

# AG Facts & Figures

## 2009 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report<sup>1</sup>

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TOTAL FARM GATE VALUE	\$15,560,445	\$11,256,734,510	\$70,797,072
Rank of Total Farm Gate Value (1=highest)	133		
Total Farm Gate Value per acre of land in farms	\$826	\$1,109	\$1,398
Total Farm Gate Value per farm	\$83,658	\$235,270	\$226,164
Farm Gate GROWER Value	\$15,560,445	\$7,276,973,590	\$45,767,129
<b><u>Row &amp; Forage Crops</u></b>			
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	0	377,752	2,718
Corn, Avg Yield/acre in bushels	0	151	126
Corn, Production in bushels	0	56,868,686	409,127
Corn, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$203,266,035	\$1,462,346
Cotton, Acres Harvested	0	1,027,178	11,541
Cotton, Avg Yield/acre in pounds	0	957	866
Cotton, Production in pounds	0	982,595,363	11,040,397
Cotton, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$712,666,755	\$8,007,492
Hay, Acres Harvested	6,000	767,966	5,052
Hay, Avg Yield/acre in tons	3	3.1	3.2
Hay, Production in tons	18,000	2,356,737	15,505
Hay, Farm Gate Value	\$1,170,000	\$155,118,653	\$1,020,517
Oats, Acres Harvested	0	39,285	414
Oats, Avg Yield/acre in bushels	0	61	56
Oats, Production in bushels	0	2,402,035	25,285
Oats, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$7,206,105	\$75,854
Peanuts, Acres Harvested	0	529,293	6,874
Peanuts, Avg Yield/acre in pounds	0	3,766	3,462
Peanuts, Production in pounds	0	1,993,356,838	25,887,751
Peanuts, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$401,198,028	\$5,210,364
Rye, Acres Harvested	0	57,722	572
Rye, Avg Yield/acre in bushels	0	27	27
Rye, Production in bushels	0	1,571,814	15,563
Rye, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$16,332,334	\$161,706
Silage, Acres Harvested	50	54,100	762
Silage, Avg Yield/acre in tons	6	17.6	16.8
Silage, Production in tons	300	951,494	13,401
Silage, Farm Gate Value	\$14,250	\$44,931,437	\$632,837
Sorghum, Acres Harvested	0	47,949	592
Sorghum, Avg Yield/acre in bushels	0	52	50
Sorghum, Production in bushels	0	2,474,475	30,549
Sorghum, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$7,468,351	\$92,202
Soybeans, Acres Harvested	0	451,285	3,959
Soybeans, Avg Yield/acre in bushels	0	39	36
Soybeans, Production in bushels	0	17,542,473	153,881
Soybeans, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$168,450,779	\$1,477,638
Straw, Acres Harvested	0	137,421	1,361
Straw, Avg Yield/acre in bales	0	77	76
Straw, Production in bales	0	10,644,751	105,394
Straw, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$31,976,192	\$316,596
Tobacco, Acres Harvested	0	15,584	472
Tobacco, Avg Yield/acre in pounds	0	2,137	2,110
Tobacco, Production in pounds	0	33,294,588	1,008,927
Tobacco, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$53,187,922	\$1,611,755
Wheat, Acres Harvested	35	287,277	2,355
Wheat, Avg Yield/acre in bushels	40	50	47
Wheat, Production in bushels	1,400	14,411,223	118,125
Wheat, Farm Gate Value	\$5,600	\$57,489,981	\$471,229
<b>Row/Forage Crops, Total, Farm Gate Value<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$1,189,850</b>	<b>\$1,881,292,056</b>	<b>\$12,376,921</b>

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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	5	16,346	172
Blueberries, Production in pounds	17,500	69,347,763	729,976
Blueberries, Farm Gate Value	\$24,500	\$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	0	144,407	1,375
Pecans, Production in pounds	0	126,142,102	1,201,353
Pecans, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$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
<b>Fruits &amp; Nuts, Total, Farm Gate Value<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$24,500</b>	<b>\$366,299,671</b>	<b>\$2,526,205</b>

