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HARPER: Trip to South America crucial for Georgia agriculture

By Jay Jones
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Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler J Harper recently traveled to Argentina and Brazil with Gov. Brian Kemp on a trade mission to promote business connections between Georgia and the two South American countries.

While Argentina and Brazil conduct over \$860 million in trade with Georgia, mainly in non-agri-

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp, center, and First Lady Marty Kemp, center right, with Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler J Harper, second from the right, and state economic development officials traveled to Argentina and Brazil in August on a trade mission. The delegation focused on strengthening business ties and promoting Georgia's agricultural products. (Office of Gov. Brian P. Kemp/Special Photo)



cultural sectors, Harper saw the trip as crucial for the state's agriculture industry. He focused on reducing trade barriers and expanding market access for Georgia's commodities such as pecans, peanuts, poultry, and timber. Harper also emphasized the need to counter foreign adversaries' investments in South America to protect American agriculture.

Harper spoke with the Market Bulletin about his trip. His interview has been lightly edited for clarity and continuity.

MB: What were your main goals for this trip from an agricultural perspective? What specifically were you hoping to achieve?

Harper noted that the timing was right for a trip like this, given the current challenges facing producers, such as suppressed commodity prices and the

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UGA researchers give insight into minds (and carts) of American flower buyers

By Maria Lameiras
The University of Georgia

Cut flowers are no longer a specialty item reserved for florists or formal events. Today, you're just as likely to find a bouquet near the produce aisle, at the checkout line of a pharmacy or even nestled beside snacks at a gas station. As fresh flowers become a more familiar feature in a variety of retail spaces, their role in everyday life is evolving – and so are the people who buy them.

To understand this trend, a team of researchers at the University of Georgia's (UGA) College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences combined horticulture and agricultural economics to explore not just what flowers people buy, but why, how often and what those habits say about broader consumer behavior.

One flower doesn't fit all

What started as a project for Assistant Professor Julie Campbell's floral design class in the Department of Horticul-

ture grew into a nationally representative study of more than 8,500 consumers.

The result: There is no such thing as a "typical" flower buyer.

Using cluster analysis, a statistical method common in marketing, the team identified 13 distinct types of flower consumers. Some examples are the Valentine's Day segment (mostly male, big on roses), the anniversary-only givers, the home-use-only shoppers who buy for themselves, and the everything cluster – shoppers who purchase flowers for all types of occasions and spend the most.

See **PETAL PUSHERS**, page 16

UGA Agricultural economist Ben Campbell and horticulturist Julie Campbell examined the behaviors of American flower buyers and found that, beyond purchasing habits, the emotional value of flowers is measured in boosting mood, reducing stress and improving morale. With flowers now common in grocery stores, pharmacies and even gas stations, understanding buyer habits is helping growers tap into new opportunities. (UGA-CAES/Sue Myers Smith)



Georgia National Fair offers a 'paradise' of fun, celebration at this years event

By Jay Jones
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Welcome to Fairadise. The 36th annual Georgia National Fair kicks off this week at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, inviting visitors to enjoy 11 days of classic fair fun, entertainment, and agricultural showcases.

The gates for the 36th annual fair will open at 3 p.m. on Thursday, marking the start of festivities. Following opening day, the fair will continue daily, with varying opening hours through Sunday, Oct. 12. Visitors can enjoy a mix of thrilling rides, mouth-watering food, and top-tier entertainment throughout the event.

Erin Flournoy, Georgia National Fairgrounds marketing director, explained they wanted to embrace a "paradise" theme this year as a twist on a local affectionate term for Perry, "Perry-dise."

"Perry kind of has a nickname of 'Perry-dise', so we talked about that. We came up with Fairadise as a play-off of that," Flournoy said. "As we began discussing Fairadise, we saw many ways to use the theme.

See **FAIRADISE**, page 13



The Georgia National Fair, to run from Oct. 2-12 in Perry, is expected to be one of the best attended ever, with 2,000 livestock and arts and crafts exhibitors, 80 midway rides, live entertainment, and various food vendors. (GDA/Jay Jones)

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1947 Ford 8N tractor. Runs well. Got 4ft bush hog & 4ft scrape box blade, both in good condition. Asking: \$2500 OBO. Gary Fry **Elberton** 762-721-0650

1950s Case VAC tractor, not running, engine turns. Front & rear wheel weights, side belt attachment, original hand crank & manual: \$600. Tom **Conyers** 404-735-4426

1952 8N Ford tractor, no dents in sheet metal. Running when parked, engine not stuck. Hydraulic lift works. Will trade for Farmall Cub or Cub Lo-Boy tractor. Thomas Tucker **Lithia Springs** 770-941-2354



1952 Farmall Cub, side sickle mower, good shape. Tires very good, 12V system: \$5000 OBO. Runs good, kept under shed. Ken Morgan **Bloomingtondale** 770-468-8092

1957 Ford 600 tractor, not running, engine turns, includes a 5ft bush hog, rollover & a pulverizer: \$2800/all OBO. Tom **Conyers** 404-735-4426

1961 Fordson diesel tractor. Runs great, good tires, paint, metal, new battery, with 5ft finish mower, sheltered, no problems. J. A. Conner **Folkston** 912-286-7081

1978 John Deere 2640 diesel. Garage kept, 71HP, 1220hrs, new battery with nine pieces of equipment. Must take all: \$10,000. Photos upon request. Rick Holcomb **Cartersville** 770-547-5513

1980s Mitsubishi 2 cylinder diesel, 3 speed, PTO, H/L range transmission, good tires, runs good: \$2750. Raymond Douglas **Rock Spring** 423-413-0856 or text 423-413-8965

1985 Ford 1910 for sale. New starter ,alternator and battery. Runs good: \$5000. Text for photos or questions. Lynn McCollough **Barnesville** 678-588-5313

2002 Kubota L4300 4X4 w/front end loader, 1200hrs, 1 owner, sheltered, good tires & canopy: \$12,000. K. Wood **Hoschton** 770-867-4332

2003 Kubota L3000 tractor, 350hrs, 4WD: \$8000; 2004 scrape blade: \$400; Husqvarna lawn mower, 48in cutting deck, 96hrs, garage kept: \$1500; wood shaper: \$500. Samantha **Blue Ridge** 706-838-5232

2008 John Deere 5203 56HP, 2WD, loader, hay spear. Excellent condition. Looks new, stored inside: \$16,500 or reasonable offer considered. Text for photos. David Sanford **Chatsworth** 706-271-9770

2011 John Deere 5045-D tractor, 133hrs: \$19,000. 6ft disc harrow: \$2000; 6ft King Cutter II Roto-tiller: \$2000. Photos available. William Spooner **Colquitt** 229-309-1286

2011 Kioti tractor w/front loader and 77hrs. It's in very good condition: \$12,500. Chris Hunt **Gainesville** 770-519-5428

2020 John Deere 5055E with loader. 245 hours. Cathy McKinnon **Willacoochee** 912-389-5510

2022 New Holland PowerStar, 75hp, ~360hrs, like new, 4WD, w/loader & cab & AC: \$55,000 OBO; brand new 22ft bumper-pull trailer, 14,000lb payload, w/stake pocket in the front & electric brakes: \$5500. James **Ty Ty** 229-272-2653

298 Massey Ferguson diesel tractor, 90 horsepower, w/chisel plow. Call. James **Perry** 478-954-1872

7060 Mahindra, cab, 159hrs, 4 wheel drive: \$50,000 OBO. Ben **Menlo** 423-718-4235

Barn burned – tractor burned. 2015 Kubota L4701, LA765 bucket: \$1000; also want Kubota tractor w/bucket, HST, 4WD, 45-50HP. Bill Berry **Cataula** 706-681-4760

For Sale: 7-foot tilt and angle blade for 2000 Ford 3610 tractor, complete: \$2000. B.N. Brown **Fort Valley** 478-954-2627

Ford 3000 tractor, rebuilt gas motor , new paint, good condition strong lift and PTO: \$6300 OBO. Photo and video available. John Trussell **Warner Robins** 478-957-7411

Ford 641 Workmaster, like new tires, rusty & smokes: \$2000; also 2 John Deere & 2 Ford suitcase weights: \$50/ea. Nights only. Fred Barnes **Tifton** 229-382-5349

John Deere 4120 w/H180 loader. Great tractor, hydrostatic, 4wd, loader, original owner, 1450hrs: \$26,000. Joshua Nelson **Marietta** 404-644-1878

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- Livestock Handling and Hauling
- Equipment Trailers and Carts
- Crop Trailers, Carts and Bins

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- Trucks
- Truck Accessories and Parts
- UTVs/ATVs
- Golf Cars
- Boats

Lawn and Garden

- Garden Tractors
- Landscape Tools/Materials

Farm Supplies

- Irrigation Equipment
- Tools and Hardware

Generators and Compressors

- Buildings and Materials
- Lumber
- Posts and Fencing

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- Cattle
- Swine
- Goats
- Sheep
- Equine
- Stock Dogs
- Barn Cats
- Rabbits
- Poultry/Fowl
- Poultry/Fowl Requiring Permit or License
- Non-Traditional Livestock

Animal Supplies

- Cattle Supplies
- Swine Supplies
- Goat Supplies

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- Items wanted in all categories will be advertised here.

