

AG Facts & Figures

2008 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report¹

| | RABUN COUNTY | GEORGIA | Avg. County with data > 0** |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| TOTAL FARM GATE VALUE | \$19,643,822 | \$11,922,405,911 | \$74,983,685 |
| Rank of Total Farm Gate Value (1=highest) | 123 | | |
| Total Farm Gate Value per acre of land in farms | \$2,477 | \$1,175 | \$1,463 |
| Total Farm Gate Value per farm | \$162,346 | \$249,183 | \$238,628 |
| Farm Gate GROWER Value | \$15,574,994 | \$7,486,370,989 | \$47,084,094 |
| <u>Row & Forage Crops</u> | | | |
| Barley, Acres Harvested | 0 | 606 | 76 |
| Barley, Avg Yield/acre in bushels | 0 | 39 | 37 |
| Barley, Production in bushels | 0 | 23,720 | 2,965 |
| Barley, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$115,042 | \$14,380 |
| Corn, Acres Harvested | 125 | 349,983 | 2,518 |
| Corn, Avg Yield/acre in bushels | 150 | 142 | 120 |
| Corn, Production in bushels | 18,750 | 49,832,771 | 358,509 |
| Corn, Farm Gate Value | \$89,063 | \$236,751,951 | \$1,703,251 |
| Cotton, Acres Harvested | 0 | 994,392 | 11,049 |
| Cotton, Avg Yield/acre in pounds | 0 | 858 | 798 |
| Cotton, Production in pounds | 0 | 852,730,216 | 9,474,780 |
| Cotton, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$584,120,198 | \$6,490,224 |
| Hay, Acres Harvested | 325 | 757,558 | 5,017 |
| Hay, Avg Yield/acre in tons | 3.5 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
| Hay, Production in tons | 1,138 | 1,909,097 | 12,643 |
| Hay, Farm Gate Value | \$85,313 | \$144,911,814 | \$959,681 |
| Oats, Acres Harvested | 0 | 41,790 | 459 |
| Oats, Avg Yield/acre in bushels | 0 | 65 | 60 |
| Oats, Production in bushels | 0 | 2,708,138 | 29,760 |
| Oats, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$9,493,258 | \$104,322 |
| Peanuts, Acres Harvested | 0 | 697,161 | 9,173 |
| Peanuts, Avg Yield/acre in pounds | 0 | 3,477 | 3,284 |
| Peanuts, Production in pounds | 0 | 2,423,795,331 | 31,892,044 |
| Peanuts, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$582,176,839 | \$7,660,222 |
| Rye, Acres Harvested | 0 | 70,354 | 725 |
| Rye, Avg Yield/acre in bushels | 0 | 29 | 29 |
| Rye, Production in bushels | 0 | 2,062,214 | 21,260 |
| Rye, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$24,809,043 | \$255,763 |
| Silage, Acres Harvested | 35 | 51,583 | 727 |
| Silage, Avg Yield/acre in tons | 15 | 17.5 | 15.9 |
| Silage, Production in tons | 525 | 903,691 | 12,728 |
| Silage, Farm Gate Value | \$26,250 | \$45,184,550 | \$636,402 |
| Sorghum, Acres Harvested | 10 | 54,315 | 632 |
| Sorghum, Avg Yield/acre in bushels | 55 | 50 | 46 |
| Sorghum, Production in bushels | 550 | 2,708,791 | 31,498 |
| Sorghum, Farm Gate Value | \$2,475 | \$12,189,560 | \$141,739 |
| Soybeans, Acres Harvested | 0 | 400,921 | 3,517 |
| Soybeans, Avg Yield/acre in bushels | 0 | 33 | 32 |
| Soybeans, Production in bushels | 0 | 13,213,255 | 115,906 |
| Soybeans, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$115,880,243 | \$1,016,493 |
| Straw, Acres Harvested | 0 | 186,147 | 1,843 |
| Straw, Avg Yield/acre in bales | 0 | 79 | 75 |
| Straw, Production in bales | 0 | 14,735,383 | 145,895 |
| Straw, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$44,078,741 | \$436,423 |
| Tobacco, Acres Harvested | 0 | 16,926 | 513 |
| Tobacco, Avg Yield/acre in pounds | 0 | 2,296 | 2,298 |
| Tobacco, Production in pounds | 0 | 38,863,044 | 1,177,668 |
| Tobacco, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$69,564,849 | \$2,108,026 |
| Wheat, Acres Harvested | 20 | 397,255 | 3,256 |
| Wheat, Avg Yield/acre in bushels | 50 | 56 | 51 |
| Wheat, Production in bushels | 1,000 | 22,184,933 | 181,844 |
| Wheat, Farm Gate Value | \$5,500 | \$121,707,481 | \$997,602 |
| Row/Forage Crops, Total, Farm Gate Value² | \$208,600 | \$2,009,762,474 | \$13,135,702 |

