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Fruit and vegetable growers raise alarm over increased minimum wages for farm workers

By Jay Jones
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SAVANNAH – This year, the Southeast Regional Fruit and Vegetable Conference is seeing an increase in attendance in both attendees and vendors, which may go hand in hand with concerns over an increase in farm labor costs.

The annual conference was held from Jan. 11-13 at the Savannah Convention Center, where the organizers said the pre-registration was up to pre-pandemic levels. Those registering late and on the day of the event will bring the total attendance to over 2,600. The Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association (GFVGA) hosted the event and Chris Butts, executive director of the GFVGA, said there were 279 exhibitors signed up for the trade show, with 60 companies on a waiting list.

Butts attributed the solid showing to folks adjusting to the new normal of post-Covid but also the desire of people to shake hands and talk to someone in the same room. “You can’t do that



Producers and vendors attended the Southeast Regional Fruit and Vegetable Conference this month in strong numbers not seen since pre-pandemic levels in 2019. Organizers reported total attendance of over 2,600 to visit with 279 exhibitors in Savannah. (GDA/Nick Vassy)

over Zoom; we all get Zoomed out,” he said. “We also think it’s representative of the challenges these guys are facing,” Butts continued. “They have to come here and look for ways to get more efficient, do more with less, produce a better product with fewer inputs and costs.”

Farm labor costs have become a significant concern for producers in Georgia following the U.S. Department of Labor’s increase of the minimum wage for a farm worker to \$14.68, a 21 percent increase since 2022, when the minimum hourly wage was \$11.99.

Butts explained the cost to producers is closer to \$20 per hour after factoring transportation and housing of workers.

The wage increase is an annual adjustment made to the Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR), which is the minimum wage that must be offered to U.S. domestic and foreign agricultural employees of a formula used by the U.S. Department of Labor to nonimmigrant, or H-2A, agri-

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New year brings new phase in eradication of yellow-legged hornets

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ATHENS – Public awareness and utilizing more tracking technology will be critical in the effort to eradicate the yellow-legged hornet, which moves into a new phase this year, according to Mike Evans, Georgia Department of Agriculture Plant Protection Program director.

Evans provided a report to the Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission meeting on Jan. 9 about last year’s initial response to the discovery of the yellow-legged hornet in Savannah and plans for this year. The hornet is an invasive pest discovered in early August that threatens native pollinators.

Evans described 2023 as a very successful response effort. This year will be different

and even more coordinated with pest control professionals, the public, and others, including the University of Georgia Extension Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

“This is a long-term project,” Evans said. “You have three phases. Phase one is to find all of the nests. Phase two is once you can’t track anymore, then you have to have three years of negative data of tracking. If you don’t find anything for three years, you can finally declare eradication.”

Evans told the commission GDA teams found and destroyed five nests in the first months of response, all in the Savannah area. “The good news, yes, we got rid of five, and the bad news is, well, crap, there were five to get rid of,” Evans said.

None of the nests destroyed in Georgia appeared to have begun the production of queens or reproductive males. yellow-legged hornets procreate by producing queens and reproductive males that go dormant over the winter and start new nests in the spring.

However, two hornet specimens were discovered in South Carolina, which indicates new nests may develop there and will be something to watch out for in Georgia, Evans said.

For 2024, Evans said he hopes to expand operations in detection and educating pest control companies and their employees in identifying and reporting the hornets and their nests. Part of that effort includes the GDA producing plastic cards for pest control professionals with identification markers and comparisons to native hornets for reference.

Also, since four out of five nests were found in trees, Evans said there will need to be coordination between arborists and pest control companies when a nest is identified.

Trapping: GDA personnel set out 170 traps last year. Evans said they want to set out more this year. He added they also want to fill 8-10 part-time positions to expand tracking

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The photo shows one of the five nests of the yellow-legged hornet found last year near Savannah. This nest was located by a Georgia Department of Agriculture tracking team on Oct. 11, 2023, in the town of Thunderbolt, 60 feet up in a pine tree. (GDA/Special Photo)

Lifetime of leadership and longleaf conservation

By Chris Groskreutz
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Herbert Hodges is a retired military veteran, educator, and timber producer in Emanuel County. His family’s farm is an environment where longleaf pine forests and wildlife species can thrive. Named after his father, the Willie Hodges Family Farm Estate is made up of a collective 600 acres, land that has been in the Hodges family since the 1880’s.

A New Mission Focus

Hodges served nine years of active duty in the Army before becoming a teacher and serving in the Army Reserve. He eventually became a high school principal and, now retired, Hodges is dedicated to restoring habitat across the property he grew up on.