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D5M Caterpillar 1997 high-track dozer, new sprockets, new rails, new pads and all new knuckles, 6-way blade, 350hrs. Photos available: \$52,500. James M. Morris **LaFayette** 423-304-8022

TRAILERS

LIVESTOCK HANDLING AND HAULING

1989 Hooper stock trailer, 16ft, gooseneck, center gate, lights & brakes work, new tires in 2022: \$6000. Joe Burley **Brooks** 770-605-4740

1999 Sundowner gooseneck 4-horse slant load horse trailer, aluminum w/dressing room for tack, w/bed & drop down windows: \$10,500. Leave message or text. Mark Anderson **Taylorsville** 770-655-1827

2020 16ft Calico stock trailer, in excellent condition: \$5200. Pat Green **Heard Co** 770-964-7290

2000 Sooner Royale 3 horse with Duster LQ. Hydraulic jack. Onan generator. New brakes, seals, bearings. Hercules tires. AC and furnace. Pictures available on request: \$23,500. Kyle Vasser **Rome** 706-766-5634

2003 Ford F250 6.0L, diesel, Supercab, SRW Super Duty, rebuilt Reman motor. Good condition work truck. Jeremy **Baxley** 912-278-4257

2007 Cavalioet 20ft GN stock trailer: \$5000. Lights work, tires good, 1 owner, 1 cut gate, rear slide & swing door & escape door. Call/text. Robin **Cartersville** 770-546-7816

Ponderosa 20ft 4 horse trailer, dual axle, electric brakes, replaced floor rubber mats: \$3200. Leave message. Calls returned ASAP. J. Lyons **Dawsonville** 706-265-3328

EQUIPMENT TRAILERS AND CARTS

18ft. Country Boy trailer electric brakes, loading ramps, dual axle: \$4000. Text or voice mail. Ricky Mullinax **Duluth** 770-601-1810

2020 32ft Sure-Pull gooseneck flatbed trailer w/6ft deck. Good for hay and equipment. 14 ply tires, 8K axles, 3 flip ramps. Very good condition. \$10,500 OBO. S. Stana **Carrollton** 770-241-3201

2022 Swartz Gooseneck trailer, 25000 GVWR, 20+5 ft dovetail, 12000lb dual tandem Dexter axles, deck on neck, tie-down rails, good wood, spare tire: \$15,000. Gerry Gibb **Fort Valley** 478-550-5252

2025 Gator-made Gooseneck trailer, low profile hydraulic tilt, 21000 GVWR, triple axles, 14-ply tires and spare, deck on neck, locking toolbox: \$15,500. Gerry Gibb **Fort Valley** 478-550-5252

34ft All steel Kaufman trailer w/winch and spare tire: \$9000. Used 2 times. Hugh Hosch **Auburn** 770-789-3258

35-ton Dorsey Lowboy with hydraulic ramps, 10.00/15 tires: \$5000. Call after 5pm. Travis McLendon **Hawkinsville** 478-244-1036

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VEHICLES

Please specify if vehicles are in running condition.

TRUCKS

1991 Int'l 4900 DT466, air brakes, 20ft dump bed 110K miles, trailer hitch: \$26,000; trailer, custom dual tandem 20ft bed/5ft dovetail, electric brakes/less than 10K miles: \$12,000. Jerry **Sandy Springs** 404-823-6789

1995 Ford Ranger, runs good, does not use oil, tires almost new, 5 spd, 3.0 V6 engine: \$2000. Wallace German **Winder** 770-316-4071

2003 GMC W-3500 w/land-scape body, 92k miles, nearly new tires. AC, power steering and brakes, extra clean. David **Cedartown** 770-748-8929

2011 Ram 2500, HD Ranch Hand grills. 4x4, certified new engine 20,000 miles, HEMI 5.7. New tires, leather interior: \$15,000. Call or text for photos. Kurt Massey **Dahlonega** 706-429-7074

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Front & rear stainless steel bumpers for 2016-2025 Ram Classic. Front bumper is made of welded tubular stainless steel (3" x 3" x quarter-inch thickness). Call Pat Steadman **Statesboro** 912-531-4603

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Club Car Precedent Villager, 4 passenger, gas, extra, 80hrs, garaged. Asking: \$7250. Peter Taylor **Cleveland** 706-348-7954

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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

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 & 5th Saturday, 1 p.m.: Goats, sheep, calves, rabbits, poultry. **Every Saturday miscellaneous, 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. **Feeder calf sale 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m.** Northeast Georgia Livestock, 1200 Winterville Road, Athens. **Call** Todd Stephens, 706.549.4790

Fresh pine straw installed. 20+ years experience: \$5.00-\$6.00/bale, no additional fees, (50) bale minimum. American owned/operated. Serves north metro Atlanta and surrounding areas. Gloria Williamson **Bu-ford** ysrvc@hotmail.com 770-912-6671

Garden tractor tires, 2 each, 16x6.5-8, 4-ply, new: \$32/ea; garden tractor tires, 2 e ach, 22x9.5-13m 4-ply, new: \$65/ea. Joe **Marietta** 770-422-6852

Toro 3500 D Sidewinder zero turn course management rotary mower. Kubota, diesel. Perfect for lush lawn cutting in large areas: \$5500. Text or leave message. Steve **Colum-bus** 706-464-4637

TORO 4500d five gang fair-way rotary mower. This mower cuts 102 inches wide with fine quality professional finish. Diesel used 4200hrs: \$13,500. Text or leave message. Steve Capers **Columbus** 706-464-4637

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2 bow saws for sale. Haven't been cranked in a while: \$100 each. E. Marshall **Lizella** 478-737-0201

COOK COUNTY
1st , 3rd & 5th Saturdays, Caged animals, **10 a.m.;** hooved animals, **1 p.m. 5th Saturday hooved animals only, 6 p.m.:** Cows, goats, sheep, chickens, small animals; Deer Run Auction, 1158 Parrish Road, Adel. **Call** Matthew Culpepper, 229.560.0595

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

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

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

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

GORDON COUNTY
Every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.: Sheep and goats at 9:30 a.m., Cattle at 12:30 p.m.; Calhoun Stockyard Hwy. 53, 2270 Rome Road SW, Calhoun. **Call** Gene Williams & Adam Williams, 706.629.1900

20-foot fiberglass extension ladder: \$65. Dale Hunter **Gainesville** 678-997-4745

Earthway garden seeder Model 1001-B, w/ea seed plates, like new w/manual: \$50. Joe **Marietta** 770-422-6852

Mosquito power trap Flowtron, 1/2acre, MT-100 w/bait, 2/ea, new: \$45/ea; vise Olympia Industrial 5in multi-purpose w/360° jaw and swivel, like new, 62lbs: \$150. Joe **Marietta** 770-422-6852

Pipe cutter: \$25; pipe thread-er: \$50; miter saw: \$40; hand saw: \$8; grinder: \$35; vice: \$15. M. P. Bailey **Redan** 470-479-7393

Sears Craftsman 6 1/8in joiner-planer model no. 113.206931 complete w/original stand, motor, owner's manual and extra new blades, in excellent original condition: \$450. R. Reeves **Tucker** 770-633-5267

BUILDINGS AND
MATERIALS

Heavy duty metal & wood tables, pipe racks, ductile pipe, galvanized angle & flat iron 2-4ft long. Antique pieces for sale also. Call for more info/pictures. Bill **Americus** 229-928-5451

Used 5V GAU. tin. 12Ft & 8ft pieces: \$75. Richard Ward **Winston** 770-756-7297

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

LAMAR COUNTY
Every Friday & 1st Saturday 6 p.m.: Chickens, caged animals, **6 p.m.;** Goats and sheep, **7 p.m.;** farm miscellaneous at **5 p.m.,** Ga. Lic. #4213; Buggy Town Auction Market, 1315 Highway 341 S, Barnesville. **Call** Krystal Burnett 678.972.4599

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

MARION COUNTY
1st, 3rd & 5th 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

LVL beams, various sizes up to 22ft long, 14in wide & 1¼-5in thick. New. Price varies on beam size. Jerry Fuller **Maulk** 706-329-5487

Plastic pallets - black, large heavy duty, over-sized, 43.5in (W) x 55in (L) x 6in (H). Good condition, durable: \$16/ea. Alexander **Brooks** 678-723-9265

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Focus on Food: meet the geneticist safeguarding Georgia's peanuts

By Aubrey Lenyard
Georgia Tech, FBA

Every now and then, my work introduces me to someone who makes me feel like I have stumbled into a secret vault of knowledge. Recently, that someone was Dr. Shyamalrau (Shyam) Tallury, a geneticist who has worked with peanuts for over 40 years. I was first introduced to him by Leslie Wagner, executive director at Southern Peanut Growers. “You’ve got to meet this man,” she told me. “He’s preserving peanut seeds.”