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Fruits & Nuts

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| Apples, Acres Harvested | 50 | 619 | 39 |
| Apples, Production in bushels | 16,150 | 268,820 | 16,801 |
| Apples, Farm Gate Value | \$331,883 | \$5,916,644 | \$369,790 |
| Blackberries, Acres Harvested | 1 | 558 | 14 |
| Blackberries, Production in pounds | 500 | 2,715,100 | 66,222 |
| Blackberries, Farm Gate Value | \$875 | \$7,573,532 | \$184,720 |
| Blueberries, Acres Harvested | 1 | 14,126 | 147 |
| Blueberries, Production in pounds | 1,250 | 55,265,161 | 575,679 |
| Blueberries, Farm Gate Value | \$2,500 | \$60,921,843 | \$634,603 |
| Grapes, Acres Harvested | 36 | 2,299 | 35 |
| Grapes, Production in pounds | 348,730 | 12,673,935 | 192,029 |
| Grapes, Farm Gate Value | \$128,729 | \$10,455,349 | \$158,414 |
| Peaches, Acres Harvested | 0 | 10,713 | 219 |
| Peaches, Production in pounds | 0 | 65,293,055 | 1,332,511 |
| Peaches, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$48,998,097 | \$999,961 |
| Pecans, Acres Harvested | 0 | 140,339 | 1,337 |
| Pecans, Production in pounds | 0 | 92,943,158 | 885,173 |
| Pecans, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$125,932,662 | \$1,199,359 |
| Strawberries, Acres Harvested | 8 | 242 | 4 |
| Strawberries, Production in pounds | 160,000 | 3,388,610 | 62,752 |
| Strawberries, Farm Gate Value | \$203,200 | \$4,820,431 | \$89,267 |
| Fruits & Nuts, Total, Farm Gate Value² | \$667,624 | \$267,729,337 | \$1,859,232 |