Herbert Hodges, a retired military veteran, educator, and timber producer in Emanuel County. Herbert is pictured above with his wife, Sandra. (National Wildlife Federation/Tiffany Woods)

Since 2010, and with help from USDA and the Georgia Forestry Commission, he

has transformed 400 acres into a longleaf ecosystem that continues to surprise him.

“After 12 years of restoration, the wildlife has returned,” Hodges said. “I see many more turkeys, fox squirrels, and gopher tortoises. After restoration, they picked up their suitcases and moved in. I don’t know where they came from. They weren’t there when we were planting.”

Now, armed with knowledge and field results, he hopes to encourage producers to improve their land by educating them about assistance from USDA agencies and their partners.

Seeking Assistance

Hodges’s military and education experience taught him the importance of planning. Naturally, he enlisted USDA’s

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1999 Massey Ferguson, diesel, 50HP, power steering with 1550 hours, 1 owner. Ronnie Locke **Brunswick** 912-222-1355

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2008 Massey Ferguson model 4243, 80HP cab tractor: \$18,000. Call for details. Neal King **Cartersville** 770-598-9777

2012 John Deere 3038e tractor w/loader, 4wd, 230hrs, hydrostatic transmission, always sheltered, excellent condition: \$19,900. Russ Laplume **Good Hope** 678-687-5062

3930 Ford tractor, good condition, clean, good tires, 1700hrs. Call before 7pm and no text messages. James McClain **Dahlonega** 706-864-5977

8N Ford tractor. Runs well: \$3200. Angelia Chambers **Lizella** 478-474-1026

AC tractors, 3-B's & 1-CA, non-running, good sheet metal, also plows, cultivators & more: \$1800. Wesley Carlan **Homer** 423-888-7272



2019 JD 5065, 4WD, front-end loader, cab & air, 800hrs: \$50,000; 2023 JD 450E 4x5 baler, only baled 130 bales, net/string wrap: \$34,900. David Petit **White Plains** 706-614-3913

Ford 841 Powemaster, unknown year, diesel engine, power steering, good tires. Sheet metal in good shape. Operates as it should: \$3500 OBO. No calls after 9pm. Todd **Fayetteville** 404-886-1115

John Deere 5075E 4WD tractor open station with canopy top, 2 sets SCV hookups, loader ready with joystick controller, 1070hrs: \$24,000. Jeff Bacon **Dudley** 478-697-0485

John Deere 520 tractor, newer tires/battery, runs and lifts work: \$2500. Donny Gillis **Soperton** 478-6971374 or gillisd-w@gmail.com

Kubota 2015 B3350 4x4 with outboard hydraulics, 5ft belly mower, 3pt hitch, 33HP. Small dents in hood but looks good, ready to work: \$9800. Can send pictures. Steve Brannon **Fairmount** 770-876-4352

Kubota 2017 M5-111 open station w/1854 loader, 2010hrs, orchard tractor, very good condition: \$32,000 OBO. Text is best. Glen Butcher **Camilla** 229-449-3294

L4701 Kubota 2WD/4WD, backhoe, loader, bushhog, tiller, boxblade, auger and forks, only 275hrs: \$38,000. Call or text. C. Patjens **Gordon Co.** 678-787-0056

CUTTERS AND MOWERS

50in brush cutter: \$2950; 60in cutter: \$3250; 78in grapple: \$1500. All new w/skid steer quick connect. Jim Bishop **Heard County** 706-675-3943

60-inch Rebel Bushhog. Fair condition, 6ft reversible scrape blade. Good condition: \$450 for both. You load. Text or Call 10am to 8pm. Daran Paden **Locust Grove** 770-827-4072

6ft LMC finishing mower, good condition, gearbox leaking: \$375. Ronnie **Waycross** 912-550-9245

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

Hardee heavy duty commercial type bushhog, 6ft: \$1600 cash. Call for photos. John **Bogart** 678-234-1666

Roto cutter round bale cutter, 3pt hitch, PTO driven w/cylinders. Cut bale in half or quarter: \$1000. Bob Brady **Augusta** 706-373-8397

Service model 72 gyro HD rotary cutter, VG condition: \$1000 cash; Ferguson model NA-1 dirt scoop, HD: \$200; older post hole drill, 4in bit: \$100. Adkison **Albany** 229-894-5115

PLANTING AND TILLAGE

5ft Behlen Country power drive tiller. Used once, 5hrs, perfect condition: \$1,500 cash, you transport. Joel Navarro **Covington** 404-520-0260