Preserving peanut seeds? My foodie brain immediately lit up. I did what any curious person would do: I asked Dr. Tallury for a tour. He said yes. I grabbed my friend and fellow foodie, Amanda Leesburg, and off we went to the University of Georgia’s Griffin campus to see the magic for ourselves.

As someone with ties to Georgia Tech, I half-joke that setting foot on UGA ground might ignite a scandal. Maybe they’d spot me in my Tech colors and escort me out before I could even say, “Go, Jackets.” But no. Dr. Tallury welcomed me with open arms, literally. I always say that our rivalry ends on the football field. When it comes to agriculture, research, and supporting Georgia’s farmers, Tech and UGA are in lockstep. I know Dr. Tallury feels the same way.

As he led us through his greenhouses, I quickly realized this wasn’t a casual research project. Dr. Tallury was engaged in significant work. Did you know Georgia produces more than half of all the peanuts in the United States? When you reach for that jar of peanut butter, there’s a good chance the main ingredient was grown right here. Protecting and preserving peanut seeds isn’t just important; it’s critical to our state’s economy, not to mention the country’s food supply.

Dr. Tallury explained that his role is managing the USDA National Peanut and Vigna crop collections. These collections include thousands of seed types, each with unique traits that can help scientists and farmers to develop stronger, more resilient crops with higher yields. In other words, what Dr. Tallury safeguards aren’t just peanuts. They’re the building

blocks of the peanut industry’s future. 1940s, and the room where it is stored is kept at a temperature of below zero degrees. Picture a freezer the size of a warehouse, but instead of housing, say, popsicles, it contains shelves upon shelves of seeds.

Why so cold? Because these seeds are a safety net for us all. If (heaven forbid) a disease or disaster wiped out our peanut crops, these preserved seeds would allow us to rebuild. It’s not just Georgia that benefits, either. Dr. Tallury collaborates with researchers across the country to share genetic traits, such as disease resistance and nutritional improvements, ensuring that our farmers stay competitive.

Standing there in the chill, I felt grateful - not just that such a dedicated scientist has taken the responsibility of caring for what he calls a “national treasure,” but that Georgia is home to his important work. (And to be honest, I also felt grateful that no matter what happens, my peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will be safe!)

As Amanda and I wrapped up our visit, I realized I’d never look at peanuts the same way again. Now, every handful of roasted peanuts, every bite of peanut brittle, and every spoonful of peanut butter will remind me that that behind the scenes, making sure we never run out, is Dr. Tallury and his team.

Do you know what he loves most about his job? It’s not the science, though he’s brilliant at it, or the prestige, which is well-deserved. He loves the responsibility and honor of managing these seeds, and he credits his technicians, storage staff, and field team for helping him every step of the way. Dr. Tallury’s professional humility is as rare and valuable as the seeds he protects.

Aubrey Lenyard is co-director of the Georgia Tech Food and Beverage Accelerator (GT.FBA). Learn more online at <https://gtfba.innovate.gatech.edu/>.



Dr. Shyam Tallury, a USDA plant geneticist, gives Aubrey Lenyard a tour of a greenhouse at the UGA Griffin Campus. Tallury manages the national peanut crop collection, which contains thousands of varieties that can help farmers develop stronger crops. (GT.FBA/Special Photo)

blocks of the peanut industry’s future.

Our final stop on the tour was an unassuming building that gave no hint of the treasure inside. Once we stepped through the door, I realized we were standing in a fortress of seeds - more than 9,000 peanut varieties carefully stored and cataloged. This collection has been growing since the

MEET THE GDA INTERNS: Gathany explores law to help Georgia farmers

By Benson Thomas Gathany
GDA Legal Division Intern

Editor’s Note: This is the final installment of the series featuring our 2025 Georgia Department of Agriculture Internship Class. These young people gained valuable experience across our divisions this summer, and we were excited to share their insights. Each post has offered a unique look at their work and how the experience shaped their agricultural journey.

Benson Thomas Gathany is from Decatur, and he is attending the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University where he is working toward a law degree. He interned with GDA’s Legal Division.

What inspired you to choose an internship with the Georgia Department of Agriculture?

I chose to work at GDA this summer because I aim to pursue a career in administrative and agricultural law protecting the rights and interests of Georgia farmers. This is a goal of mine in part because my family has owned and operated a farm here for over a century, but also because of how important a sustainable and profitable agricultural sector is to our state’s public health and economic prosperity.

From what I have seen, there is a considerable lack of adequate, affordable and specialized legal representation available to farmers in Georgia. This is true for other people living in rural Georgia, too, but farmers are hit particularly hard because they have so many roles to play: as entrepreneurs, landowners, food producers, and more. Because of the variety of legal issues these different roles can implicate, farmers may have to get advice from multiple different law-

yers, which can become expensive quickly. Even the most productive small- and medium-sized farmers are dependent on what are often very narrow profit margins, and without adequate representation they can find themselves trapped in no-win legal battles. As an attorney, I would like to alleviate this lack at a systemic level, if possible, and at a personal level wherever I can.

What has been your favorite part about your summer at the GDA?

Working at GDA was a great introduction to the work attorneys do as legal counsel for state agencies. Because the legal division’s work includes a wide variety of practice areas, I completed projects relating to regulatory rulemaking and enforcement, the Commodity Commissions, the Open Records Act, as well as employment, property, and transactional legal matters.

My favorite part of the internship was participating in and seeing firsthand various stages of the administrative legal process: reviewing reports from GDA inspectors in the field, drafting administrative and consent orders, reaching equitable agreements at settlement



Benson Gathany, a student at Mercer University’s Walter F. George School of Law, interned with the Georgia Department of Agriculture’s Legal Division this summer. He plans to pursue a career in agricultural law to help Georgia farmers. (GDA/Special Photo)

conferences, and listening to public comment at the hearing we held for a new proposed regulation.

How do you envision this internship experience helping you in your chosen field of study or future career?

Aside from sharpening my skills as a legal writer, researcher, and communicator, my work at GDA this summer exposed me to the impact of GDA regulations on the health and wellbeing of all Georgians, and especially on the livelihoods of Georgia farmers. Last summer, I worked at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); my work at GDA this summer helped me apply my knowledge from law school and USDA to the specific issues facing Georgia agriculture. My experience at GDA has renewed my desire to help advance the cause of Georgia agriculture using the skills that I have and encouraged me in my professional aspirations by proving that there are still rewarding career paths for attorneys with goals like mine.

The GDA Internship program will begin the application process for 2026 this fall. For more information, visit agr.georgia.gov/internship-opportunities.

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Georgia Grown to spotlight veterans at Georgia National Fair

Staff Reports

Georgia Grown will spotlight military veterans in agriculture at this month’s Georgia National Fair.

Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler J Harper announced the new initiative as part of the celebration of America’s upcoming 250th Anniversary on July 4th, 2026, known as America250. Georgia Grown will honor the more than 7,000 members of Georgia’s agriculture industry who have served in the U.S. Military with the Georgia Grown Veterans Spotlight. Photo and video submissions from Georgia’s veteran farmers will be featured on the digital video boards throughout the Georgia Grown building at the Georgia National Fair.

“We are incredibly proud to highlight the service, sacrifice, and contributions of our state’s veteran farmers to Georgia’s No. 1 industry and our nation,” Harper said. “I want to encourage all Georgia veterans who are actively engaged in agriculture to share their stories as we reflect and celebrate America250.”

Plan your visit to the Georgia Grown Building at the fair, Oct. 2-12 and experience the Veterans Spotlight firsthand. The building is located at the big clock tower and across from the Beef and Dairy Barn.

For more information, visit www.georgianationalfair.com.

Georgia Farm to Food Bank program announces over \$800,000 in awards

Staff Reports

The Georgia Farm to Food Bank program has awarded \$825,000 to eight regional food banks to provide fresh produce to people in need across the state.

Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler J Harper announced the funding, which is a partnership between the Georgia Department of Agriculture and Feeding Georgia. The program purchases “unmarketable” but otherwise healthy produce from Georgia farmers to distribute to Georgians facing food insecurity.

“Through Georgia’s Farm to Food Bank program, we are helping provide fresh, healthy food to Georgians in need while supporting our state’s No. 1 industry and the farm families who fuel its success,” Harper said.