Vegetables

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|---|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Cabbage, Acres Harvested | 122 | 9,348 | 260 |
| Cabbage, Farm Gate Value | \$839,604 | \$35,437,543 | \$984,376 |
| Cantaloupe, Acres Harvested | 3 | 4,264 | 80 |
| Cantaloupe, Farm Gate Value | \$11,025 | \$20,696,968 | \$390,509 |
| Cucumbers, Acres Harvested | 1 | 9,310 | 259 |
| Cucumbers, Farm Gate Value | \$11,052 | \$80,673,284 | \$2,240,925 |
| Eggplant, Acres Harvested | 6 | 1,215 | 58 |
| Eggplant, Farm Gate Value | \$59,886 | \$16,760,087 | \$798,099 |
| Greens, Acres Harvested | 0 | 18,818 | 251 |
| Greens, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$57,106,251 | \$761,417 |
| Okra, Acres Harvested | 4 | 306 | 6 |
| Okra, Farm Gate Value | \$25,760 | \$887,769 | \$17,755 |
| Onions, Acres Harvested | 0 | 12,322 | 770 |
| Onions, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$139,018,353 | \$8,688,647 |
| Peppers, Bell, Acres Harvested | 15 | 5,836 | 162 |
| Peppers, Bell, Farm Gate Value | \$173,018 | \$105,300,645 | \$2,925,018 |
| Peppers, Other, Acres Harvested | 8 | 1,215 | 49 |
| Peppers, Other, Farm Gate Value | \$52,512 | \$12,539,294 | \$501,572 |
| Snap Beans, Acres Harvested | 28 | 13,219 | 275 |
| Snap Beans, Farm Gate Value | \$80,752 | \$22,588,108 | \$470,586 |
| Southern Peas, Acres Harvested | 0 | 6,868 | 106 |
| Southern Peas, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$10,968,397 | \$168,745 |
| Squash, Acres Harvested | 2 | 6,185 | 91 |
| Squash, Farm Gate Value | \$20,650 | \$25,019,023 | \$367,927 |
| Sweet Corn, Acres Harvested | 170 | 22,657 | 276 |
| Sweet Corn, Farm Gate Value | \$611,490 | \$69,132,140 | \$843,075 |
| Tomatoes, Acres Harvested | 67 | 3,985 | 56 |
| Tomatoes, Farm Gate Value | \$2,369,790 | \$51,230,245 | \$721,553 |
| Watermelons, Acres Harvested | 0 | 21,852 | 280 |
| Watermelons, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$118,277,909 | \$1,516,383 |
| Zucchini, Acres Harvested | 1 | 4,031 | 119 |
| Zucchini, Farm Gate Value | \$8,901 | \$16,905,638 | \$497,225 |
| Vegetables, Total, Farm Gate Value² | \$4,806,500 | \$849,037,686 | \$6,685,336 |

Forestry

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| Christmas Trees, Acres Harvested | 35 | 2,285 | 25 |
| Christmas Trees, Farm Gate Value | \$105,000 | \$8,538,375 | \$94,871 |
| Pine Straw, Acres Harvested | 0 | 660,485 | 6,605 |
| Pine Straw, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$82,062,625 | \$820,626 |
| Timber, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$472,414,381 | \$3,170,566 |
| Forestry & Products, Total, Farm Gate Value² | \$105,000 | \$570,838,261 | \$3,612,900 |

