

AG Facts & Figures

2009 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report¹

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TOTAL FARM GATE VALUE	\$42,090,450	\$11,256,734,510	\$70,797,072
Rank of Total Farm Gate Value (1=highest)	83		
Total Farm Gate Value per acre of land in farms	\$563	\$1,109	\$1,398
Total Farm Gate Value per farm	\$185,420	\$235,270	\$226,164
Farm Gate GROWER Value	\$37,339,135	\$7,276,973,590	\$45,767,129
<u>Row & Forage Crops</u>			
Barley, Acres Harvested	0	993	71
Barley, Avg Yield/acre in bushels	0	47	49
Barley, Production in bushels	0	46,489	3,321
Barley, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$181,045	\$12,932
Corn, Acres Harvested	4,421	377,752	2,718
Corn, Avg Yield/acre in bushels	140	151	126
Corn, Production in bushels	618,940	56,868,686	409,127
Corn, Farm Gate Value	\$2,166,290	\$203,266,035	\$1,462,346
Cotton, Acres Harvested	9,700	1,027,178	11,541
Cotton, Avg Yield/acre in pounds	880	957	866
Cotton, Production in pounds	8,536,000	982,595,363	11,040,397
Cotton, Farm Gate Value	\$6,188,600	\$712,666,755	\$8,007,492
Hay, Acres Harvested	7,500	767,966	5,052
Hay, Avg Yield/acre in tons	2.3	3.1	3.2
Hay, Production in tons	17,250	2,356,737	15,505
Hay, Farm Gate Value	\$1,121,250	\$155,118,653	\$1,020,517
Oats, Acres Harvested	107	39,285	414
Oats, Avg Yield/acre in bushels	56	61	56
Oats, Production in bushels	5,992	2,402,035	25,285
Oats, Farm Gate Value	\$17,976	\$7,206,105	\$75,854
Peanuts, Acres Harvested	5,678	529,293	6,874
Peanuts, Avg Yield/acre in pounds	3,550	3,766	3,462
Peanuts, Production in pounds	20,156,900	1,993,356,838	25,887,751
Peanuts, Farm Gate Value	\$4,031,380	\$401,198,028	\$5,210,364
Rye, Acres Harvested	286	57,722	572
Rye, Avg Yield/acre in bushels	22	27	27
Rye, Production in bushels	6,292	1,571,814	15,563
Rye, Farm Gate Value	\$62,920	\$16,332,334	\$161,706
Silage, Acres Harvested	350	54,100	762
Silage, Avg Yield/acre in tons	15	17.6	16.8
Silage, Production in tons	5,250	951,494	13,401
Silage, Farm Gate Value	\$249,375	\$44,931,437	\$632,837
Sorghum, Acres Harvested	132	47,949	592
Sorghum, Avg Yield/acre in bushels	53	52	50
Sorghum, Production in bushels	6,996	2,474,475	30,549
Sorghum, Farm Gate Value	\$20,988	\$7,468,351	\$92,202
Soybeans, Acres Harvested	1,195	451,285	3,959
Soybeans, Avg Yield/acre in bushels	37	39	36
Soybeans, Production in bushels	44,215	17,542,473	153,881
Soybeans, Farm Gate Value	\$424,464	\$168,450,779	\$1,477,638
Straw, Acres Harvested	350	137,421	1,361
Straw, Avg Yield/acre in bales	90	77	76
Straw, Production in bales	31,500	10,644,751	105,394
Straw, Farm Gate Value	\$94,500	\$31,976,192	\$316,596
Tobacco, Acres Harvested	174	15,584	472
Tobacco, Avg Yield/acre in pounds	2,050	2,137	2,110
Tobacco, Production in pounds	356,700	33,294,588	1,008,927
Tobacco, Farm Gate Value	\$563,586	\$53,187,922	\$1,611,755
Wheat, Acres Harvested	440	287,277	2,355
Wheat, Avg Yield/acre in bushels	42	50	47
Wheat, Production in bushels	18,480	14,411,223	118,125
Wheat, Farm Gate Value	\$73,920	\$57,489,981	\$471,229
Row/Forage Crops, Total, Farm Gate Value²	\$15,015,249	\$1,881,292,056	\$12,376,921