Supported by an annual appropriation from the Georgia General Assembly, the program provides more than 14 million pounds of fresh produce to Georgians.

This year’s award recipients are:

- Atlanta Community Food Bank: \$125,000
- Golden Harvest Food Bank (Augusta): \$100,000
- Feeding the Valley Food Bank (Columbus): \$100,000
- Second Harvest of South Georgia (Valdosta): \$100,000
- America’s Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia (Savannah): \$100,000
- Middle Georgia Community Food Bank (Macon): \$100,000
- Food Bank of Northeast Georgia (Athens): \$100,000
- Chattanooga Area Food Bank (serving Northwest Georgia): \$100,000

The Farm to Food Bank program strengthens the state’s agricultural economy and helps reduce food waste by purchasing surplus produce and dairy products directly from farmers.

For more information about the Farm to Food Bank program, visit Feeding Georgia’s website, feedinggeorgia.org/farm-to-food-bank/.



Local FFA champion prepares for national stage

Staff Reports

Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler J Harper recently met with Banks County High School sophomore Jabe Andrews, offering public speaking tips for his upcoming national competition. Andrews will represent Georgia in the Prepared Public Speaking Leadership Development Event (LDE) at the 98th National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis.

The national competition, running from Oct. 29 to Nov. 1, requires participants to write and deliver a six- to eight-minute speech on a current agriculture-related topic. Competitors are evaluated on their content, composition, and delivery. The event aims to help students hone their agricultural leadership and communication skills.

Andrews’s speech focuses on Georgia forestry, specifically seeking to correct misconceptions about the industry.

Competing against seniors in the regional and state Prepared Public Speaking LDEs, Andrews was a runner-up in the Georgia FFA Region 2 competition and emerged as the state champion at the Georgia FFA Convention in April.

“In the area competition, I didn’t think I advanced because I froze,” Andrews said. “Afterwards, the judge came to me and said I did fine, by taking a breath and continuing. ‘That’s public speaking,’ he said.”

Commissioner Harper was joined by Kip Jackson, Andrews’ agriculture education teacher; Reaganne Hart, Georgia Department of Agriculture’s deputy director of policy; Jay Jones, Market Bulletin editor; and Nick Vassy, Market Bulletin business manager.

For more information about the National FFA Convention, please visit <https://convention.ffa.org/>.

GEORGIA COOKING: Old-fashioned Coca-Cola cake

Coca-Cola cake is a simple baking recipe and a Southern favorite. Coca-Cola is the not-so-secret ingredient that adds a subtle, caramelized flavor that complements the chocolate. This recipe comes from Quail Country: Recipes from the Junior League of Albany, Georgia. Food writer Ashley Freeman offers different variations (à la mode, maraschino cherries) and substitutions (Dr. Pepper or Cheerwine) on her blog, Little Black Skillet (www.littleblackskillet.com).

Cake

Ingredients

- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup butter
- 3 Tbsps cocoa
- 1 cup Coca-Cola
- 1½ cups miniature marshmallows
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ buttermilk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Mix flour and sugar in a large bowl.
2. Bring butter, cocoa, Coca-Cola and marshmallows to a boil. Pour over flour and sugar. Add eggs and mix well.
3. Add baking soda and salt to buttermilk, then to mixture. Add vanilla extract and stir.
4. Pour into greased 13x9x2 inch pan.
5. Bake at 350 F for 40-45 minutes.

Icing

Ingredients

- 2 Tbsps cocoa
- ½ cup butter
- 6 Tbsps Coca-Cola
- 1 pound confectioners’ sugar
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup chopped pecans, toasted



(Photo by Ashley Freeman)

Instructions

1. Bring cocoa, butter and Coca-Cola to boil. Pour over sugar. Add vanilla extract and chopped pecans. Beat well.
2. Pour the warm icing over the hot cake and let the cake cool to room temperature before serving.

Yields 12-16 servings

Georgia Grown in Season

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| Apples | Pecans |
| Beans | Peppers |
| Broccoli | Peppers - bell |
| Cabbage | Potatoes - |
| Carrots | sweet |
| Citrus | Pumpkins |
| Collards | Squash - |
| Corn - sweet | summer |
| Cucumbers | Squash - |
| Eggplant | winter |
| Grapes - | Tomatoes |
| muscadine | Turnips |
| Kale | Zucchini |
| Lettuce | |
| Mushrooms | |
| Okra | |

Recipe courtesy of Junior League of Albany, Georgia.

2025



FARMERS
MARKETS

Baldwin
The Milly Market
222 East Hancock St., Milledgeville
Fridays 4-7 p.m. (Aug-Oct)
facebook.com/the.milly.market/

Barrow
Barrow County Farmers Market
15 Porter St., Winder
Saturdays 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Apr-Nov)
678-979-9369
barrowcountyfarmersmarket.com/

Bartow
Cartersville Farmers Market
10 N Public Square, Cartersville
Saturdays 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (May-Sep)
cartersvillefarmersmarket.com/

Southern Girls Market
631 Ga. Highway 293, Emerson
Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Sat 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Year-round boutique market
678-739-8376
facebook.com/southerngirlsmarket/

Bibb
Napier Heights Food Coop
1155 College St., Macon
Thursdays 3:30-6 p.m. Year-round
napierheightsfoodcoop.org/

Bulloch
Statesboro Mainstreet Farmers Market
222 South Main St., Statesboro
Saturdays 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Apr-Nov)
912-259-9555
visitstatesboro.org/

Catoosa
Rabbit Valley Farmers Market
96 Depot St., Ringgold
Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
(Mid-May – Mid-Oct)
rabbitvalleyfarmersmarket.com/

Chatham
Forsyth Farmers Market
13 East Park Ave., Savannah
Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
912-495-8484
forsythfarmersmarket.com

Clarke
Athens Farmers Market
705 Sunset Dr., Athens
Saturdays 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (Apr-Dec)
832-482-5916
athensfarmersmarket.net/

Marigold Market
Pittard Park
115 Parkview Rd., Winterville
Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Apr-Dec)
706-742-8600
cityofwinterville.com/marigold-market

Coweta
Cotton Mill Farmers Market
Asa Powell Expo Center
197 Temple Ave., Newnan
Wed & Sat 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
(Jun 7-Sep 27) Summer
770-254_2620
cottonmillfarmersmarket.org/

Dekalb
Oakhurst Farmers Market
630 East Lake Dr., Decatur
Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (Mar-Dec)
Year-round
404-919-3619
cfmatl.org/oakhurst/

Stone Mountain Farmers Market
Rock of Ages Lutheran Church
5135 Memorial Dr., Stone Mountain
Tuesdays 4-7 p.m. (Jun-Sep)
770-498-8948
stonemountainfarmersmarket.com/

Tucker Farmers Market
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
4882 LaVista Rd., Tucker
Thursdays 4-7 p.m. (Apr-Oct)
404-919-3619
facebook.com/tuckerfarmersmarket/

Unearthing Farm and Market
1534 Memorial Dr., S.E., Atlanta
First Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
unearthingatl.org/

Dodge
Dodge County Farmers Market
5018 Courthouse Square, Eastman
Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Apr-Nov)
478-230-5314
facebook.com/
DodgeCountyFarmersMarket

Douglas
Douglasville Church Street Farmers Market
6840 Church St., Douglasville
Tuesdays 3-7 p.m. (May-Jul 29; Sep-Oct)
678-449-3238
douglasvillega.gov/

Early
Downtown Blakely Farmers Market
Bicentennial Park
2286 South Main St., Blakely
Every 3rd Saturday 9 a.m.-2p.m. (Apr-Oct)
229-366-1952
downtownblakely.com/blakely-farmers-market/

Floyd
Cave Spring Farmers Market
24 Broad St., Cave Spring
Saturdays 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (Apr-Sep)
706-252-1122
facebook.com/
cavespringscommunitymarket/

Fulton
Castleberry Farmers Market
492 Larkin St., S.W., Atlanta
Sundays 1-6 p.m. (Feb-Nov)
404-333-3970
castleberrymarket.com

East Atlanta Village Farmers Market
572 Stokeswood Ave., S.E., Atlanta
Thursdays, 4-8 p.m. (Mar 27-Nov 20)
404-919-3619
facebook.com/EAVFarmersMarket/

East Point Farmers Market
2714 East Point St., East Point
Wednesdays 4-7 p.m. (Mar-Dec)
404-207-8048
facebook.com/EastPointFarmersMarket/

Freedom Farmers Market at the Carter Center
453 Freedom Pkwy, N.E., Atlanta
Saturdays 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Year-round
freedomfarmersmkt.com/

Grant Park Farmers Market
1039 Grant St., S.E., Atlanta
Sundays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Year-round
cfmatl.org/grantpark/

Morningside Farmers Market
1411 N Morningside Dr., N.E., Atlanta
Saturdays 8-11:30 a.m. Year-round
morningsidemarket.com/

