Ad Form**

Ad guidelines: Only farmland of 5 acres or more may be advertised. Include price, acreage and county where the property is located. All property must be for sale by the owner. Limit descriptive terms to property characteristics or structures. A maximum word count of 30 – including name, address, phone number and your city of residence – is permitted in Farmland ads. Only one ad per subscriber per issue. You must be a paid subscriber to advertise in the Market Bulletin.

Subscriber number \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple horizontal lines for entering details of the farmland advertisement.

I hereby certify that this notice meets all the necessary requirements for publication in the Market Bulletin:

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**FIREWOOD**

Firewood must be cut from the advertiser's personal property. Ads for firewood must use the cord when specifying the amount of firewood for sale.

Fat lighter sticks for sale: \$10 per bundle. Bob Lewis **Fayetteville** 770-461-4083

Mixed seasoned split & green hardwood firewood available: price based on quantity. AA Farms **Hartwell** 706-376-8968

Seasoned or green oak firewood, 1/2 cord: \$150. Truck-load or any quantity available. Delivery available. Text/call. Larry Moore **Grantville** 678-278-5709

**FARMERS MARKETS**

Grand re-opening: Dodge County open-air Farmers Market 8am-noon, April 6, weekly thereafter. Numerous vendors, cake contest, cake walk, archaeological display, other activities. Courthouse Circle, **Eastman**. 478-636-3799, DodgeCountyFarmersMarket@gmail.com, Facebook: DodgeCountyFarmersMarket.

New farmers market coming to North Brookhaven, one of the wealthiest communities in Atlanta – vendor spaces available. Located in front of established restaurants. Call for details. www.oldfivepoints.com **Atlanta** 404-936-1818

Rooster's Market offers Old-fashioned, pure, north Georgia, Young Harris sorghum cane syrup, pints. Rooster's Market 54 Rooster Way **Jasper** 706-301-8176

Vendors sought for a **Social Circle** Farmers Market to operate this spring/summer/fall for locally grown produce, honey, flowers, baked goods and more. Call 770-464-1866 amckibben@socialcirclega.gov

**THINGS TO EAT**

Advertisers producing and offering for sale shell eggs at retail to the end consumer must obtain an egg candling certificate from the Georgia Department of Agriculture. The department offers training in egg candling. Email [candling@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:candling@agr.georgia.gov) or call 404.656.3627 for more information.

2023 Bermuda hay in square bales. Good quality, liked, fertilized, sprayed for weeds: \$9/bale at my barn. Delivery available for additional fee. Jonathan Little **Monroe** 770-314-1278

2023 Desirable pecans ready to eat: \$12/lb + postage; also will machine crack, shell, separate your whole pecans: \$0.75/lb. Russell Eaton **Stockbridge** 770-506-2727

2023 shelled Elliott pecans, ready to eat-bake-freeze-enjoy: \$12/lb. +shipping. Call/text Mark Parker 229-726-4238 Tressie Parker 229-400-3304 **Moultrie** Facebook: Parker Pecans

Black walnut meat 2023. Extra clean, mostly large pieces: \$25/quart, no shipping. Jim Lawson **Ball Ground** 770-893-2141

Locally-grown beef, USDA inspected, half/whole available, custom cuts: \$5.25/lb hanging weight. We offer ground beef, sausage, steaks, jerky & slaughter your cattle. Potts Family Meats **Jefferson** 706-367-5823

Water-ground meal, whole wheat flour & grits: \$5/5lbs + postage. Will grind your grain. Mike Buckner **Junction City** GA 706-269-3630



Grass-fed, grain-finished, Santa Gertrudis beef for sale: \$5/lb hanging weight. No growth hormones. Phillip Lewis **Chattahoochee Hills** 678-983-5994

**ODDITIES**

Gourds for sale. New crop, all sizes. Jimmy McDonald **Sylvester** 229-777-0444

Martin gourds for sale. Larry Heard **Chula** 229-402-0375

Visit our farm or call for gourds. The Gourd Pile, 874 Morrison Road, **Barney** 229-775-2123

**HANDICRAFTS AND SUPPLIES**

4-Leaf clovers are lucky. Real 4-Leaf clovers laminated with decorations added. Beautiful gifts. Good price. Please call before 8pm. Please leave message. Chris **Loganville** 770-466-2173

Afghans all sizes and all colors up to king size: \$20-\$50. M. Pursley 253 Ryan Rd **Winder Ga. 30680** 678-979-0057

All types of chair caning, refinishing & repairs. James Lewis **Perry** 478-987-4243 or 478-550-5122

Beautifully emerald green emu eggs. Cleaned out and empty. Can be used for decorating, painting or carving. Jackie Paul **Oxford** 770-597-1510

Birdhouse & feeder kits. Great for craft or hobby. Assemble and give as gift. 29-83 pieces, Cypress wood, only glue required: \$13.95-\$14.95. Alan Johnston **Rutledge** 706-474-0379 www.wood-r-us.com

Chair caning in Tiger. Please call for estimate. Donald Becker **Rabun County** 770-807-9783