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Fruits & Nuts

Apples, Acres Harvested	0	670	37
Apples, Production in bushels	0	255,460	14,192
Apples, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$6,758,360	\$375,464
Blackberries, Acres Harvested	0	630	13
Blackberries, Production in pounds	0	3,151,070	67,044
Blackberries, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$7,904,058	\$168,171
Blueberries, Acres Harvested	0	16,346	172
Blueberries, Production in pounds	0	69,347,763	729,976
Blueberries, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$102,465,202	\$1,078,581
Grapes, Acres Harvested	0	2,464	40
Grapes, Production in pounds	0	14,815,380	238,958
Grapes, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$11,329,411	\$182,732
Peaches, Acres Harvested	0	10,212	217
Peaches, Production in pounds	0	79,128,485	1,683,585
Peaches, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$59,538,382	\$1,266,774
Pecans, Acres Harvested	2,000	144,407	1,375
Pecans, Production in pounds	2,100,000	126,142,102	1,201,353
Pecans, Farm Gate Value	\$2,814,000	\$170,979,661	\$1,628,378
Strawberries, Acres Harvested	0	288	4
Strawberries, Production in pounds	0	3,197,493	49,961
Strawberries, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$4,920,533	\$76,883
Fruits & Nuts, Total, Farm Gate Value²	\$2,814,000	\$366,299,671	\$2,526,205

Vegetables

Cabbage, Acres Harvested	1	9,307	259
Cabbage, Farm Gate Value	\$4,638	\$37,632,602	\$1,045,350
Cantaloupe, Acres Harvested	4	4,838	86
Cantaloupe, Farm Gate Value	\$16,240	\$29,062,290	\$518,969
Cucumbers, Acres Harvested	0	8,757	237
Cucumbers, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$52,572,483	\$1,420,878
Eggplant, Acres Harvested	0	1,278	53
Eggplant, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$15,523,714	\$646,821
Greens, Acres Harvested	18	17,543	240
Greens, Farm Gate Value	\$53,488	\$48,765,522	\$668,021
Okra, Acres Harvested	3	324	6
Okra, Farm Gate Value	\$12,810	\$811,533	\$15,028
Onions, Acres Harvested	0	12,993	684
Onions, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$126,107,748	\$6,637,250
Peppers, Bell, Acres Harvested	4	8,737	194
Peppers, Bell, Farm Gate Value	\$15,587	\$129,281,103	\$2,872,913
Peppers, Other, Acres Harvested	0	1,266	51
Peppers, Other, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$10,484,270	\$419,371
Snap Beans, Acres Harvested	10	14,768	321
Snap Beans, Farm Gate Value	\$25,305	\$35,276,063	\$766,871
Southern Peas, Acres Harvested	17	8,153	118
Southern Peas, Farm Gate Value	\$35,294	\$12,107,146	\$175,466
Squash, Acres Harvested	0	4,871	73
Squash, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$21,454,258	\$320,213
Sweet Corn, Acres Harvested	16	21,564	248
Sweet Corn, Farm Gate Value	\$64,792	\$83,028,604	\$954,352
Tomatoes, Acres Harvested	6	4,043	59
Tomatoes, Farm Gate Value	\$63,600	\$63,875,475	\$925,732
Watermelons, Acres Harvested	215	24,238	307
Watermelons, Farm Gate Value	\$1,913,795	\$139,001,756	\$1,759,516
Zucchini, Acres Harvested	0	3,531	131
Zucchini, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$12,964,910	\$480,182
Vegetables, Total, Farm Gate Value²	\$2,207,466	\$915,632,787	\$6,936,612

Forestry

Christmas Trees, Acres Harvested	0	2,177	24
Christmas Trees, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$8,151,750	\$90,575
Pine Straw, Acres Harvested	22,500	656,223	6,908
Pine Straw, Farm Gate Value	\$2,812,500	\$81,495,375	\$857,846
Timber, Farm Gate Value	\$2,471,718	\$401,524,348	\$2,641,608
Forestry & Products, Total, Farm Gate Value²	\$5,284,218	\$498,947,853	\$3,178,012

Source: Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. 706-542-0760. <http://www.caed.uga.edu>