Peachtree Road Farmers Market
2744 Peachtree Rd., Atlanta
Saturdays 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (Mar-Dec)
404-365-1105
peachtreeroadfarmersmarket.com/

Sandy Springs Farmers Market
City Springs
1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs
Saturdays 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (Apr-Nov)
Year-round model
770-730-5600
citysprings.com/farmersmarket/

The Green Market at Piedmont Park
12th Street Park Entrance
1071 Piedmont Ave., N.E., Atlanta
Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (Mar-Dec)
piedmontpark.org/green-market/

Virginia Highland Farmers Market
VaHi Elementary
774 Virginia Ave., N.E., Atlanta
Sundays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Apr 13 – Jun 22 & Sep 7 – Nov 9
404-919-3619
virginiahighlanddistrict.com/farmers-market

Glynn
Brunswick Harbor Market
Mary Ross Waterfront Park
10 F Street, Brunswick
Saturdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
912-265-4032
discoverbrunswick.com/top-attractions/

Gwinnett
Snellville Farmers Market
Towne Green
2342 Oak Rd., Snellville
Saturdays 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Jun-Sep)
Summer season
770-972-5888
snellvillefarmersmarket.com/

Hall
Flowery Branch Farmers Market
5410 West Pine St., Flowery Branch
Thursdays 3:30-7 p.m. (May-Oct)
770-967-6371
flowerybranchga.org/farmersmarket

Hall County Farmers Market
734 E Crescent Dr., Gainesville
Tuesdays 2:30-6:30 p.m.
Saturdays 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
hallcountyfarmersmarket.org/

Harris
West Georgia Farmers Cooperative
7516 US Hwy 27 South, Hamilton
Year-round market days; see website
706-457-6110
westgeorgiafarmerscoop.com/

Houston
International City Farmers Market
100 Maple St., Warner Robins
Thursdays 1-6 p.m.
478-714-1165
facebook.com/
InternationalCityFarmersMarket/

Jackson
Braselton Farmers Market
Braselton Town Green
9924 Davis St., Braselton
Fridays 4-7 p.m. (May-Sep);
3rd Fri monthly (Sep-May)
Year-round
706-654-3915
explorebraselton.com/farmers-market

Paulding
Dallas Farmers Market
Regions Bank lot
160 Confederate Ave., Dallas
Saturdays 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (Apr-Oct)
Seasonal
farmersdallas.com/

Polk
Rockmart Farmers Market
Corner of Water and Church streets
100 Church St., Rockmart
Thursdays 2-6 p.m. (Summer/Fall),
2-5 p.m. (Winter/Spring)
Year-round
404-436-1818
rockmartfarmersmarket.com/

Putnam
Lake Oconee Farmers Market
119 Harmony Crossing, Eaton
Saturdays 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (May-Dec)
vharmonycrossing.com/farmersmarket

Richmond
Veggie Park Farmers Market
The Hub
631 Chafee Ave., Augusta
Thursdays 4-7 p.m. (Apr-Dec)
706-619-8062
facebook.com/VeggieParkMarket/

Screven
The Market on Maple
117 Maple St., Sylvania
Thursdays 3-6 p.m. (May-Sep)
Seasonal
912-564-7411
facebook.com/themarketonmaple/

Sumter
Lenny's Farmers Market
110 North Hampton St., Americus
Tues, Thurs, Sat 7 a.m.-1 p.m. (Jun-Oct)
Summer-Fall
229-924-4411
downtownamericus.com/farmers-market/

Ware
WayGreen Local Fare Market
Okefenokee Heritage Center
1460 North Augusta Ave., Waycross
1st Saturdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (May-Nov)
912-282-8515
okefenokeeheritagecenter.org/local-fare-market/

This list is not comprehensive due to space limits and information available at the time of print. To submit your market for the Georgia Grown online market map, visit: <https://gdaforms.wufoo.com/forms/georgia-grown-farmers-market-registration/>

FARMLAND FOR SALE

23acre farm with 4,100-square-foot home. Fenced and cross fenced; three out buildings. City water, creek, pasture and some woods: \$1.54 million. Text please. Jere Hood **Barrow County** 404-245-0500

40 acres of beautiful 4 year old pine trees on Cactus Hill Rd. County water available: \$7,500/acre. Earl Holland **Crawford County** 478-396-5895

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

53.5 acres farmland & young timber, 2 entrances, county dirt rd frontage, 3 miles from town: \$375,000. Donnie or Ronnie Willoughby **Glascocock/Jefferson Co** 706-872-1500

65 +/- acres off Yorkhouse Rd, Rabun Gap: \$20,000/acre. Jesse Black **Rabun County** 678-617-6852

95-acre farm, row crop, timber, irrigated, deep well, highway frontage, farmland, improvements, 6 miles from town: \$7,000/acre. Paul Bridges **Jeff Davis County** 912-375-6016

Three 40+ acre tree farm tracts for sale. 2 with riverfront. 1 with creek. Access road. Contiguous. Timber negotiable. Near Elberton. Dena Chandler **Madison County** 706-797-3501

FARMLAND FOR RENT/LEASE

22+ acres harvested timberland available for lease: \$6,000/acre per year, according to terms, negotiable. Call for additional details. Jarvis King **Box Springs** 470-529-3883

Looking for 8+ acres of pasture to lease to fly remote control airplanes in or Habersham and White counties. Jason Holloway **Sautee Nacoochee** 706-200-8276

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

47 years of experience. Bush hogging, gardens, food plots post holes, light grading, etc. Rick Allison **Buford** 678-200-2040

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 of experience in farm, tractor & Bobcat work, bush hogging, grading/clearing, garden plowing, deer plots, post holes, repair heavy/light equipment, certified welder. Larry Houston **Covington** 770-235-3082/770-235-3782

Ag/farm fencing installed/ repaired including 4 rail, cross-buck, woven, stranded-wire, RAMM, and others; land/pasture management services; wildlife habitat/ food plots. 16 years in business. Georgia Farmworks, Casey Kent **Good Hope** 678-446-8520

Barn, garage, shop building pads. Custom design and built horse arenas, laser-grading, tree clearing, driveways, gravel, concrete, culverts, drainage corrections, stream crossings, trucking, demolition. Luke Butler **Braselton** 770-685-0288

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

LIVESTOCK QUOTATIONS

Average prices for September 2025 at Georgia Auction Markets, Georgia Department of Agriculture an U.S.D.A. Cooperative Federal-State Livestock Market News and Grading Service. For daily quotations, call (229) 226-1641 (7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

(Cattle prices expressed in price/hundredweight)

SLAUGHTER CLASSES

AVERAGES

COWS:

Breakers 75-80% lean..... 168.33

Boners 80-85% Lean 165.32

Lean 85-90% Lean..... 146.28

BULLS:

Yield Grade 1

1000-2100 lbs..... 191.08

FEEDER CLASSES:

WEIGHTED AVG PRICES

STEERS: MEDIUM AND LARGE

1

2

300-350 lbs.....502.36.....472.75

350-400 lbs.....469.07.....461.34

400-450 lbs.....461.29.....424.92

450-500 lbs.....431.75.....402.38

500-550 lbs.....406.38.....386.10

550-600 lbs.....382.02.....359.95

600-650 lbs.....368.00.....350.88

650-700 lbs.....357.50.....349.81

HEIFERS: MEDIUM AND LARGE

1

2

300-350 lbs.....450.14.....417.97

350-400 lbs.....433.37.....403.13

400-450 lbs.....411.54.....384.76

450-500 lbs386.75.....359.94

500-550 lbs.....365.84.....343.76

550-600 lbs.....347.77.....330.42

600-650 lbs.....337.51.....312.14

650-700 lbs.....324.36.....304.50

Producers can obtain daily cattle prices by Internet at the following website: <http://www.ams.usda.gov>

Once at the site, select Market News and Transportation Data in the left column. Click on Livestock, Meats, Grain and Hay under the heading Market News Reports by Program. Next, click on Cattle under the heading Browse by Commodity. Then click on Feeder and Replacement Cattle Auctions and select Georgia.