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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| <u>Ornamental Horticulture</u> | | | |
| Container Nursery, Acres Harvested | 75 | 4,498 | 37 |
| Container Nursery, Farm Gate Value | \$3,301,500 | \$190,217,960 | \$1,546,487 |
| Field Nursery, Acres Harvested | 85 | 8,202 | 77 |
| Field Nursery, Farm Gate Value | \$941,375 | \$91,698,285 | \$856,993 |
| Greenhouse, Harvested Sq. Ft. | 80,000 | 18,977,843 | 148,264 |
| Greenhouse, Farm Gate Value | \$1,204,000 | \$261,673,990 | \$2,044,328 |
| Turfgrass, Acres Harvested | 0 | 41,257 | 543 |
| Turfgrass, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$131,258,516 | \$1,727,086 |
| Ornamental Horticulture, Total, Farm Gate Value² | \$5,446,875 | \$695,986,551 | \$4,671,051 |
| <u>Livestock & Aquaculture</u> | | | |
| Beef Cattle, Finished Outside Co, Total Head | 0 | 46,607 | 740 |
| Beef Cattle, Finished Outside Co, Production in lbs. | 0 | 23,303,500 | 369,897 |
| Beef Cattle, Finished Outside Co, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$21,287,747 | \$337,901 |
| Beef Cows, Total Head | 2,200 | 811,425 | 5,269 |
| Beef Cows, Production in pounds | 821,700 | 303,217,426 | 1,968,944 |
| Beef Cows, Farm Gate Value | \$773,713 | \$285,905,901 | \$1,856,532 |
| Beef Stockers, Total Head | 0 | 234,107 | 1,951 |
| Beef Stockers, Production in pounds | 0 | 70,338,300 | 586,153 |
| Beef Stockers, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$60,180,520 | \$501,504 |
| Catfish, Pond Acres | 0 | 2,213 | 46 |
| Catfish, Production in pounds | 0 | 3,793,536 | 79,032 |
| Catfish, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$8,156,102 | \$169,919 |
| Dairy, Total Head | 0 | 76,322 | 1,090 |
| Dairy, Milk Production in pounds | 0 | 1,376,000,771 | 19,657,154 |
| Dairy, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$306,175,691 | \$4,373,938 |
| Goats, Total Nannies | 250 | 141,471 | 996 |
| Goats, Production in number of kids | 313 | 177,139 | 1,247 |
| Goats, Farm Gate Value | \$26,563 | \$15,209,919 | \$107,112 |
| Honeybees, Farm Gate Value | \$49,680 | \$16,557,716 | \$165,577 |
| Horses, Board/Train/Breed, Number | 150 | 75,676 | 518 |
| Horses, Board/Train/Breed, Farm Gate Value | \$600,000 | \$302,704,000 | \$2,073,315 |
| Horses, Raised, Number | 100 | 44,353 | 315 |
| Horses, Raised, Farm Gate Value | \$250,000 | \$110,872,500 | \$786,330 |
| Pork, Farrow to Finish, Total Head | 0 | 17,862 | 252 |
| Pork, Farrow to Finish, Production in pounds | 0 | 65,642,850 | 924,547 |
| Pork, Farrow to Finish, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$31,088,454 | \$437,866 |
| Pork, Feeder Pigs, Total Head | 0 | 57,532 | 1,308 |
| Pork, Feeder Pigs, Production in pounds | 0 | 43,359,000 | 985,432 |
| Pork, Feeder Pigs, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$36,300,155 | \$825,004 |
| Pork, Finishing Only, Number of Houses | 0 | 100 | 4 |
| Pork, Finishing Only, Avg. House Capacity | 0 | 876 | 790 |
| Pork, Finishing Only, Production in pounds | 0 | 48,499,331 | 1,939,973 |
| Pork, Finishing Only, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$22,969,283 | \$918,771 |
| Quail, Number of Birds | 0 | 9,939,775 | 141,997 |
| Quail, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$24,830,406 | \$354,720 |
| Sheep, Number of Ewes | 125 | 7,578 | 100 |
| Sheep, Production in Lambs | 156 | 9,598 | 126 |
| Sheep, Farm Gate Value | \$13,281 | \$847,350 | \$11,149 |
| Livestock/Aquaculture, Total, Farm Gate Value² | \$1,713,236 | \$1,263,728,965 | \$7,998,285 |
| <u>Poultry & Eggs</u> | | | |
| Breeder Pullet Unit Houses | 0 | 780 | 18 |
| Breeder Pullet Unit, Avg. # of birds | 0 | 13,234 | 14,729 |
| Breeder Pullet Unit, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$165,166,400 | \$3,753,782 |
| Broiler Houses | 12 | 12,021 | 116 |
| Broilers, Total, Production in lbs | 8,110,080 | 8,842,007,020 | 85,019,298 |
| Broilers, GROWER Farm Gate Value | \$413,614 | \$450,942,358 | \$4,335,984 |
| Broilers, INTEGRATOR Farm Gate Value | \$4,068,827 | \$4,436,034,922 | \$42,654,182 |
| Broilers, Total Farm Gate Value (Grower + Integrator) | \$4,482,441 | \$4,886,977,280 | \$46,990,166 |
| Layers, Hatching Egg & Table Egg, Houses | 0 | 1,455 | 22 |
| Layers, Hatching Egg & Table Egg, Total birds | 0 | 22,923,700 | 352,672 |
| Layers, Hatching Egg & Table Egg, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$592,973,078 | \$9,122,663 |
| Poultry & Eggs, Total, Farm Gate Value² | \$4,482,441 | \$5,651,535,758 | \$49,143,789 |

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Other Income

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| Ag-Based & Nature-Based Tourism, Farm Gate Value | \$1,991,000 | \$78,231,051 | \$625,848 |
| Crop Insurance, Farm Gate Value | \$68,926 | \$107,397,080 | \$1,022,829 |
| Government Payments, Farm Gate Value | \$153,619 | \$311,070,587 | \$1,968,801 |
| Hunting Leases - Deer, Acres | 0 | 8,516,009 | 61,710 |
| Hunting Leases - Deer, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$102,439,208 | \$742,313 |
| Hunting Leases - Duck & Turkey, Acres | 0 | 3,065,104 | 27,614 |
| Hunting Leases - Duck & Turkey, Farm Gate Value | \$0 | \$8,395,653 | \$75,637 |
| Other Income, Total, Farm Gate Value² | \$2,213,545 | \$613,786,879 | \$3,860,295 |

Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2007 data

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| Total Cash Receipts & Other Income | \$21,185,000 | \$7,894,159,000 | \$49,648,799 |
| Livestock and Products, % of total | 74.0 | 56.6 | 49.3 |
| Crops, % of total | 23.1 | 31.1 | 33.6 |
| Government Payments, % of total | 0.3 | 4.5 | 4.7 |
| Imputed & Misc Income, % of total | 2.5 | 7.8 | 12.4 |
| Farm Production Expenses | \$15,098,000 | \$5,999,216,000 | \$37,730,918 |
| Feed, % of total expenses | 41.5 | 23.7 | 18.3 |
| Livestock, % of total expenses | 6.8 | 7.4 | 5.6 |
| Seed, % of total expenses | 1.4 | 4.0 | 4.2 |
| Fert/Lime & Ag Chem, % of total expenses | 2.5 | 10.3 | 10.5 |
| Petroleum products, % of total expenses | 4.3 | 5.4 | 5.9 |
| Hired farm labor, % of total expenses | 6.0 | 7.2 | 7.8 |
| Other, % of total expenses | 37.5 | 42.0 | 47.2 |
| Net Farm Proprietor's Income | \$1,810,000 | \$1,240,892,000 | \$7,804,352 |
| Total Farm Labor and Proprietor's Income | \$2,714,000 | \$1,594,837,000 | \$10,030,421 |

2007 Census of Agriculture³

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| Number of Farms | 121 | 47,846 | 301 |
| % Change in Number, 2002-2007 | -17.1 | -3.0 | -1.2 |
| Average Farm Size in Acres | 66 | 212 | 225 |
| Median Farm Size in Acres | 32 | 67 | 83 |
| % of Farms by Size, Less than 10 Acres | 12.4 | 7.3 | 8.6 |
| % of Farms by Size, More than 1,000 Acres | 0.8 | 4.1 | 4.4 |
| % of Farms by Sales Class, Less than \$2,500 | 39.7 | 48.9 | 51.2 |
| % of Farms by Sales Class, \$2,500 to \$99,999 | 51.2 | 37.0 | 36.4 |
| % of Farms by Sales Class, \$100,000 or higher | 9.1 | 14.2 | 12.5 |
| Acres of Land in Farms | 7,929 | 10,150,539 | 63,840 |
| % of Total County Land in Farms | 3.3 | 27.6 | 27.6 |
| Acres of Harvested Cropland | 1,689 | 3,390,437 | 21,324 |
| Est. Mkt. Val. of Land and Bldgs--Avg./Acre | \$5,420 | \$3,117 | \$3,706 |
| Est. Mkt. Val. of Machinery/Equipment--Avg./Farm | \$47,368 | \$661,201 | \$76,764 |
| Avg. Age of Farmers | 58.9 | 57.8 | 57.9 |
| % of Farmers Working 200 + Days Off Farm | 32.2 | 39.9 | 40.1 |

Miscellaneous¹

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| Water Use for Irrigation (Millions of Gal/Day), 2005 | 0.58 | 751.64 | 4.7 |
| Irrigated Acres, 2008 | 0 | 1,446,754 | 9,099 |
| Acres in Crop Reserve Program, as of 4/30/09 | 0.0 | 332,669.4 | 2,079.4 |
| Acres in Wetlands Reserve Program, as of 4/30/09 | 0.0 | 5,593.7 | 35.1 |
| All AG Land as a % of 2008 Gross Tax Digest | 6.2 | 8.2 | 24.6 |
| Acres of Forest Land, 2007 | 227,098 | 24,896,839 | 156,584 |
| Forest Land as a % of Land Use Area | 88.8 | 65.5 | 64.3 |
| Rural/Urban Continuum Code ⁴ | 9 | -- | -- |

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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