7-shank chisel plow: \$900; 11-shank chisel plow: \$950; 4-row Pittsburg cultivator w/all feet: \$500. Raleigh Gibbs **Abbeville** 229-365-3538

All 3pt hitch – 1-row cultivator w/layout plow, like new; \$300; subsoiler: \$150; book pole: \$75. Call 9AM-9PM. Willie Coggins **Flowery Branch** 770-500-9318

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Ferguson 2-row planter: \$500; 6ft root rake, new, 6ft box scrape, almost new: \$1400 for all. Terry Madaris **Rossville** 423-883-7264

Forest River 4 roe ripper bedder: \$1500; Cat 928G 3.0 yd. Bucket: \$1500; 350-gallon stainless steel pull-type sparer 45ft spray width: \$3500. Wayne Marshall **Perry** 478-972-2287

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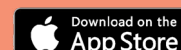
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Little Beaver towable hydraulic auger, 3-position handle rotates 180degrees. Auger tilt 20degrees. Accepts 36inch and 42ft auger lengths, 11HP Honda engine: \$3200. Bryan Hancock **Lawrenceville** 770-931-4077

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Bulldozer blade fitting 4020 JD tractor. 8Ft, has mounting bolts and hydraulic line hooks up to remote on tractor: \$1200. William Alcorn **Leesburg** 229-894-7708

Heavy duty land levelers. Various sizes: \$2500 to \$3200. Mike Hulett **Hazlehurst** 913-347-1004

Kubota 5ft box blade w/scarfiers, used 2-3 times, 3pt hitch: \$500. Call after 6:00 p.m. Cecil Kilburn **Americus** 229-924-6339

PICKERS AND HARVESTERS

1907 JD Stationary corn combine in good working order on movable trailer frame: \$2500. A. Johns **Dawson** 229-995-5371

2004 John Deere 9986. Good condition: \$75,000; Bowl buggy: \$5,000. Ricky Waters **Waycross** 912-288-3424

36in wide Bag-A-Nut double basket pull-behind harvester, like new: \$600. Can pull with mower or ATV/golf cart. Diane Peagler **Waycross** 912-614-9216

Case 2055 cotton picker, very good condition, low hours, picks good and clean, no longer planting cotton. Jimmy Lanier **Portal** 912-687-1095

HAY AND FORAGE

2023 fescue mix 4x5 net wrapped, fertilized, sprayed for weed, rain free, barn stored: \$50 per roll. Carl Henson **Ellijay** 706-264-4477

JD 1219 mower conditioner, rollers good, VG condition: \$3500; also a Walton WT-13 tedder, 10ft wide, VG condition: \$750. Both used regularly on alfalfa, Call for information. Mike **Watkinsville** 706-621-1039

Morra 8ft 2060 disc cutter, Morra 4-basket tedder, VGC: \$4000. Each sheltered, second set of blades on cutter. William Young **Tennille** 478-640-1262

New Holland 5070 square baler, 10 bale accumulator, 10 bale grapple attachment. Excellent condition: \$18,500 OBO. Can text pictures. James Lyles **Ringgold** 423-227-7929

New Holland 570 square baler. One owner, barn kept: \$9000. Photos available. Tommy Vaughn **Forsyth** 478-256-6395

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AG PARTS AND TIRES

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Mighty Mac PTO chipper shredder, 3pt hitch, in great condition: \$500; also, antique claw foot bathtub, \$250. Schneider **Gainesville** 678-910-9585

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

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

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

2018 Deere 210G LC excavator, 3505hrs, 50%UC 40inch bucket, pin on thumb: \$150,000; 2017 Wacker Neuson ET90 excavator, 2042hrs, 75%UC, 18inch bucket, third function: \$57,500. Paul Harrell **Cairo** 229-377-4020

Case 1455-B track loader, excellent condition: \$15,000. Richard Thompson **Rossville** 423-991-7530

For sale – 1984-1985 931C Caterpillar. Needs new engine & left track coil. Engine model 3204 PC. Arrangement 4N169. Plenty of working parts: \$6700. **Conyers** 770-605-6107

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TRUCKS

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1988 Suburban, 6.2 diesel, 4WD: call for pricing; John Deere ripper, off of 650 dozer: \$10,000 OBO. Todd Grogan **Montgomery, AL** 334-320-7315

1997 International cab & chassis or w/20ft box, DT-466, 5spd, AC, very clean: \$7950. Steve Moore **Carrollton** 404-374-3322

1999 Dodge Ram 2500 stripped for parts – engine trans, fenders, bumpers, hood, seats, windshield & (4) new tires on wheels. Call for details. Larry Houston **Covington** 770-235-3082