BULLS: MEDIUM AND LARGE

1

2

300-350 lbs.....499.00.....459.39

350-400 lbs.....453.68.....431.32

400-450 lbs.....434.20.....398.57

450-500 lbs402.68.....376.85

500-550 lbs.....372.61.....348.93

550-600 lbs.....353.96.....335.04

600-650 lbs.....336.82.....315.09

650-700 lbs.....321.19.....303.69

GOATS (priced per head)

SLAUGHTER CLASSES

SELECTION 2 ACTUAL WEIGHT

BILLIES/BUCKS

70-75 lbs..... 161.73

80-85 lbs..... 195.90

90-95 lbs..... 214.05

100-145 lbs..... 257.93

150-180 lbs..... 284.55

NANNIES/DOES

60-65 lbs..... 110.71

70-75 lbs..... 115.64

80-85 lbs..... 140.12

90-95 lbs..... 161.88

100-130 lbs..... 181.03

KIDS & YEARLINGS

20-25 lbs..... 55.21

30-35 lbs..... 62.75

40-45 lbs..... 98.10

50-55 lbs..... 128.97

60-65 lbs..... 141.77

70-75 lbs..... 195.52

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

Bush hogging and field mowing. Specializing in slopes and difficult terrain. No job too small. Free estimates. Steve Stuckey **Clayton** 720-227-7755

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

Down tree removal. Fair prices, fully insured, within 50 miles radius. Chuck Daly **Augusta** 706-564-4383

Bushhogging, fences built and repaired, barns built and repaired, hay cut and baled. Jerry Glancy **Griffin** 404-433-3568

Stumps ground neatly below ground level, free estimate and reasonably priced. Glen Whitely **Bethlehem** 770-307-7098

FAIRADISE: 36th annual Georgia National Fair kicks off this week

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It lets us have fun, bring people together, and add special touches to make the fair even more enjoyable.”

As always, the fair will honor Georgia’s rich agricultural heritage with a variety of livestock competitions, educational exhibits, and displays of the state’s best produce. Visitors can stroll through the animal barns, watch live demonstrations, and discover the significance of farming in the state.

The Georgia Grown Experience, located inside the Georgia Grown building, will celebrate the state’s number one business – agriculture. Informational booths and educational experiences will be featured. Inside, the Georgia Grown Market returns with hundreds of food, personal care, and craft products for sale. All are made in Georgia.

The Baby Barn also returns to the Georgia Grown building this year. The Baby Barn provides animal care demonstrations and hosts live births of dairy calves.

Inside the Georgia Grown Building, Georgia’s Rural Center is teaming up with the Georgia Peanut Commission to bring fair-goers another immersive exhibit: the Powerful Peanut Experience. The exhibit will highlight the power and sustainability of peanuts, Georgia’s official state crop.

The exhibit is the latest in the Rural Center’s experience series. Last year, Georgia Grown hosted the Seedlings to Solutions Experience. It highlighted forestry and featured the Seed to Shirt cotton exhibit. For more information about the 2025 exhibit, visit Georgia’s Rural Center’s website: www.ruralga.org.

Long-time favorites return to the fair this year, including Robinson’s Racing Pigs. Each contestant hopes for the coveted prize, an Oreo cookie. Other returning favorites are The Nerveless Nocks water ski stunt performers, a strolling piano, nightly fireworks, and much more.

New acts and attractions this year include the Swash-chuckles Comedy Pirate Show, which is described as a “lampoon of buccaneer buffoonery.” Other new performers include Mahealani’s Polynesian Revue with Hawaiian music and dancing, Mutton Bustin’, where children ride sheep bare-back, Circus Hollywood under the Big Top tent, and more.

Local and national music acts will perform at the Fair’s Free Concert Series this year, making up one of the strongest lineups in years.

Country music group Shenandoah will kick off the series

on opening night at the National Stage near the big clock tower. Other performers include Great White and Slaughter, Morris Day and The Time, The Fray, Tracy Lawrence, Rumba Latina, and George Birge.

Southside Worship and West Love and the 478 Band round out the concert series.

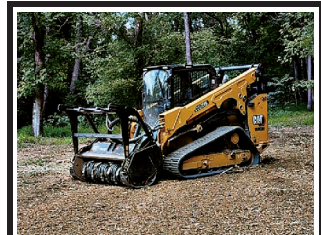
For more information about the fair, including schedules and event listings, visit www.georgianationalfair.com.

The Georgia National Fair will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., except for opening day on Oct. 2, when gates open at 3 p.m. The fair will run from Oct. 2-12. For more information, visit the Georgia National Fair online at www.georgianationalfair.com. For the latest fair news, follow the Georgia National Fair on Facebook @ [georgianationalfair](https://www.facebook.com/georgianationalfair) and Instagram @ [georgianationalfairgrounds](https://www.instagram.com/georgianationalfairgrounds).

FARM SERVICES

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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



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Lakes/ponds built, repaired, new pipe systems, and clearing, swamps drained, creeks rerouted, drainage problems wetlands restoration, bush hogging home sites. Tim Harper **Peachtree City** 770-527-1565

Licensed, Insured hand seeking client. One 8-hour day a week. My tools, saws. Your tractors or mine for additional fee. References available. Central and SW Georgia. Matt Evans **Elko** 478-955-6936

Mobile professional horse training, 30+ years experience. Working initiate colts, horse behavior issues, etc; also hauling horses or horse transportation. For more info, call. AM Horsemanship **Atlanta** 678-308-4002

Mobile welding service – all types of welding, certified, 45 years of experience. Call for details. Within 60mi. Campbell's Welding, Randy Campbell **Griffin** 678-603-0175

North Georgia land owners – We are a non-profit land trust. Our sole purpose is to conserve farmland & acreage from development, forever. For information, contact us today. **Gainesville** www.NorthGeorgiaLandTrust.org 770-540-5373

Russell Bermuda sprigging service - no till or plant by plow. Perfect for livestock including cattle & horses. Call us to learn more today. Covering all of Northeast Georgia. Taylor Catalano **Toccoa** 706-391-3560

Stump grinding, price is approximately \$125/hr w/ 2hr minimum. Serving Sandersville & surrounding areas. Stumps must be tractor accessible. Andrew Aldridge **Tennille** 817-207-8733



State wide brush cutting. Underbrush clearing, small tree clearing, brush cleanup, bush hogging, property and fence lines, overgrown areas. Thomas Bowlin 678-972-4647

WANTED

Items wanted in all Classified Categories will be advertised here.

Buying old farm/farmer photos. 20's, 30's & earlier. Places, buildings, people. Civil war era, tin types, etc; especially Confederate soldiers most money. Bill McGraw **Watkinsville** 706-614-0867

Elderly couple looking to lease hunting rights to land, within a 50-mile radius of Columbia County. Vic Johnson **Grovetown** 706-833-9685

Experienced Christmas wreath & garland maker. Located in central Georgia. Text. Sinclair Hollberg **Griffin** 404-218-1826

I am looking for a 1960s or 1970s ¾ or 1-ton truck w/stick shift. J. W. Cooper **Craw-fordville** 706-456-4900

I am looking for some private property to deer hunt on in Northwest Georgia for the upcoming rifle season. Senior, seasoned deer hunter. Brian Asherbranner **Ranger** 706-483-6258 Leave a message

I am seeking a small farm w/home, pasture & stall to lease long term. Nothing fancy. Prefer North GA or North Carolina. Debbie Stone **Punta Gorda, FL** 352-208-1057

ISO Cub 174 runner planter or parts for one. Call, leave message. Killis Scruggs **Newnan** 770-755-6730

Looking for a 3400 Ford loader tractor. Will also consider 335 or 340. Running or not. C. Brown **Perry** 478-952-3042

Looking for enclosed trailer, 12-15ft, lockable & single axle. Wilson Farms, Keith **Linc-olnton** 706-825-9641

Looking for Kohler Command 15-20hp single cylinder vertical shaft motor for lawn mower. Prefer north central Georgia. Roy Bruce **Marble Hill** 678-925-7660

Looking for land in NE GA for hunting for a small group of seniors. Bill Duryea **Sautee Nacoochee** 770-815-4988

Looking for pasture to graze in the Barrow/Walton County area. James Thompson **Beth-lehem** 404-456-3607

Looking for tractor parts for 1966 David Brown 990 selec-tamatic lift. Roger **Wilkerson** 706-200-8052

Pastor in Gilmer County looking for a place close by to deer hunt with his wife and kids. Do not want to start a club. Jeff Phillips **Ellijay** 706-889-0863

Ready to purchase. Large quantity needed of high quality pine cones in 3-5in, 5-8in, and larger. Must be brownish and not gray. Please call. Kristin **Milton** 770-777-5875

Searching for 1 service age billy goat. Small breed. Underbrushing. Donald Dyches **Sa-vannah** 912-429-0720

Seeking land to lease long-term for cattle. 50-acre minimum, nothing to large. Can repair fences. Greene, Hancock, Glascock, Jefferson, Emanuel, Washington, Jefferson, Burke, Jenkins, Bulloch. Albert Cos-nahan **Vidalia** 912-667-0118

Want 2 turf tires for a John Deere 380, size 16x9x24. Eddie Gentry **Calhoun** 678-986-4495

Want a propane gas tank, prefer 100gal, but will consider larger; also selling 42in complete electric cattle prod, never been used: \$75. Leave message, will return call. Paul Hart **Dalton** 706-270-1215