Chair/rocker caning of all kinds. Wicker/rattan repair. Over 40 years of experience. Also antique furniture for sale, call for current inventory. Duke Dufresne **Statham** 770-725-2554 or (cell) 706-340-5523

Custom t-shirt quilts, memory quilts, bears, pillows. Great for birthdays, graduation, anniversaries, weddings, Christmas. Pictures and embroidery may be added. Margaret Watson **Newnan** 770-251-6951 mew542000@gmail.com

Memory Bears made out of your loved ones clothing. Call for more info. Sherry McDaniel **Buford** 770-366-1306

**FARM ANTIQUES**

(2) old time black cast iron wash pots, 10-15gal, used to cook Brunswick stew, exc cond: \$300/ea or \$500/both. Clyt **Commerce** 706-605-0201

Antique iron single bed: \$150. R.E. Dodson **Plains** 229-942-2528

Anvil, 1911, rare American Wrought Anvil Co, weight 73lbs. Small enough to be mobile for craft work etc. Used but no major damage: \$375. Bill McGraw **Watkinsville** 706-614-0867

Corn shellers grinders; cross-cut saws; plow stocks; old farm tools; post striking anvil; meal bin; wood tool boxes; vices, furniture farm sinks and cauldrons. Bill **Blairsville** 706-897-0106

Great collection of antiques including farm tools, tractor implements, glassware, furniture and more. Downsizing, everything must go. TH Williams **Madison** 404-291-1129



**Morgan County 4-H**  
**Vidalia Onion Fundraiser**



**Pre-Paid Orders ONLY!**

**Order Deadline:**

**May 10, 2024**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Onions will be harvested at the perfect time for best flavor. We anticipate your pick up times to be Friday, May 17th from 3-6pm and Saturday, May 18th from 8-10am. If pickup dates change, you will be notified. Orders must be picked up at the Morgan County Extension office.

Orders not picked up will be donated to the local food bank.

Pounds per Bag	Onion Size	Price	Quantity	Total
10# Bag Vidalia Onions	Medium	\$10		
10# Bag Vidalia Onions	Jumbo	\$10		
25# Bag Vidalia Onions	Medium	\$20		
25# Bag Vidalia Onions	Jumbo	\$20		
40# Bag Vidalia Onions	Medium	\$35		
40# Bag Vidalia Onions	Jumbo	\$35		
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$</b>

Mail orders to:

**Morgan County Extension Office**  
**440 Hancock Street**  
**Madison, GA 30650**

\*please make checks payable to:  
**Morgan County Extension/4-H**



\*All proceeds are used to provide educational programs, materials, 4-H scholarships and awards.

Questions??

Contact Shannon Cagle at [scagle@uga.edu](mailto:scagle@uga.edu) or  
**706-342-2214**

**FARM ANTIQUES**

Vencedora model B-728 small electric cane grinder and 5-gallon syrup kettle: \$300. Johnny Godwin **Thomasville** 229-225-6983

Walk-behind wood and iron-beam plow stocks, turning plows, Cole planter w/sprocket/plates, Cole fertilizer plow, cultivator plow. Stored in the dry, great condition and Ready to use. Stephen Monroe **Alpharetta** 404-432-8127

**CANNING SUPPLIES**

Qt canning jars: 50 cents each. Leave message. Nelle B. Purvis **Cobb County** 770-422-9871

Quantity of 223 canning jars – quarts, pints, 1 ½ pints. Call for pricing. Judy Gable **Fayetteville** 404-557-6839

**OTHER**

(1) 500-gallon and (1) 250-gallon propane tanks. Out of date for propane gas. Can be retested. Good fuel tank, grill or smoker. 500-gallon: \$500, 250 gallon: \$300. Doug Maddox **Macon** 478-986-8550

(220,000) 1.25inX0.75inX6ft long oak sticks/stakes. Good for stacking lumber or garden stakes: call for pricing, sold in bundles of 1,000. James Abney **Columbia SC** 706-590-3624

14 gauge sheet of galvanized metal. Length 77inch x width 48inch. Came out of Ford pickup. No holes good condition: \$50. David Combs **Jefferson** 706-367-4107

A2/A2 raw Jersey pet milk: \$7 per half gallon on first order, \$2 credit with returned mason jar on subsequent orders. Andrew Aldridge **Tennille** 478-247-0146

Carpenter bees eating your bldgs? I make traps to catch and control them, shipped to you in lots of 5: \$85.00, shipping PPD. Instructions, hdw included. William Timmerman **Harlem** 706-799-5311

Converse waders, size 11: \$40; all leather cowboy boots, size M7.5: \$50; bird/small animal cages: call for prices; deck/porch railings w/spindles: \$75/all. B. Maynard **Cleveland** 770-550-0216 or 678-980-9958

Pasture board for horses: \$60 per horse. Coggins required no studs. Two round pens, two lakes, no stalls. Approximately 73 acres. Cathy Campbell **Rockmart** 706-237-0264



Omcan meat band saw. 2HP, 98-inch blade. Only used 2 months and upgraded to a bigger one: Paid \$5300 selling for \$3000. Lee Mizell **Axson** 912-218-8611

Swiss bells authentic for grazing farm animals and dogs. The real deal and not the gift shop bells: \$16 to \$35. Steel with great sound. John Cork **Lilburn** 404-202-4565 cork9663@aol.com

Used wood kitchen cabinets, L shaped, can be refinished. Suitable for camp house/hunting camp. Call for more details. Paul Bryant **Monroe** 770-267-5393

Vintage Magic Hostess food slicer: \$50; gas cooker w/gas tank & hose: \$50; plastic & metals barrels: \$20. Ronald Rush **Franklin** 706-675-3417

**REAL ESTATE**

All farm property listed within this category (for sale or rent/lease) must consist of 10 acres or more. Out-of-state subscribers owning farm property within Georgia are allowed to advertise in this category. Real estate agents, businesses, brokers or dealers that sell land on a commission basis are not eligible to advertise.