### Vegetables

Cabbage, Acres Harvested	0	9,307	259
Cabbage, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$37,632,602	\$1,045,350
Cantaloupe, Acres Harvested	0	4,838	86
Cantaloupe, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$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	0	17,543	240
Greens, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$48,765,522	\$668,021
Okra, Acres Harvested	0	324	6
Okra, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$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	0	8,737	194
Peppers, Bell, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$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	0	14,768	321
Snap Beans, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$35,276,063	\$766,871
Southern Peas, Acres Harvested	0	8,153	118
Southern Peas, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$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	0	21,564	248
Sweet Corn, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$83,028,604	\$954,352
Tomatoes, Acres Harvested	0	4,043	59
Tomatoes, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$63,875,475	\$925,732
Watermelons, Acres Harvested	0	24,238	307
Watermelons, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$139,001,756	\$1,759,516
Zucchini, Acres Harvested	0	3,531	131
Zucchini, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$12,964,910	\$480,182
<b>Vegetables, Total, Farm Gate Value<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$915,632,787</b>	<b>\$6,936,612</b>

### Forestry

Christmas Trees, Acres Harvested	3	2,177	24
Christmas Trees, Farm Gate Value	\$11,250	\$8,151,750	\$90,575
Pine Straw, Acres Harvested	750	656,223	6,908
Pine Straw, Farm Gate Value	\$93,750	\$81,495,375	\$857,846
Timber, Farm Gate Value	\$2,335,230	\$401,524,348	\$2,641,608
<b>Forestry &amp; Products, Total, Farm Gate Value<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$2,440,230</b>	<b>\$498,947,853</b>	<b>\$3,178,012</b>

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### Ornamental Horticulture

Container Nursery, Acres Harvested	34	4,863	39
Container Nursery, Farm Gate Value	\$1,461,898	\$210,443,858	\$1,683,551
Field Nursery, Acres Harvested	40	8,247	75
Field Nursery, Farm Gate Value	\$439,720	\$90,644,554	\$824,041
Greenhouse, Harvested Sq. Ft.	120,000	17,675,066	138,086
Greenhouse, Farm Gate Value	\$1,797,600	\$263,196,439	\$2,056,222
Turfgrass, Acres Harvested	0	33,986	447
Turfgrass, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$116,477,162	\$1,532,594
<b>Ornamental Horticulture, Total, Farm Gate Value<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$3,699,218</b>	<b>\$698,621,712</b>	<b>\$4,752,529</b>

### 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	1,200	799,098	5,257
Beef Cows, Production in pounds	448,200	299,550,847	1,970,729
Beef Cows, Farm Gate Value	\$415,750	\$277,972,447	\$1,828,766
Beef Stockers, Total Head	300	236,151	1,845
Beef Stockers, Production in pounds	90,000	70,980,550	554,536
Beef Stockers, Farm Gate Value	\$72,900	\$57,592,221	\$449,939
Catfish, Pond Acres	0	2,248	51
Catfish, Production in pounds	0	3,530,510	80,239
Catfish, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$5,994,094	\$136,229
Dairy, Total Head	65	81,890	1,187
Dairy, Milk Production in pounds	1,202,500	1,469,422,700	21,295,981
Dairy, Farm Gate Value	\$186,147	\$243,199,690	\$3,524,633
Goats, Total Nannies	225	145,471	1,003
Goats, Production in number of kids	281	182,264	1,257
Goats, Farm Gate Value	\$25,313	\$16,394,238	\$113,064
Honeybees, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$17,889,132	\$165,640
Horses, Board/Train/Breed, Number	1,250	74,470	496
Horses, Board/Train/Breed, Farm Gate Value	\$5,000,000	\$293,921,700	\$1,959,478
Horses, Raised, Number	350	42,524	297
Horses, Raised, Farm Gate Value	\$875,000	\$103,955,000	\$726,958
Pork, Farrow to Finish, Total Head	0	14,536	205
Pork, Farrow to Finish, Production in pounds	0	52,562,300	740,314
Pork, Farrow to Finish, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$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	0	13,221,575	191,617
Quail, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$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
<b>Livestock/Aquaculture, Total, Farm Gate Value<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$7,575,110</b>	<b>\$1,161,452,882</b>	<b>\$7,397,789</b>