TRUCK ACCESSORIES AND PARTS

14ft scissor lift dump bed mounted on 60s model GMC: \$500. Not running. Richard Holt **Lithonia** 770-482-6938

Deer Guard Laverne 310713-32710 Prowler Max custom stainless steel grille guard Chevrolet Silverado, GMC Sierra 1500. Purchased new, new never used: \$500. Peacock Hill Farm **Stockbridge** 770-860-8989

Pair of pick-up tailgates, 73-79 Ford F-100 to F-150: \$300-\$500 cash only. Larry Christensen **Ellijay** 706-851-3164

UTVs/ATVs

Honda Rancher 350, 4WD, excellent condition, elderly owned, garaged: \$3500. Wallace German **Winder** 770-867-7140

LAWN AND GARDEN

Please specify if machinery is in running condition or not.

GARDEN TRACTORS

(2) 70s Craftsman 16hp tractorsw/mowers, 3pt hitch implements, one for parts, running one needs dash repair and battery: \$300. Larry McElroy **Buckhead** 404-797-0587

John Deere 430. Above average condition, new tires, battery. 60inch mower deck, 2-speed axle, deferral lock, hydraulics, power steering, auto trans. 20HP Yanmar diesel: \$3600. James Harber **Hiawassee** 706-896-2445

New Bob Cat lawn mower for sale. Model Z7 2000. Newly purchased. Daniel Swartztruber **Montezuma** 478-397-3542

Two Troy-Bilt Horse tillers. Both in excellent condition. One complete original B&S motor. Other completely rebuilt. New seals and digging tines: One \$550, other \$650. Larry Smith **Rome** 706-234-1347

LANDSCAPE TOOLS AND MATERIALS

Fresh, clean, red long needle pine straw installed and cleaned: \$5 per bale. Travis Golden **Conyers** 770-895-8083

FARM SUPPLIES

TOOLS AND HARDWARE

Bosch heavy duty hammer drill and jack hammer, great for anchor bolts or concrete break up: \$200. Scott **Covington** 770-367-3281

Harris torch: \$45; Holox acetylene regulators: \$75; Holox oxygen regulators: \$75. All three for \$175. Cash only. Leonard Irvin **Gainesville** 678-943-9910

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

Robust Sweet 16 lathe, 2hp, 10 accessories included. Reduced: \$6000 cash. Email for more info and photos. **Milledgeville** 478-456-0624

Shopsmith beltsander, 6inch by 48inch. Good condition: \$125; Hobart 2912B automatic slicer. Good condition, new shaft: \$1125. Jerry Hicks **Burford** 770-826-7785

Sliding compound miter saws. 10in Ryobi w/folding stand, almost new; Dewalt 12in, no stand, needs lower guard but works well. Make offer. M. Thornhill **Hoschton** 770-597-8570

BUILDINGS AND MATERIALS

(1) HeatStar gas heater set up for propane, very good condition, used very little. Costs \$375 new, sell for: \$250. Bob Cagle **Milton** 770-337-5586

1,000 square feet of rusty 5-v tin: \$1.50/square foot. Can send pictures. Gary **Cumming** 678-270-8958

32in HD front door w/6 rectangular window panes up top, from 1936 farm house, including hinges. Good condition: \$150. Joel Boss **Kingston** 770-606-9238

8-stall barn w/tack room to be removed. You tear down and remove. Call for details. Annie Roberson **Jonesboro** 770-876-4155

New 50 gallon barrels. Clean. Marvin Farrar **Dalton** 706-581-0082

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

Shop building for sale, you tear down. Former workshop. Good 2x4s, 2x6s with equipment included. Make offer. Roy **The Rock** 706-741-9279

LUMBER

(65) Pine boards tongue & groove w/beveled edge, 3/4x5.5x14ft, no knots, clear grade, excellent condition, air dried. Can send photos. Robert **Saint Marys** 912-322-9287

Band-sawn lumber. Pine or hardwood, siding or framing and beams, oak trailer decking or blocking, T&G shiplap. Text or call. Larry Moore **Grantville** 678-278-5709

Bandmill sawed lumber, oak and poplar slabs planed on two sides, rough cut pine, poplar and oak. Kiln dried available. Donald Hunter **Ellijay** 706-889-4354

Sawmill lumber. Rough cut & finished, kiln dried, air dried or green. Pine, red/white oak, poplar, cherry, & black walnut. Slabs available for counter tops. AA Farms **Hartwell** 706-376-8968

We have inventory of hard and soft woods. Rough cut, planed, air dried, and kiln dried. Can custom mill and will mill your logs. Justin Boutwell **Thomson** 706 699 2067