**FARMLAND FOR SALE**

11.704 acres, 3000 sq ft home, 2 barns, workshop, garden house, well and natural spring plus several outhouses. Asking: \$825,000. Call for appointment. Anthony Esteves **McDonough** 770 633-2071

12 acres homesteaders dream, 2 houses, barn apartment, workshop, pasture, garden plot, 1000ft creek frontage, livestock buildings, orchard, meat processing facility, walk-in cooler, irrigation. Text. Ty Casteel **Upson County** 404-358-2326

15acres, Loganville near HWY 20 in Walton County w/fence, creek, pasture & timber. Backside has some StMtn granite outcrops/hiking fun: \$570k. Owner financing w/20% down. L/Msg Rod **Walton County** 770-401-8586

168 acres, 2,800 ft. frontage, 3 entrances on Hwy 319, timberland, hunting, cabin, buildings, electricity, water, just 5 miles N of E. Dublin: \$600,000. Paul Bridges **Laurens County** www.owacc.com 912-246-2681

19.92 acres Turner Woods RD. Beautiful rolling hills of hardwoods & pine: \$9,000/acre. Text only "LAND." William Hudson **Gray** 478-731-7971

212-acre farm, pasture, row crop, highway frontage, improvements, irrigated, 10 acre lake, hunting, 6 miles from town: \$6,000/acre. Olin Wooten **Jeff Davis County** www.owacc.com

272-acre farm, single family house, 2 metal barns, 2 ponds, deep well, buildings, blueberry plants, pine straw, timberland: \$6,000/acre. Olin Wooten **Jeff Davis/Appling counties** www.owacc.com 912-375-3366

34.67 acres Baldwin County. 1200 sq ft building w/power & shelters on two sides. Stocked pond. Great hunting property with deer, turkey, quail, and doves: \$280,000. Chuck **Baldwin County** 770-605-9246

45.5 acres, half open, rest woods, spring, stream, fronts ST HWY 37, near Morgan: \$3500/acre. Jim Andrews 45 1st AVE **Edison GA** 39846 jtajr51@yahoo.com 229-308-4892

52-acre farm, timber on Dykes Farm Rd, pond, row crop, US 23 Alma Highway, farmland, 4 miles from town: \$8000/acre. Olin Wooten **Jeff Davis County** www.owacc.com 912-375-3366

6+ acres, A-frame house, 3-stall barn at dead-end road, heavily wooded area, secluded, creek, fenced for horses with 2 pastures: \$390,000. James Heatley **Henry County** 770-707-2397

6.5ac w/2BR, 2BA, 1500sq/ft ranch w/9ft ceilings, organic gardens with 25gal/min well. No sprays on landscape or house. Call for price, photos & details. Eddie **Upson County** 706-333-9820

95-acre farm, row crop, timber, irrigated, deep well, highway frontage, farmland, 6 miles from town: \$6,000/acre. Paul Bridges **Jeff Davis County** www.owacc.com

Carroll County, 10.10 acres, Veal Blackjack RD. Lays well w/good building site, hardwood timber, stream, well, wildlife, county water. Recent survey, ~350ft road frontage: \$12,500/acre OBO. William **Bowden** 678-630-3933

Oldest goat livestock market in Georgia. US-Hwy 441 frontage, flea market, storage, signs, apartments, rentals & more: \$425,000. Call for more details. Karen Rentz **Atkinson County** www.owacc.com 912-375-6016

**SERVICES****BOARDING FACILITIES**

The Georgia Animal Protection Act requires boarding and breeding facilities to be licensed. A current license number must be submitted with notices for publication in the "Boarding Facilities" category. Notices submitted without this information will not be published. For more information, please call the GDA Equine Health Division, 404.656.3713.