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Ornamental Horticulture

Container Nursery, Acres Harvested	13	4,863	39
Container Nursery, Farm Gate Value	\$558,961	\$210,443,858	\$1,683,551
Field Nursery, Acres Harvested	0	8,247	75
Field Nursery, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$90,644,554	\$824,041
Greenhouse, Harvested Sq. Ft.	128,000	17,675,066	138,086
Greenhouse, Farm Gate Value	\$1,917,440	\$263,196,439	\$2,056,222
Turfgrass, Acres Harvested	84	33,986	447
Turfgrass, Farm Gate Value	\$287,885	\$116,477,162	\$1,532,594
Ornamental Horticulture, Total, Farm Gate Value²	\$2,764,286	\$698,621,712	\$4,752,529

Livestock & Aquaculture

Beef Cattle, Finished Outside Co, Total Head	0	50,266	728
Beef Cattle, Finished Outside Co, Production in lbs.	0	25,135,880	364,288
Beef Cattle, Finished Outside Co, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$20,577,017	\$298,218
Beef Cows, Total Head	2,900	799,098	5,257
Beef Cows, Production in pounds	1,083,150	299,550,847	1,970,729
Beef Cows, Farm Gate Value	\$1,004,730	\$277,972,447	\$1,828,766
Beef Stockers, Total Head	2,500	236,151	1,845
Beef Stockers, Production in pounds	750,000	70,980,550	554,536
Beef Stockers, Farm Gate Value	\$607,500	\$57,592,221	\$449,939
Catfish, Pond Acres	7	2,248	51
Catfish, Production in pounds	11,200	3,530,510	80,239
Catfish, Farm Gate Value	\$18,928	\$5,994,094	\$136,229
Dairy, Total Head	0	81,890	1,187
Dairy, Milk Production in pounds	0	1,469,422,700	21,295,981
Dairy, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$243,199,690	\$3,524,633
Goats, Total Nannies	1,600	145,471	1,003
Goats, Production in number of kids	2,000	182,264	1,257
Goats, Farm Gate Value	\$180,000	\$16,394,238	\$113,064
Honeybees, Farm Gate Value	\$38,566	\$17,889,132	\$165,640
Horses, Board/Train/Breed, Number	400	74,470	496
Horses, Board/Train/Breed, Farm Gate Value	\$1,600,000	\$293,921,700	\$1,959,478
Horses, Raised, Number	750	42,524	297
Horses, Raised, Farm Gate Value	\$1,875,000	\$103,955,000	\$726,958
Pork, Farrow to Finish, Total Head	100	14,536	205
Pork, Farrow to Finish, Production in pounds	367,500	52,562,300	740,314
Pork, Farrow to Finish, Farm Gate Value	\$150,050	\$21,459,527	\$302,247
Pork, Feeder Pigs, Total Head	0	39,849	797
Pork, Feeder Pigs, Production in pounds	0	30,110,750	602,215
Pork, Feeder Pigs, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$21,877,847	\$437,557
Pork, Finishing Only, Number of Houses	0	106	4
Pork, Finishing Only, Avg. House Capacity	0	826	697
Pork, Finishing Only, Production in pounds	0	49,187,900	1,696,134
Pork, Finishing Only, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$20,459,179	\$705,489
Quail, Number of Birds	650	13,221,575	191,617
Quail, Farm Gate Value	\$2,600	\$41,561,050	\$602,334
Sheep, Number of Ewes	0	8,310	107
Sheep, Production in Lambs	0	10,512	135
Sheep, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$1,029,671	\$13,201
Livestock/Aquaculture, Total, Farm Gate Value²	\$5,477,375	\$1,161,452,882	\$7,397,789

Poultry & Eggs

Breeder Pullet Unit Houses	0	799	18
Breeder Pullet Unit, Avg. # of birds	0	13,148	14,498
Breeder Pullet Unit, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$188,736,480	\$4,289,465
Broiler Houses	24	12,008	119
Broilers, Total, Production in lbs	10,333,440	8,655,309,696	85,696,136
Broilers, GROWER Farm Gate Value	\$527,005	\$441,420,794	\$4,370,503
Broilers, INTEGRATOR Farm Gate Value	\$4,751,316	\$3,979,760,919	\$39,403,573
Broilers, Total Farm Gate Value (Grower + Integrator)	\$5,278,321	\$4,421,181,714	\$43,774,076
Layers, Hatching Egg & Table Egg, Houses	0	1,441	22
Layers, Hatching Egg & Table Egg, Total birds	0	23,654,300	358,398
Layers, Hatching Egg & Table Egg, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$572,149,060	\$8,668,925
Poultry & Eggs, Total, Farm Gate Value²	\$5,278,321	\$5,186,128,879	\$48,468,494