Wood-Mizer custom-cut lumber, milled, air-dried, restorations, timber frames, flooring, barns, fencing, tables, mantles, live-edge, reclaimed lumber, and trailer flooring. John Sell **Milner** 770-480-2326 sellj@bellsouth.net www.sell-andassociatesinc.com

POSTS AND FENCING

122-foot chain link fence with hardware: \$400. David Blasczyk **Dallas** 770-445-5646

2 Tartar 7-Bar Red Tubular Steel 12 foot gates: \$100 each; 1 gray 6-bar tubular steel 12 foot gate: \$75. Great condition. Frank Carter **Hahira** 229-686-4896

Barbed wire, 80+ rods, new HD, 4 barb, Atlantic Steel: \$125. Brooks **Acworth** 870-378-2564

Fence posts and power poles, different sizes. Pricing according to size and type. Charles Willham **Statham** 470-273-1698

Nice chain link fence, 11ft X 18ft, 6ft high w/gate. Perfect for dog pen: free, you remove. **Midland** 706-563-3314

Utility poles: free, you cut & haul. John **Cumming** 470-580-5891

FARM ANIMALS

Livestock listed must be for specific animals. Ads for free or unwanted livestock will not be published. All animals offered for sale in the *Market Bulletin* must be healthy and apparently free of any contagious, infectious or communicable disease. Out-of-state animals offered for sale in the *Market Bulletin* must meet all Interstate Animal Health Movement Requirements, including appropriate testing for the species and a current official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or NPIP 9-3 for poultry. Individuals may sell their own animals; however, livestock dealers are required to have a Livestock Dealer License from GDA. For more information, please call the GDA Livestock and Poultry Division at 404.656.3665.

CATTLE

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

(15) purebred Aberdeen black Angus heifers bred to purebred Angus bull. Heifers and bull registered with American Angus Association. Excellent genetics. Hoofin' Around Ranch **Mauk** 229-649-5581

(2) purebred red Angus bulls, 24m/o. Hubert Lewis **Buchanan** 770-883-6004

(5) 18-19 months old, open black Angus heifers. Vaccinated and vet checked: \$1750 each. Prefer to sell as a group. Wade Carey Farm **Danielsville** 770-856-7807

(6) registered black Hereford heifers for sale, 9-18 months old. Text or call. Grady Zittrouer **Springfield** 912-713-3470

1 High Park bull for sale. Parents are reg'd miniature Scottish Highland and High Park. Very gentle, multi-colored with white, brown and black. Penny Crumbley **McDonough** 678-614-1942

15 head commercial Angus calves. 2nd and 3rd calves: \$1500 per pair. R. Pittman **Gibson** 706-445-0233

15-16 m/o black Angus bulls for sale. BSE/DNA tested sires: Fair-n-Square, Exponential, Growth Fund, Rampage. Top 1%-20% WW/YW. Performance tested. Brett Fausett Dry Branch Angus **Dawsonville** 706-265-9661

18-24m/o Angus bulls for sale, AI sired, genetics enhanced EPDs, semen tested, calving ease & growth: \$3000. Landon Boyett **Glennville** 912-213-4062

2 reg'd black Angus cows and 2 reg'd red Angus cows. Great pedigrees, all 3y/o. Joe Gibson **Rome** 706-506-3026

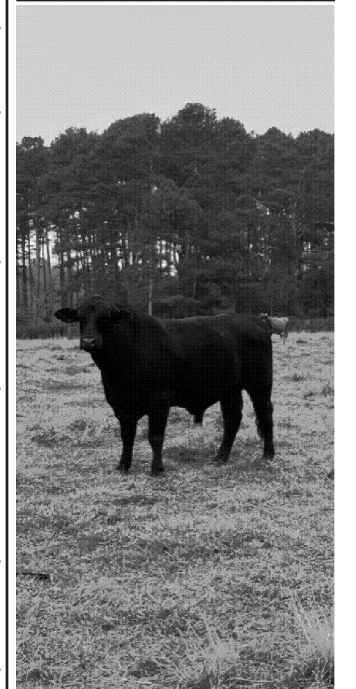
2 Reg'd SimAngus and 1 Reg'd Simmental bulls. AI sired, DNA tested. Passed BSE; 15 months old: \$3000 each. Jessie Driggers **Glennville** 912-237-0608

2 SimAngus bulls, 1&2y/o, AgBoost Genetic profiled, semen-tested, heifer-safe, ready to work, Swearngin Ranches genetics. Go to Kissinger Cattle on Facebook for pictures/videos: \$3500-\$4000. Lowell Kissinger **Hogansville** 770-823-1800