Boarding services – spaces now available. Stall & pasture boarding. Call for details and rates. SBE Farms, Shane Wilson **Kingston** 404-210-5227

**FARM SERVICES**

20+ years experience w/all types tractor/bobcat farm/residential work, bush hogging & mowing, fertilizing, clearing & plowing, seeding/drainage, roads/driveways, grading & erosion control, pasture land maintenance. Will travel. W. Finch **Conyers** 770-714-7464

25 years experience in farm, tractor & Bobcat work, bush hogging/lawn mowing, grading/clearing, plowing/garden, deer plots, fence/welding heavy equipment, post holes. Larry Houston **Covington** 770-235-3082/770-235-3782

40 years' experience - horse arenas laser graded, tree clearing, driveways built/regraded, gravel, barns graded, drainage correction, trucking, demolition. Luke **Butler Braselton** 770-685-0288

45 years of experience. Bush hogging, light clearing, grading, post holes, gardens, food plots, aerating, fertilizing, seeding, disking, hauling, fence removal, etc. Rick Allison **Buford** 678-200-2040

Bush hog your pasture or field and till your garden. Larry Boatright **Dallas** 678-386-1466

Ag/farm fencing, all types installed and repaired. 16yrs experience. Land management services: consulting, mowing, seeding, food plots, wildlife habitat. Casey Kent **Good Hope** 678-446-8520

Beaver removal. 40 years experience catching beaver. Humane methods and reasonable rates. Rural areas only. Also, raccoons, coyotes, etc. Southern Henry, Spalding and Butts counties. Dan Dominick **Locust Grove** 678-448-2524

Bobcat/tractor work, seed drill, bush-hogging, post-hole, food plots, land clearing, driveways, roads, grading, plowing/tilling, pasture maintenance. Oconee and surrounding counties. www.mikesfarmmandpropertygmt.com. Michael Ebright **Watkinsville** 770-363-5092

Bush hog, rotary mow, garden and food plot, harrow and plow, bale square hay. Monroe County area. Jimmy Waldrep **Forsyth** 478-951-5563

Custom tree/land clearing - barns, pasture, residences. Leave property clean. Demolition. Laser grading pads for barns, homes, riding arenas. Build/refurbish toppings/driveways. Drainage correction. Insured. Bill **Atlanta** 770-231-4662

Dragline service, lakes, ponds all kinds of track hoe and dragline work done. Rutledge crane service. Toy Rutledge **Bethlehem** 770-867-1986

Farm 911@ Signs – farm safety and emergency signage. An information source for greater peace of mind. Website: www.farm911signs.com Daren Sue Truex **Cumming** 678-628-6767

Farm tractor and implement repair; also welding service. 40+ years experience, retired mechanic. Carey **Macon** 478-491-3660

Fence specialist - installation, paint, pressure-wash & repair. All fences come with low prices. Free gate installment with pasture fence. Serving NE Georgia. Dan Gilbert **Cumming** 229-325-3163

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**FARM HELP NEEDED**

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**GEORGIA COOKING: Country ham and greens pot pie with cornmeal dumplings****Ingredients****Pot pie:**

2 Tbsps sunflower oil  
6 ounces diced country ham  
1 cup diced onions  
1 lb. bag turnip greens  
3 cups water  
2 Tbsps cornmeal

**Dumplings:**

½ cup plus 2 Tbsps yellow cornmeal  
¼ cup All-purpose flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
½ tsp salt  
¼ cup milk  
¼ cup buttermilk  
2 Tbsps butter

**Instructions****Pot pie:**

- Preheat oven to 450 F degrees.
- Heat a large skillet to medium high. Add sunflower oil to skillet then add diced country ham. Cook country ham until lightly browned, about 6-8 minutes.
- Add onions to skillet, cooking until translucent, 3-4 minutes.
- Add turnip greens to skillet, stirring to wilt. If desired, pick some of the larger stems out. Add 3 cups water to turnip greens.



(Photo by Georgia Grown Test Kitchen)

**Dumplings:**

- Place cornmeal in medium bowl.
- Whisk flour and baking powder together in a separate bowl.
- Heat milk, butter and salt in small saucepan until just hot. Pour hot milk over cornmeal, letting cornmeal hydrate for 1–2 minutes.
- Pour buttermilk over cornmeal mixture and mix well.
- Combine flour and cornmeal mixture, stirring until smooth.

**Assemble:**

- Using small ice cream scoop, drop cornmeal dumplings over greens in baking dish, leaving room in between.

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- Bake at 450 F 15-20 minutes until golden and firm to touch.
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Serves 4-6.

Recipe courtesy of Georgia Grown.

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**150TH ANNIVERSARY: Guest speakers reflect on important role of agriculture in Georgia**

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Camilla told the gathering a common theme to her about agriculture is connection. Kerr said when she left for college, she never thought she would return to the farm, but the connections of land, family and heritage brought her back home.

“Not only is farming a core part of my identity and values, but agriculture is also the lifeblood of Georgia’s economy and the backbone of our rural communities,” Kerr said. “It connects all of us as Georgians through economic impact,

jobs, and, of course, food. Georgia agriculture is essential to our state, country, and the world.”

Handy Kennedy Jr. is the COO of HK Farm, LLC located in Tattnall and Candler counties. He said that as African American farmers, his family continues to benefit from the lessons of their ancestors in working the land through good and bad times.

“Farming is more than a business or career,” Kennedy

said. “It’s a passion that has created a legacy for many generations to embrace.”

The department has created a website to celebrate its 150th anniversary. The website delves into the department’s history and showcases upcoming events. Learn more by visiting <https://agr.georgia.gov/150th-anniversary>.

**VIDALIA ONIONS: Sweet news! Vidalia onions set to ship April 17th**

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announcing the pack date.