### 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	0	12,008	119
Broilers, Total, Production in lbs	0	8,655,309,696	85,696,136
Broilers, GROWER Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$441,420,794	\$4,370,503
Broilers, INTEGRATOR Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$3,979,760,919	\$39,403,573
Broilers, Total Farm Gate Value (Grower + Integrator)	\$0	\$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
<b>Poultry &amp; Eggs, Total, Farm Gate Value<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,186,128,879</b>	<b>\$48,468,494</b>

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### Other Income

Ag-Based & Nature-Based Tourism, Farm Gate Value	\$83,500	\$83,068,838	\$624,578
Crop Insurance, Farm Gate Value	\$0	\$96,189,876	\$882,476
Government Payments, Farm Gate Value	\$20,037	\$252,127,033	\$1,626,626
Hunting Leases - Deer, Acres	37,000	8,655,029	65,075
Hunting Leases - Deer, Farm Gate Value	\$444,000	\$103,723,788	\$779,878
Hunting Leases - Duck & Turkey, Acres	37,200	3,146,822	28,097
Hunting Leases - Duck & Turkey, Farm Gate Value	\$84,000	\$8,702,886	\$77,704
<b>Other Income, Total, Farm Gate Value<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$631,537</b>	<b>\$548,358,671</b>	<b>\$3,470,624</b>

### Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2008 data

Total Cash Receipts & Other Income	\$6,059,000	\$8,977,425,000	\$56,461,792
Livestock and Products, % of total	70.3	57.2	50.1
Crops, % of total	16.6	30.4	31.0
Government Payments, % of total	1.0	4.4	4.6
Imputed & Misc Income, % of total	12.1	7.9	14.3
Farm Production Expenses	\$5,701,000	\$6,756,783,000	\$42,495,491
Feed, % of total expenses	11.2	24.0	17.8
Livestock, % of total expenses	3.0	12.0	8.5
Seed, % of total expenses	0.8	4.0	4.7
Fert/Lime & Ag Chem, % of total expenses	5.1	9.2	10.0
Petroleum products, % of total expenses	6.6	5.2	6.4
Hired farm labor, % of total expenses	21.2	8.0	9.9
Other, % of total expenses	52.0	37.7	42.2
Net Farm Proprietor's Income	\$186,000	\$1,810,911,000	\$11,389,377
Total Farm Labor and Proprietor's Income	\$1,284,000	\$2,235,187,000	\$14,057,780

### 2007 Census of Agriculture<sup>3</sup>

Number of Farms	186	47,846	301
% Change in Number, 2002-2007	-5.1	-3.0	-1.2
Average Farm Size in Acres	101	212	225
Median Farm Size in Acres	39	67	83
% of Farms by Size, Less than 10 Acres	18.8	7.3	8.6
% of Farms by Size, More than 1,000 Acres	1.1	4.1	4.4
% of Farms by Sales Class, Less than \$2,500	61.3	48.9	51.2
% of Farms by Sales Class, \$2,500 to \$99,999	36.0	37.0	36.4
% of Farms by Sales Class, \$100,000 or higher	2.7	14.2	12.5
Acres of Land in Farms	18,836	10,150,539	63,840
% of Total County Land in Farms	10.2	27.6	27.6
Acres of Harvested Cropland	1,790	3,390,437	21,324
Est. Mkt. Val. of Land and Bldgs--Avg./Acre	\$3,929	\$3,117	\$3,706
Est. Mkt. Val. of Machinery/Equipment--Avg./Farm	\$43,121	\$661,201	\$76,764
Avg. Age of Farmers	58.8	57.8	57.9
% of Farmers Working 200 + Days Off Farm	48.4	39.9	40.1

### Miscellaneous<sup>1</sup>

Water Use for Irrigation (Millions of Gal/Day), 2005	1.13	751.64	4.7
Irrigated Acres, 2008	0	1,446,754	9,099
Acreage in Crop Reserve Program, as of 4/30/10	0.0	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	4.6	--	--
Acres of Forest Land, 2007	108,665	24,896,839	156,584
Forest Land as a % of Land Use Area	55.2	65.5	64.3
Rural/Urban Continuum Code <sup>4</sup>	2	--	--

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

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

<sup>2</sup> Includes miscellaneous commodities not listed separately.

<sup>3</sup> USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

<sup>4</sup> 0=most urban; 9=most rural