20 fancy commercial heifers mostly black angus with a few red Angus. Sale in groups of 5 or larger. Asking \$1600 each. James **Maysville** 678-614-1737

20 pure bred open polled Hereford heifers, (1) 3-year-old bulls ready for service, top bloodlines since 1963. James Jeanes **Macon** 478-972-0912 or 478-363-0915

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



5-year-old black Angus bull. Small birth weights. Very, very gentle. See offspring on site: \$3000. William Chambers **Fairburn** 678-409-0704



5-year-old Brahman bull. Black/white face. Very gentle: \$3000. Radebaugh Ranch **Reynolds** 772-828-0620

8 Reg. black Angus heifers 12-15 months. One reg Angus cow due in May. Call/text for breeding and price. Delivery available. Cloud Cattle. Sam Cloud **Canton** 678-294-4475

Angus bulls. DNA, BSE, vaccinated, AHIR, Dam's Production records available. Webstie: www.hagenfarms-angus.com. Kim Hagen **Carrollton** 404-386-9918 Kim Hagen

Beefmaster bulls, registerable. Good bloodlines, disposition, & conformation. Photos available. BBU member since 1982. Cary Bittick Jr. **Forsyth** 478-957-0095

CATTLE

Black Angus heifers bred back to Angus; also Angus heifer/calf pairs. Call for pricing. Grady Ranch, Bill West **Whigham** 229-378-7673

Black Wagyu premium incredible beef. 100 to 130 pounds of FDA inspected boneless vacuum sealed beef. Whole, half's, quarters: \$1350 per quarter. James Purvis **Perry** 229-291-1069

Bulls, 2 y/o. Black Angus, registered. BSE tested. Docile, low birthweight calves. Forage fed only. Lucio Ruiz **Monroe** 678-9892-9544

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

Gelbvieh bull, 3.5y/o. Bred him to Angus cows producing Balancer calves. Retained heifers on are site. Mark **Jefferson** 706-983-0101

Gentle 2.5 years old purebred gray Brahman bulls for sale. Dwane Anderson **Jesup** 912-294-4926 or 912-427-6430

Heifers, 18m/o-2y/o: \$1600; 2-3y/o: \$2000. Farm-raised, vaccinated, good health. Angie Wooten **Hazlehurst** 912-375-3366, ext 307

Miniature Zebu cattle. Great for small/mini farms. Also, great for single family freezer: bulls from \$300, cows from \$500. Casey Turner **Canton** 770-877-0549

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

Reg'd black Angus bulls, 1-2 y/o, BSE/DNA tested, sired by Enhance, Fireball, Quantum, Transcendent, Vernious. Also reg'd bred cows and heifers. McMichael Angus Farm, Ken McMichael **Monticello** 706-819-9295

Reg'd polled Hereford bulls – rugged, pasture raised, gentle exc bloodlines & EPDs, small calves, exc growth, western genetics, Ga bred. Bobby Brantley **Tennille** 478-553-8598

Reg'd polled Hereford cow calf pairs (4): \$1900; Two 2-year-old bulls: \$1800. Ricky Worsham **Macon** 478-745-6642 or 478-233-7963

Reg'd red Angus bulls, breeding age & yearly heifers. Andras New Direction bloodline. Great EPD, good prices. Jorge Haber **Midland** 706-323-2405

Reg. black Angus bulls. 2 y/o. B.E tested. Forage raised docile. Easy calving. High weaning weights: \$2800. Lalla Tanner **Monroe** 770-267-7179

Registered Angus bull DOB 10/04/2021 for sale. AAA 20154716 +7 CED and 1.8 BW \$B 196 top 10% in breed. Easy to handle: \$4500. Nelson Rhinehart **Calhoun** 770-548-2219

SimAngus bull 14 months old EPD's CE 12.6, BW 0.1, WW85.4, YW 134.4 API 127.6, TI 83.4. Call of text. Gary Minyard **Royston** 706-201-5619

Six (6) 2-year-old registered black Angus bulls for sale. Semen tested and ready to breed. Jordan Vaughn **Forsyth** 478-214-0632

Two 2yr old commercial black angus heifers. Ready to breed. Very docile, hand raised, unvax, pasture raised. Delivery possible local. Text for photos/details. Jessica **Ellijay** 352-617-5401

SWINE

Advertisers submitting swine ads must submit proof of a negative brucellosis and pseudorabies test from within the past 30 days. Exceptions are swine from a validated brucellosis-free herd and/or qualified pseudorabies-free herd; these operations must submit proof of those certifications. Buyers are urged to request proof of a negative brucellosis pseudorabies test prior to purchase. Feral hogs may not be offered for sale or advertised in the Market Bulletin.