The Vidalia Onion Act of 1986 established their growing region in south Georgia and trademarked the “Vidalia® onion” name. The Act established that only sweet onions grown in 20 south Georgia counties from a distinctive Granex seed and sold on or after the official pack date each year could be called Vidalia onions.

Vidalia onions have been hand-planted, harvested, and cured by growers for over 80 years. They are known for their sweet, crisp flavor and versatility and are a seasonal treat for various dishes — from savory to sweet. Because of the unique combination of weather, water, and soil in 20 south Georgia counties, Vidalia onions cannot be replicated any-

where else in the world.

For the 2024 season, farmers planted 11,000 acres of Vidalia onions in the production area. Vidalia Onion Commission Chairman Cliff Riner said farmers are expecting a good harvest.

“Over the past few years, sweet onion sales have continued to increase, with Vidalia onions being a big part of the market,” Riner said. “We’re looking forward to another great season this year.”

In 1989, the U.S. Department of Agriculture provided federal protection to the onion and created the Vidalia Onion Committee to support marketing and research initiatives. In 1992, the state of Georgia became the official owner of the

Vidalia onion trademark.

Not only can people find Vidalia onions in stores and restaurants, but several non-profit organizations in Georgia also use the sweet onion as a fundraiser.

Lucy Ray with the University of Georgia’s Extension Service in Morgan County said every year, about this time, people there are looking forward to their Vidalia Onion fundraising drive. An order form can be found in this issue of the *Market Bulletin*.

For more information on Vidalia onions, please visit [www.vidaliaonion.org](http://www.vidaliaonion.org) and follow the season’s news on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and YouTube.

**PIERCE COUNTY POT BUST: Agencies glad to have ‘this much dope off the street’ from drug seizure**

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investigation. Harper noted that re-establishing the GDA’s law enforcement accreditation was a priority for him when he became commissioner to protect the agricultural sector in Georgia.

“We have sent a clear message to our state partners and our local partners as it will be shown this morning that in our department and Law Enforcement Division, if you engage in criminal activity in our state and in the agricultural sector, if you work to try to jeopardize our food supply or food safety or food security whether that is through drug

trafficking, labor trafficking, animal cruelty you will be caught, you will be prosecuted, and you will be held accountable for your actions,” Harper said.

Bennett said the people had been there since 2022. Despite being told the facility was used for food processing, investigators determined illicit activity was occurring, which caused them to obtain and execute a search warrant.

Bennett said inside the facility, officers with the Pierce County Sheriff’s Office, GDA, and other state agencies found an elab-

orate and extensive operation for cultivating marijuana. Despite the facility being on an unpaved road and in a secluded area, Bennett described it as a high-tech operation utilizing electric lighting and a system to recycle and reuse water for the plants.

“The plants were found in stages from seedlings to full harvest,” Bennett said. “This was the largest seizure of this kind for us and a pretty large seizure in this part of the state. We were just pleased to have this part of the criminal element in jail and this much dope off the street.”

Bennett added, “This wasn’t your average south Georgia countryman with a few plants in the backyard or a few plants in a closet. No, it far exceeded that.”

Asked by a reporter during the press conference where he thought the marijuana could have been destined for, Bennett said the people arrested had ties to Staten Island in New York City and Houston, TX. “It could have been (going) anywhere in between.”

## Focus on Food: Good safety practices serve to protect everyone from food-borne illnesses



By Wendy White  
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The Centers for Disease Control estimate that over 48 million Americans get sick from food each year. Many of us have experienced the dreaded 24-hour stomach flu, and while most people get better in a few days, the CDC believes that 128,000 of these foodborne illnesses are severe enough for a trip

to the hospital and 3,000 deaths. These statistics might seem bleak, but if you think about how many meals that represent (about 342 million U.S. people x 365 days a year x 3 meals a day), your chances of getting sick are only about 0.01 percent.

The United States has one of the safest food supplies in the world. This is due to the hard work of our farmers, food producers, and food safety education. Reviewing food safety basics is a great way to make sure that food businesses produce safe products and that we all cook safe meals for our families at home.

### Preparing safe food at home

There are some very simple ways to protect your family from foodborne illness by following these four easy steps: clean, separate, cook, and chill.

**Clean:** Normally, foodborne illness cases are consistent in this country, but we saw a huge decrease in illness during the pandemic. This was attributed to decreased restaurant visits and under-reporting, but mainly from the massive increase in handwashing and cleaning. We all learned that washing your hands with warm water and soap for 20 seconds is important.

Today, it's still important to wash your hands and surfaces after preparing uncooked meat, poultry, seafood and eggs. Also, rinse your fresh produce under running water, but never rinse raw poultry (it causes more harm than good).

**Separate:** When possible, use separate cutting boards,

containers, and utensils to prepare raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs. Ensure you are storing these items in leak-proof containers in the refrigerator.

**Cook:** Cooking high-risk foods is one of the best ways to kill pathogenic microorganisms. It's recommended that fish is cooked internally to 145 F, ground beef and pork to 160 F, and poultry and leftovers to 165 F. A meat thermometer is the best way to ensure foods are properly cooked.