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Other Income

Ag-Based & Nature-Based Tourism, Farm Gate Value	\$6,063	\$83,068,838	\$624,578
Crop Insurance, Farm Gate Value	\$655,414	\$96,189,876	\$882,476
Government Payments, Farm Gate Value	\$2,098,060	\$252,127,033	\$1,626,626
Hunting Leases - Deer, Acres	35,000	8,655,029	65,075
Hunting Leases - Deer, Farm Gate Value	\$420,000	\$103,723,788	\$779,878
Hunting Leases - Duck & Turkey, Acres	35,000	3,146,822	28,097
Hunting Leases - Duck & Turkey, Farm Gate Value	\$70,000	\$8,702,886	\$77,704
Other Income, Total, Farm Gate Value²	\$3,249,536	\$548,358,671	\$3,470,624

Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2008 data

Total Cash Receipts & Other Income	\$31,602,000	\$8,977,425,000	\$56,461,792
Livestock and Products, % of total	16.4	57.2	50.1
Crops, % of total	63.5	30.4	31.0
Government Payments, % of total	11.5	4.4	4.6
Imputed & Misc Income, % of total	8.6	7.9	14.3
Farm Production Expenses	\$22,568,000	\$6,756,783,000	\$42,495,491
Feed, % of total expenses	7.7	24.0	17.8
Livestock, % of total expenses	1.9	12.0	8.5
Seed, % of total expenses	9.0	4.0	4.7
Fert/Lime & Ag Chem, % of total expenses	20.4	9.2	10.0
Petroleum products, % of total expenses	8.5	5.2	6.4
Hired farm labor, % of total expenses	7.2	8.0	9.9
Other, % of total expenses	45.2	37.7	42.2
Net Farm Proprietor's Income	\$7,914,000	\$1,810,911,000	\$11,389,377
Total Farm Labor and Proprietor's Income	\$9,265,000	\$2,235,187,000	\$14,057,780

2007 Census of Agriculture³

Number of Farms	227	47,846	301
% Change in Number, 2002-2007	30.5	-3.0	-1.2
Average Farm Size in Acres	329	212	225
Median Farm Size in Acres	100	67	83
% of Farms by Size, Less than 10 Acres	8.4	7.3	8.6
% of Farms by Size, More than 1,000 Acres	7.5	4.1	4.4
% of Farms by Sales Class, Less than \$2,500	45.4	48.9	51.2
% of Farms by Sales Class, \$2,500 to \$99,999	34.8	37.0	36.4
% of Farms by Sales Class, \$100,000 or higher	19.8	14.2	12.5
Acres of Land in Farms	74,739	10,150,539	63,840
% of Total County Land in Farms	46.7	27.6	27.6
Acres of Harvested Cropland	30,421	3,390,437	21,324
Est. Mkt. Val. of Land and Bldgs--Avg./Acre	\$2,210	\$3,117	\$3,706
Est. Mkt. Val. of Machinery/Equipment--Avg./Farm	\$101,292	\$661,201	\$76,764
Avg. Age of Farmers	58.1	57.8	57.9
% of Farmers Working 200 + Days Off Farm	39.2	39.9	40.1

Miscellaneous¹

Water Use for Irrigation (Millions of Gal/Day), 2005	7.26	751.64	4.7
Irrigated Acres, 2008	7,950	1,446,754	9,099
Acreage in Crop Reserve Program, as of 4/30/10	2,971.4	317,998.3	1,987.9
Acreage in Wetlands Reserve Program, as of 4/30/10	0.0	4,890.2	30.8
All AG Land as a % of 2009 Gross Tax Digest	13.7	--	--
Acres of Forest Land, 2007	97,068	24,896,839	156,584
Forest Land as a % of Land Use Area	58.9	65.5	64.3
Rural/Urban Continuum Code ⁴	7	--	--

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** Data > 0 applies only to Farm Gate Value Report; Other source data calculated on 159 counties.

¹ Center for Agribusiness and *The Georgia County Guide* (see "Source" below)

² Includes miscellaneous commodities not listed separately.

³ USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

⁴ 0=most urban; 9=most rural