(3) Southern blue boars approx 50lbs heritage breed: \$60/ea. Dale Thompson **Sylvania** 912-682-9855

Hampshire, Yorkshire, Berkshire, Duroc boars weaned to service age, validated herd #211. Performance info. Lawton Kemp **Dudley** 478-697-2521

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

GOATS

All goats offered for sale must be individually identified in compliance with the USDA Scrapie Program. For more information, please call the GDA Animal Health Division at 404.656.3667.

1 solid black Nigerian dwarf doeling, 1 black and white Nigerian dwarf doeling. Both are 7 month old: \$150 each. Call or text. Richard McWhorter **Carrollton** 770-301-5912

3 male Nigerian Dwarf goats, 2 years old, white blue eyes. 10 months, black and tan, one 8 weeks, solid black, beautiful blue eyes. Virginia Lee **Danville** 478-319-5461



Adorable Nigerian Dwarf Kids, Excellent milk lines and conformations. ADGA registered. Call for pictures and more information. River Garden Farm **Suches** 770-601-0467

Boer cross bucks 6-9 months of age pictures available upon request: \$150 each. Debbie **Hampton** 678-283-4364

Boer goats 1 1/2 y/o Black Dapple herd sire: \$700; 6 m/o bucks: \$400-\$500; 4 y/o Nannies \$300 up. Steve Gore **Tallapoosa** 470-241-0483

Full blood Savanna buck. 10 months old. Gentle and tame: \$450. Emma **Hartwell** 706-391-7267

Goats: South East Spanish 100%, predominately Low Country Registered, forage fed rotational grazing. Also, heritage breed turkeys and chickens. Peacock Hill Farm **Stockbridge** 770-860-8989

Kiko goats. Yearling 100% New Zealand doelings: \$600; Purebred and New Zealand yearling bucks: \$250. G. Slapppy **Carrollton** 678-773-4093 oakgrovekikos@gmail.com

Nigerian dwarf goat, male: \$100. John Cumbie **Monroe** 678-776-2977

Nigerian Dwarf kids born 11/22/23. All disbudded or polled, multiple colors to choose from: doelings, bucklings, wethers available. Cobly Davis **Lake Park** 229-561-1467

Livestock Sales and Events Calendar**APPLING COUNTY**

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 12:30 p.m. at the Baxley Fairgrounds Goats, sheep, feeder pigs, hogs, calves, poultry and rabbits; A&A Goat Sales, 187 Industrial Drive, Baxley. Call Allen Ahl, 912.590.2096

BEN HILL COUNTY

Every Monday, 1 p.m.: Cattle; South Central Livestock, 146 Broad Road, Fitzgerald. Call Thomas Stripling, 229.423.4400 or 229.423.4436

BLECKLEY COUNTY

2nd & 4th Saturday, 1 p.m.: Goats, sheep, calves, rabbits, poultry. Every Saturday miscellaneous at 10 a.m. Col. Wayne's Auction Co., Bleckley County Barn, 293 Ash St., Cochran. Call Wayne Chambley, 678.544.3105. Lic# AU0004496

BUTTS COUNTY

Every Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.: Beef cattle; 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.: Dairy cattle; Jackson Regional Stockyard, 467 Fairfield Church Road/Hwy. 16 W, Jackson. Call Barry Robinson, 770.775.7314

CAROLL COUNTY

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

CLARKE COUNTY

Every Wednesday, 11 a.m.: Goats and sheep; noon, cattle. Northeast Georgia Livestock, 1200 Winterville Road, Athens. Call Todd Stephens, 706.549.4790

Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024, 12 p.m.: University of Georgia 31st Edition Focus on Genomic Enhanced EPDs Sale. 30 Angus and Hereford bulls, 3 reg'd Angus open heifers, 25 Angus-cross heifers. UGA Livestock Instructional Arena, 2600 S. Milledge Ave, Athens. Call Carroll T. Cannon, 229.881.0721 or 229.881.2705. CannonMarketingCompany@gmail.com.