**Cool:** Keeping perishable foods in the refrigerator is a



A meat thermometer is the best way to ensure foods are properly cooked, and they make great gifts with Georgia Tech's Georgia Manufacturing Extension Partnership also offers low-cost onsite and virtual FSMA Cohort Workshops. Learn more at the website: [gamep.org/food-safety-cohort/](http://gamep.org/food-safety-cohort/).

wonderful way to slow the growth of harmful bacteria. You should keep a thermometer in your fridge to ensure it stays below 40 F. Also, cool hot food quickly to avoid the temperature danger zone of 40 F to 140 F. It's a good idea to put up leftovers within 2 hours (1 hour for air temps over 90 F). It's important to remember that putting food in the freezer won't kill food pathogens. It just prevents growth.

### At-risk populations

Food pathogens don't affect all people the same way, and not all people are as susceptible to these types of illnesses. Infants, small children, and older adults can be more susceptible because their immune systems aren't as strong as others. Pregnant women and their unborn children are also more susceptible to certain food pathogens. The most susceptible population is immunocompromised people. They might be recovering from a long sickness, undergoing chemotherapy, or having an immuno disease. As someone who went through chemo myself, I was shocked that they didn't tell me to avoid high-risk foods during this time.

It's a good idea for these populations to be especially careful when preparing meals. Ensure that the four safe food preparation steps are always followed, and it might be a good idea to avoid certain high-risk foods, like sushi, undercooked seafood, deli meat, unwashed raw produce, and soft cheese.

### Food Producers and Farmers Doing Their Part

The low instances of foodborne illness in this country are largely due to the hard work and care our farmers and food companies put into ensuring our food supply is safe. Farmers employ Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) to ensure that the crops and livestock are protected and harvested in a manner that avoids contamination. Food producers employ Food Safety Plans (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point or HACCP plans) to review their ingredients, packaging, and processing steps to identify possible hazards and use controls to control, eliminate, or reduce them.

Several governmental agencies also do their part to oversee food safety practices. In Georgia, the Georgia Department of Agriculture oversees local food production, and on a federal level, the U.S. Department of Agriculture oversees meat, poultry, and eggs. The Food and Drug Administration oversees most other foods, drugs and cosmetics.

Making safe food is everyone's responsibility, stretching from farm to fork and pasture to plate.

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## Georgia Grown unites with 2024 AmericasMart Atlanta

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ATLANTA – Diane Pfeifer and Alan Carr are different but also the same. They are attending the wholesale January Atlanta Market at AmericasMart in downtown Atlanta. Both are Georgia Grown members looking to expand their customer base but are coming to the event with different perspectives.

One is a veteran of the wholesale trade shows, while the other is a first-time newbie. Both said they benefit from their experience through Georgia Grown's Domestic Marketing Program, a cost-sharing effort that allows Georgia-based businesses to partner with the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Georgia Grown marketing brand at national trade shows.

Pfeifer has attended tradeshows for 36 years. In recent years, she sells her Grits Bits brand of crispy cheese wafers and cookies baked with grits. She signed up for the program a few years ago when she got an order from Buc-ee's, the mega convenience store chain. "The subsidy was the only reason I was here two years ago when she came by," she said.

"You meet stores from all over the country, but with my case, I'm relegated to the Southeast with grits," Pfeifer said. "I meet all of these great stores. I'm in 45 stores with Buc-ee's now because of the show."

The Georgia Grown's Domestic Marketing Program is a partnership with AmericasMart's operator ANDMORE, which has championed Georgia Grown products at trade shows held each January and June. The Atlanta shows are among the largest wholesale trade shows in the world. Each show hosts over 50 floors of vendor booth space across three buildings and attracts retailers and designers from every state and over 60 countries.

The trade show was held Jan. 17-21, with the largest contingent of Georgia Grown members ever attending, representing 67 diverse small businesses.

Elizabeth Danforth, a Georgia Grown marketing specialist, explained the Domestic Marketing Program helps offset the cost of booth space at the show. She said the program targets members ready to make that next step in selling their products.

That is why Alan and Tisha Carr signed up and attended the trade show for the first time. The couple owns Bone Creek Farms and sells bath and body products made with

"Wholesale enables you to reach out a lot further," Carr said. "We sell all over the country with our website, but you don't get your name out there as much as you would if a company took your product and put it in their store in California, or some other state like that, and reaches out to more people."

Alan said they had a good experience at the tradeshow. "We've talked to some mom-and-pop bouquets, and we got an order from somebody in Vermont yesterday," he said. "It's a good part of the country where we've never sold in, so it might work out into something good."

The tradeshow was divided into sections: Gourmet, Body & Soul, High Design, Tabletop, Housewares, and Made in America. As a wholesale show, there was no individual purchasing of items from the vendors. It was strictly about making deals.

"It's definitely different," Carr said. "There's a lot more standing around and talking to people."

Pfeifer said she puts her game face on to meet as many people as possible.

"You meet so many different people. The caveat is you have to say hi to them, greet them, and have your act together," Pfeifer said. You can't just sit there and watch everybody walk by and say, 'Oh, gee, nobody is stopping.' I work it."