Want a rear seat for 2016 or 2017 EZ-GO golf cart. Ed Dallas **Alpharetta** 404-641-0421

Want to lease pasture for cattle in or near Oglethorpe county. Tim Rodgers **Lexington** trodders88@hotmail.com 706-474-2427

Wanted: Salvage 3600 Ford tractor or rear end for same. Clayton Brown **Fort Valley** 478-391-7556

Wanted - 40-80HP tractor with or w/out equipment. Any make. 20-disc offset harrow with cylinder. Nelson Massey **Greensboro** 404-273-3777

Wanted in Athens Ga area, non-running or non-wanted riding mowers. Can pay small price for some. Retired; keeps me busy. Call. David Combs **Jefferson** 706-367-4107

Wanted - International 990 haybine or New Holland haybine in ready to go to work condition. Jerry McRory **Webb, AL** 334-300-3113

Wanted. Please contact Kathy if she bought cypress shingles from you or if she brought you a stool that needs white oak split seat. She lost your number. Kathy **Atlanta** 404-307-1784

Wanted: John Deere four-row planter, Series 7000, preferably with finger pick up, in good or excellent condition. Call/email. Mike **Cumming** mpiep1723@gmail.com 843-240-1153

Wanted: Red Lycorsis Radiata (Necked ladies) bulbs. Please contact via email, quote price for 20 bulbs plus postage. Charles Holman Charlesholman7701@gmail.com **Ocean Springs, MS**

Wanted: San Juan or Tennessee redback rabbit for training a beagle puppy. Frank Klappa **Thomaston** 706-601-1496

TRADE MISSION: Harper works to reduce trade barriers, counter foreign adversaries

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ongoing recovery from Hurricane Helene. Additionally, the recent announcement regarding International Paper's permanent closure of two of its mills in Savannah and Riceboro – which impacts Georgia timber growers and results in the loss of over 1,100 jobs—heightens the need for new opportunities.

Harper: “For me, the trip was about finding ways to expand our market access. How do we reduce both tariff and non-tariff trade barriers and explore opportunities for Georgia commodities abroad? At the same time, how can we leverage our business climate to attract or expand industries that utilize Georgia's agricultural products, whether new or existing, to maximize the use of what we grow and raise here?”

At the end of the day, the goal is to sell more of the commodities our farm families grow, put more money in their pockets, add value to their work, and build partnerships with friends in other nations.”

MB: *Currently, Georgia exports few agricultural products to Argentina and Brazil. Where do you see opportunities for growth in these markets?*

Harper: “We've heard how other nuts, like pistachios, have really taken off in South America, so we want to create the same excitement around similar commodities we grow. There are opportunities for Georgia products in South America, particularly in the meat and further processed peanut sectors.

Even though they grow and raise many of these products, some markets have openings for what we produce in Georgia.

At the same time, there are opportunities for current South American-owned entities to expand, as well as for new ones to establish operations here in Georgia, utilizing our commodities, which will further advance opportunities for our agriculture and forestry.”

(Editor's note: The trip comes a few weeks after Kemp's office announced Pilgrim's Pride, a food processing company owned by Brazil's JBS, would build a new poultry processing facility in LaFayette in northwest Georgia, investing \$400 million and creating 630 jobs.)

MB: *What are the next steps to deepen agricultural relations with South America, and what actions are needed to continue advancing these goals?*

Harper: “Obviously, we will work with the Trump Administration, especially on non-tariff and tariff trade barriers related to market access between Georgia and South America. We already have a phenomenal port system that gives us the access we need. We just need to ensure that these barriers are reduced in a way that allows access in order to be successful. We've already started some of those conversations with the administration.”


Harper said he has talked about market access with U.S.

Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins and looks forward to continuing those discussions. He added the Georgia Department of Agriculture can work with commodity groups to find ways to market their products to South America, similar to the Georgia Grown partnership with Georgia Pecans in organizing inbound trade missions to and from India, Singapore and Taiwan.

MB: *What are foreign competitors undertaking in South America, and why is it important for us to monitor their involvement?*

Harper: “I think the other thing we took away from this trip was just how much influence our foreign adversaries have in South America, both China and Russia. The investments that they're making down there are something we have got to take seriously as a nation, especially when it comes to our agricultural sector. Those nations are building out infrastructure in South America, and the agricultural sector is one that definitely impacts American agriculture on the worldwide stage. We've got to be cognizant of our adversaries that are investing in ways that would be detrimental to the United States. We were aware it was going on, but I think until we went on this trade trip, we did not have a full grasp on it, and I think it's really opened our eyes to what's happening down there.”

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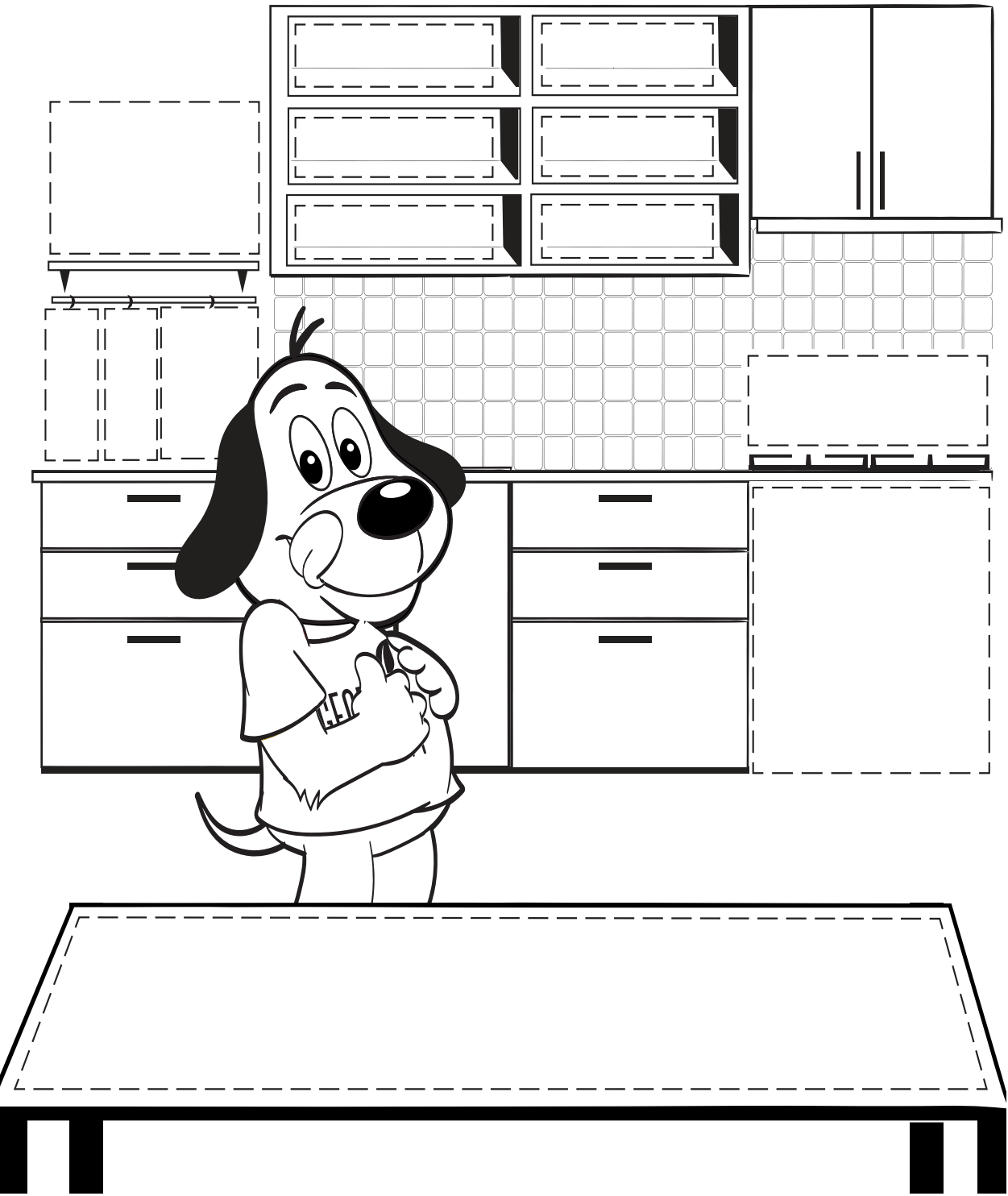
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Georgie’s Drive: To the Georgia National Fair

Hello! I’m Georgie, the Georgia Grown mascot. I travel the state promoting our No. 1 industry – agriculture! You know, I’ve been traveling all over this great state, spreading the word about our amazing farmers and all they do. But let me tell you, there’s one place every year that just feels like a homecoming for a good ol’ farm dog like me: the Georgia National Fair in Perry.