The Domestic Marketing Program offers opportunities to 11 tradeshows annually. Applications for participation in the Domestic Marketing Program for 2025 will be accepted beginning on Aug. 1 and due by Oct. 1. For more information, contact Cook at [sarah.cook@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:sarah.cook@agr.georgia.gov) or Danforth at [elizabeth.danforth@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:elizabeth.danforth@agr.georgia.gov). Learn more about Georgia Grown by visiting [www.georgiagrown.com](http://www.georgiagrown.com).

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Olivia Rader, a Georgia Grown marketing specialist, visits Diane Pfeifer at her booth during the AmericasMart trade show in Atlanta. Pfeifer markets her Grits Bits brand of snacks and gift sets. (GDA/Jay Jones)

goat milk from dairy goats raised on their Jones County farm. "I milk the goats, and my wife makes the soaps. I'll help her, too. We're just a small business," Alan said.

They have sold their products in the Georgia Grown building during the Georgia National Fair for the last nine years and built a strong online retail business. Alan Carr explained Sarah Cook, another Georgia Grown marketing specialist, suggested it was time to expand his business.

# Fun on the Farm!

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## Georgie's Drive Thru Andersonville

Hello! I'm Georgie, the Georgia Grown mascot. I travel the state of Georgia promoting our #1 industry, agriculture! On a recent trip through west Georgia, I took my family to one of the more somber and infamous places in Georgia's history. In February 1864, Camp Sumter, one of the largest Confederate prisoners of war camps, was built in north-

ern Sumter County. Of the nearly 45,000 prisoners held there, over one-quarter of them died within the wooden walls of the camp before it was liberated in May 1865. Ever since the days of the Civil War, when nearly 14,000 Union prisoners were buried outside the stockade walls, the US military has continued to operate Andersonville National Cemetery, where veterans from all branches of service are still eligible for burial.

The National POW Museum, opened in 1998, is also on the property. It tells the story of American prisoners of war throughout our military history. On our way out of the Andersonville National Historic Site, we stopped to pay our respects to my uncle, Glynn Johnson, Staff Sergeant US Air Force Korea, who was buried there in 2013.



Opened in 1998, the National Prisoner of War Museum tells the story of prisoners of war throughout American History. This facility doubles as the visitor center for the Andersonville National Historic Site and is the best place to begin a visit. (GDA/Lee Lancaster)

## Recipes for Tiny Tasters!

### Fruity and crunchy parfait

Angel Jarvis, Candler County 4-H

This recipe is a healthier version of pre-made fruit and

yogurt parfait. Many pre-made parfaits are packed with added sugar between the syrup of the fruit and granola. This recipe is also very flexible, so you

can really make it your own. This recipe also has no refined sugar. This recipe is budget friendly because it uses many pantry staples.

Makes: 4 servings  
Serving size: 2 cups  
Prep time: 5 minutes

(Special Photo)



#### Ingredients

- 1 cup of oatmeal
- ½ cup of original Cheerios
- ¼ cup of creamy peanut butter (crunchy works, too)
- ¼ cup of dry roasted/natural nuts (peanuts, pecans, almonds or a mix)
- 2 tsps of honey (3 if you like it sweeter)
- 1 egg white
- 1 Tbsp of coconut oil

- 2 cups of fresh fruit for topping of parfait (strawberries, bananas, blueberries, etc.)
- 3 cups of plain/vanilla yogurt (or Greek)

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F and prepare a baking pan with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, mix together oats, Cheerios, and nuts.
3. In a small microwaveable safe bowl, put the coconut oil, honey, and peanut butter in it. Microwave it until the coconut oil melts. Add the mixture to the oats, Cheerios, and nuts. Add the egg white. Mix until just combined.
4. Bake until it is golden and a little darker (about 15 minutes)

5. Let the granola cool about 5 minutes before topping the parfait.
6. To prepare the parfait, divide the yogurt into bowls/jars and top with fruit and granola.

Courtesy of Georgia 4-H's Pantry Pride program.

# MERCER MEDICAL: Fiber is the secret to a healthier life

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Fiber-rich diets have been shown to have many health benefits, but still, only about 5 percent of individuals in the United States consume the daily recommended amount of fiber. Why is it important to include more fiber in our diets?

## What is fiber?

Fiber is an indigestible carbohydrate from the plants we eat that passes through the

digestive tract and out of the body. There are two types of fiber:

**Soluble:** This fiber dissolves in water and helps decrease blood sugar and slow food movement through our digestive system. It can be found in foods such as apples, carrots, oranges, peas, oatmeal, vegetables, avocado, grapefruit and chia seeds.

**Insoluble:** This fiber helps increase the bulk and regularity of your bowel movements. Insoluble fiber is found in foods such as whole wheat bread, bran cereal, beans, leafy greens, flax seed, nuts and brown rice.

## What are the health benefits of fiber?

Fiber improves overall bowel health and helps feed and support healthy bacteria that perform many different functions within your digestive tract. Other benefits include:

- Regulates your bowel movements: Fiber helps you have more regular bowel movements and improves your stool consistency to decrease the risk of hemorrhoids and constipation.
- Lowers blood sugar levels: Fiber absorbs some of the sug-

ar we eat and traps it in our stool, keeping it from entering your blood. This is a great benefit for those with diabetes working to control blood sugar levels.