My Aunt Rita always used to say the fair was where folks from all over could see that a little hard work and elbow grease could go a long way. And she was right! This year, the fair is all dressed up with a “Fairadise” theme, and it sure feels like it. But for me, the real paradise is in those barns.

Nothing gets my tail wagging like the livestock shows. I’ve seen some of the best-looking cows, pigs, sheep, rabbits, equine, llamas and goats you ever did see. You can just tell those young fellas and gals from 4-H and FFA have been working their boots off all year. They’re up at the crack of dawn, feeding and cleaning and primping their animals to make sure they’re in tip-top shape. It reminds me of my cousin Skeeter, who once spent three days scrubbing a hog to get him ready for a show. Didn’t win a ribbon, but that hog was the cleanest porker in five counties!

The folks at the fairgrounds will tell you that the whole idea for this place started back in the 1980s because some state leaders wanted a good spot for our ag kids to show off their livestock projects. And boy, did they get it right. It’s more than just a show; it’s a celebration of Georgia’s heritage and the next generation of farmers.

So, if you’re out and about, be sure to stop by and tip your hat to those young exhibitors. And who knows, you might even see me trying to get a closer look at a prize-winning steer. Don’t tell my handlers, but I’ve been practicing my show dog moves! Happy fair, everybody!



At the heart of the Georgia National Fair, livestock shows showcase the dedication of young exhibitors from across the state, like this young competitor from a previous fair. This year’s event in Perry will feature hundreds of competitors and their animals, continuing a long tradition of celebrating Georgia’s agricultural heritage. (GDA/File Photo)

Recipes for Tiny Tasters!

Broccoli and carrot medley

This recipe is quite simple without extra ingredients that would not be found at the food bank. No added cost, just simple delicious vegetables.

By Elizabeth Wansley, a seventh-grade student from McDuffie County

Makes: 2.5 servings
Prep time: 5 minutes

- Ingredients**
2 cups broccoli
½ cup carrots
¼ tsp salt
¼ tsp pepper
1 tsp olive oil
- Directions**
1. Add olive oil to your pan. Heat on medium/high heat on the stove top.
2. Add broccoli and carrots.
3. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Cook for 3 minutes, stirring with a spatula constantly.
5. Strain with a strainer.
6. Place vegetables on a paper towel to absorb excess oil.
7. Put on an extra dash of salt before serving.



Courtesy of Georgia 4-H Pantry Pride program

MERCER MEDICAL: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



By Logan Brown

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Welcome to October! It's no surprise that this month is known for holidays like Halloween and Indigenous Peoples' Day, and sometimes religious celebrations like Navaratri and Rosh Hashanah. But just like Mean Girls on Wednesdays, this month is also notable for wearing pink, specifically pink ribbons. For nearly 40 years, October has been nationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

While breast cancer incidence rates in the United States have decreased since 2000, breast cancer is still one of the leading causes of cancer-related death in women in the United States.

Over thirty years, the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) has been committed to helping women around the world through education about breast cancer and the importance of early detection.

What is breast cancer?

Cancer is a disease that starts when cells grow out of control and crowd out healthy ones. In breast cancer, this abnormal growth begins in breast tissue, usually because of damage to the cells' DNA.

Risk Factors:

- Age (risk increases over time)
- Inherited genes (like BRCA1 and BRCA2)
- Hormone exposure (from hormone therapy or prolonged estrogen exposure)

Lifestyle factors can also increase risk: lack of exercise, poor diet, being overweight, and alcohol consumption. Important: Having risk factors does not guarantee cancer, and some people with no obvious risks may still develop it.

Types of breast cancer

Breast cancer varies from person to person:

1. Noninvasive cancers (like ductal carcinoma in situ, DCIS) stay inside the milk ducts and usually do not spread.
2. Invasive cancers (like invasive ductal carcinoma, IDC) can spread to other parts of the body.
3. Rare types, such as medullary or lobular carcinoma, may feel like harmless lumps.
4. Special types, like Paget disease (affecting the nipple) or inflammatory breast cancer (causing redness, swelling, and warmth), require prompt medical attention.

Can Men Get Breast Cancer?

Yes. Men can develop cancer in breast tissue, usually presenting as a hard lump under the nipple. Because it's unexpected, men may delay seeing a doctor, which contributes to higher mortality rates.

Signs and Symptoms

Watch for changes such as:

- Lumps or tenderness
- Swelling or redness
- Skin dimpling or texture changes
- Nipple inversion or unusual discharge
- Differences in size between breasts

Not all changes mean cancer. Many lumps are benign cysts, especially in premenopausal women.

How to Protect Yourself

Early detection saves lives. Here are some key steps:

- Talk to your doctor about your family medical history, especially breast and ovarian cancer.
- Schedule regular screenings. Mammograms for women as recommended by your healthcare provider and clinical breast exams for men and women at risk.
- Perform monthly self-exams in the shower, in front of a mirror, or lying down. Use your fingertips to check the entire breast and armpit for lumps or changes
- Adopt healthy habits. Exercise regularly, maintain a healthy weight, limit alcohol intake, eat a balanced diet.

Remember, breast health is important at every age, and talking to your primary care provider is the best way to stay on top of screenings and prevention. Thanks to ongoing education and support, more people are detecting breast cancer early and surviving it. This October let's wear our pink ribbons proudly and don't forget to check in with your body and encourage loved ones to do the same. Learn more at nationalbreastcancer.org.

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How do I do a breast self-exam?

Manual breast self-exam while standing

Use your right hand to examine your left breast, then vice versa.

Feel for any lumps, thick spots or other changes.

A circular pattern may help you make sure you hit every spot.



With the pads of your three middle fingers, press on every part of one breast.



Use light pressure, then medium, then firm. Then, press the tissue nearest your armpit.



Be sure to check under your areola (area around your nipple) and then squeeze your nipple to check for discharge.



Repeat the steps on the other side.

PETAL PUSHERS: Who's buying all the flowers? New research finds no 'typical' customer

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"Everyone's not your customer," Julie Campbell explained. "Different people behave differently. Once you know their patterns, it's much easier to market to them."

Beyond the bouquet: emotional value

The study didn't just ask what people bought; it also asked why. Through open-ended responses analyzed with word clouds, researchers uncovered that consumers associated flowers with everything from "beauty" and "smell" to "waste" and "expensive."

Still, the benefits were clear: People who had purchased flowers in the past year were more likely to report feeling better at home and at work. They experienced improved mood, reduced stress and even better overall morale. The perception of the psychological benefits was especially strong for those who made recent purchases.

"There's a perceived benefit – whether it's real or not. People feel they're getting something valuable from the experience," said Ben Campbell, co-author of the study and a professor in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at CAES.

From farm to florist to front porch

While the emotional pull of flowers is strong, the supply chain behind them is global and complicated. Imports, particularly roses from Colombia, still dominate the U.S. market. But the domestic industry is growing.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic was a turning point. Events like weddings and funerals plummeted, leaving the floral industry scrambling. Flower farms were bulldozing entire crops.

But something unexpected happened. With everyone stuck at home, people began buying flowers to brighten their spaces. Grocery stores and even convenience stores started stocking up. Cut flowers became a kind of self-care.

It became almost like therapy, Julie Campbell recalled. The habit stuck around.

That shift also sparked new growth. Open-field flower acreage in the U.S. more than doubled between 2017 and 2022, thanks in part to local farms growing flowers that don't ship well, like zinnias and dahlias.

These farms aren't trying to compete with mass-produced roses from Colombia. Instead, they're carving out space in the growing market for local, seasonal varieties.

Flower feeds and buying impulses

A companion study explored how consumers interact with flower ads on social media. The researchers compared static versus animated ads to see which one people remembered most.

Surprisingly, static images performed better in terms of recall. Animation might catch the eye, but when it came to memory and possibly influencing purchases less was more.

Impulse buying also plays a role. While 36 percent of re-

spondents used past experience to guide purchases, 31 percent were influenced by store displays, especially at grocery stores, the most common setting for casual flower buying.

This data suggests that messaging, timing and placement matter just as much as the flowers themselves.

Rethinking the calendar (and the customer)

Valentine's Day may reign supreme, but researchers say there is untapped potential in other occasions, like birthdays, anniversaries, sympathy gestures, "get well soon" moments or even no occasion at all.

Businesses that understand these clusters – who buys what, when and why – can design targeted value bundles. Think: tulips and wine for spring, or dahlias and a heartfelt card for a sympathy gift.

Local growers can attract customers by emphasizing regional freshness and aligning their marketing with segments that buy frequently or prefer unique, artisanal flowers.

Whether it's roses from Ecuador or wildflowers from a Georgia farm, one thing is clear: Americans are still buying flowers – not just to give, but to enjoy. And for marketers, growers and retailers, understanding those feelings might be the secret to keeping their businesses blooming.

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