- Decreases cholesterol levels: Fiber also traps some fats and cholesterol in the intestines to be expelled in your bowel movements.



Fiber improves overall bowel health and helps feed and support healthy bacteria that perform many different functions within your digestive tract. Consider incorporating more fiber in your diet from fruits, vegetables, whole grains and nuts. (Special Photo)

- Decreases your colon cancer risk: As fiber passes through your intestine, it can absorb potential cancer-causing substances that might be present in foods.
- Decreases cardiovascular disease risk: Since fiber decreases blood sugar and cholesterol levels, it greatly prevents cholesterol build-up in arteries, reducing the risk of heart attacks and strokes.
- Helps control weight: Fiber absorbs water and delays

stomach emptying, keeping the feeling of being full longer. This effect helps decrease the amount of food eaten and helps weight loss.

How much fiber should be consumed daily? The current recommended total dietary fiber is around 25-30 grams for most people.

## How can fiber be added to the diet?

Small choices in your diet can increase fiber substantially. Here are some options for higher fiber alternatives to common foods:

- Replace white bread, crackers, and pasta with whole-grain varieties and chickpea pasta.
- Choose a cereal with more fiber and add a fruit like strawberries or bananas.
- Add more fruits and vegetables to meals. Consider adding a side salad to meals or opting for a fiber-rich vegetable like green beans.
- Trade out sugary, processed snacks with things like fruit, nuts, or popcorn.
- Add beans or legumes to soups and meals.
- Add chia or flax seeds to smoothies and yogurt.
- Add a fiber supplement to the regimen after consulting with the doctor. While fiber supplements don't offer as great a benefit as dietary fiber, due to the added benefits of vitamins and minerals that high-fiber foods often have, they are still helpful.

Increase your fiber intake gradually, along with an increase in water intake, so your body can adjust. Remember that any increase in fiber is a good one, even if it is still short of the daily recommended amount.

Gut health is incredibly important to overall health, and fiber can play a significant role. Talk with your doctor about increasing your fiber intake before taking fiber supplements. Other information and tips on how fiber fits into a healthy lifestyle can be found at the website [mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle](http://mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle) and other online resources.

## Georgia's good dogs have their day with Georgia Department of Agriculture commendations

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Two good dogs that are great.

Skippy, a mixed breed dog from McDuffie County, won this year's American Farm Bureau Federation Farm Dog of the Year contest, and another Georgia dog, Casper, a Great Pyrenees from Decatur, took home the People's Choice Pup award.

Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper commended the dogs' owner and recognized the bond between farmers and their working dogs during a press conference at the Georgia Department of Agriculture office in Atlanta on March 6.

"In many cases, they're the farmer's best employee, probably because they show up to work on time every day," Harper said. "They typically never complain about work. But definitely, it's because of their unwavering commitment to their family and the job that each of our farm dogs do and the job that Skippy and Casper do every single day."

Skippy moved in with Donald and Laura Adams, after a falling hay bale struck Donald Adams, breaking his neck and leaving him paralyzed.

Skippy came to the Adamses courtesy of PharmDog USA, a nonprofit that matches disabled farmers with dogs to keep farmers farming. Laura Adams said Skippy is an invaluable part of their cattle operation.

"There's a misconception about herd dogs: all they do is herd. Skippy does so much more than that," she said.

"She'll watch the gate when the cows are going in, and she's 20 feet ahead of you; she'll watch the gate when you tell her to watch so the cows don't come back out. Or you can tell her to watch the gate, and you can go in and feed and

Skippy was shy and stuck close to Donald Adams. Casper, on the other hand, greeted legislators and GDA staff as friends he never met. Appropriately named with his white fur and friendly nature, Casper enjoyed the attention.

Owner John Wierwille said Casper saved the day in 2022 when 11 coyotes approached his flock of sheep.

Casper charged the coyote pack, and after a long fight, eight coyotes lay dead and the rest fled. Casper himself sustained life-threatening injuries.

"What happened with Casper is hard to talk about because it was terrible to watch, and it was even more terrible when he came home and was all torn up," Wierwille said.

Wierwille credited the LifeLine Animal Project with patching Casper up and helping save his life. Wierwille donated the award's \$1,000 prize money to LifeLine.

"We could not do urban agriculture here in Atlanta without the dogs," he said. "It just is not possible. There are too many other predators that are a threat to the sheep. Quite honestly, there are a lot of people that are sometimes a threat to the sheep. The dogs keep all of those away, and they're just priceless dogs."

The AFBF names a Farm Dog of the Year and three regional People's Choice

Pups annually. To learn more about the initiative and hear more about Skippy and Casper's story, visit [www.fb.org/initiative/farm-dog-of-the-year](http://www.fb.org/initiative/farm-dog-of-the-year).



Georgia legislators joined Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper on March 6 to recognize Skippy and Casper. Skippy, a mixed-breed dog, was named the American Farm Bureau Federation's Farm Dog of the Year, and Casper, Great Pyrenees, was named the People's Choice Pup. (GDA/Jay Jones)

not have to close the gate," Laura Adams said. "She'll keep the cows away from you when you're feeding. She'll go into the messy, rainy places Georgia has that I don't want to go."

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