COLQUITT COUNTY

Every Wednesday, 1 p.m.: Cattle; Moultrie Livestock Co., 1200 1st Street NE, Moultrie. Call Randy Bannister, 229.985.1019

Registered purebred Kiko doelings, born February 2023, 10 head: \$400 per head. A. McDaniel **Irwinville** 229-339-1413 almcdaniel85@gmail.com

Savannah/Kiko billies – 2y/o: \$500; 9m/o: \$300; 6-7m/o: \$200. Call or text for pics. Joel Myers **Pembroke** 912-657-0410

SHEEP

2.5y/o Katahdin ram, part of the Louisiana herd improvement for heat and parasite resistance: \$350. Ron Parman **Talking Rock** 706-889-8717

Bred Katahdin ewes. Excellent health (no foot rot, bred for parasite resistance for 17 yrs). Will be lambing in spring: \$325 to \$400. Scott Hancock **Sautee Nacoochee** 404-310-2558

Cotswold ram, registered. Selling to prevent in breeding, amazing fleece: \$300. Philip Busman **Milton** 770-714-2523.

Katahdin. Registered breeding age ram. Nationally acclaimed genetics. Mike Jones **West Point** 706-773-3612

Reg. White Dorper rams, 7 to 9 months old. Dale Carter **Baxley** 912-240-0427

COOK COUNTY

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1 p.m.: Cows, goats, sheep, chickens, small animals; Deer Run Auction, 1158 Parrish Road, Adel. Call John Strickland, 229.896.4553

DECATUR COUNTY

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

FORSYTH COUNTY

Every Tuesday, noon: Cattle, goats, sheep; Lanier Farm's Livestock Corp., 8325 Jot-Em Down Road, Gainesville. Call Tyler Bagwell, 770.844.9223 or 770.844.9231

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 Thursday, 12:30 p.m.: Cattle, goats, sheep, slaughter hogs; Calhoun Stockyard Hwy. 53, 2270 Rome Road SW, Calhoun. Call Dennis Little & Gene Williams, 706.629.1900

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

JEFF DAVIS COUNTY

1st Fridays: Horse sale, 7:30 p.m.; Circle Double S, 102 Lumber City Highway, Hazlehurst. Call Steve Underwood, 912.594.6200 (night) or 912.375.5543 (day)

EQUINE

Advertisers in the Equine category must submit a current negative Coggins test for each equine advertised. This includes horses, ponies and donkeys. Buyers are urged to request verification of a negative Coggins from the advertiser before purchasing any equine. Generalized ads such as those selling "many horses," "variety to choose from" or "free" animals will not be published. For more information, please call the GDA Equine Health Division at 404.656.3713.

Gorgeous and oh so sweet mini jack donkey, 6 months old. Jax is out of a spotted mommy and spotted daddy. Pics available on request. Debbie **Blythe** 706-829-6116

Standard donkey, Jenny, gray, 8y/o, good guard donkey. Wynn Copeland **Greensboro** 706-453-7687

**LAMAR COUNTY**

Every Friday, 6 p.m.: Goats, sheep, chickens, small animals; 5 p.m., farm miscellaneous, Ga. Lic. #4213; Buggy Town Auction Market, 1315 Highway 341 S, Barnesville. Call Krystal Burnett 678.972.4599

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

MADISON COUNTY

Every Friday, 6 p.m.: Chickens, small animals; Gray Bell Animal Auction, Hwy. 281, Royston. Call Billy Bell, 706.795.3961

MARION COUNTY

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.: Goats, sheep, chickens, small animals; Auction 41, 4275 GA Hwy. 41 N, Buena Vista. Call Jim Rush, 706.326.3549. Email rushfam4275@windstream.net

PULASKI COUNTY

Every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.: Cattle, goats, sheep; Pulaski County Stockyard, 1 Houston Street, Hawkinsville. Call John Walker, 478.892.9071

SEMINOLE COUNTY

Every Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., 3rd Saturday Special Sale, 1:30 p.m.: Cattle, goats, sheep; Seminole Livestock Exchange, 5061 Hwy. 91, Donalsonville. Call Luke Spooner, 229.524.2305

STEPHENS COUNTY

2nd Saturdays, 5 p.m.: W&W Livestock, Eastanollee Livestock Auction, Eastanollee. Call Brad Wood, 864.903.0296

3rd Saturdays, noon: Goats, sheep; Agri Auction Sales at Eastanollee Livestock Market, Highway 17 between Toccoa and Lavonia. Call Ricky Chatham, 706.491.2812 or Jason Wilson, 706.491.8840

Every Monday, noon: Cattle, goats, sheep; Eastanollee Livestock, 40 Cattle Drive, Eastanollee. Call Mark Smith, 706.779.5944

SUMTER COUNTY

Every Monday, 1 p.m.: Cattle; Sumter County Stockyard, 505 Southerfield Road, Americus. Call Aaron and Anna White, 229.380.4901 or 864.704.2487

STOCK DOGS

Ads in this category are limited to breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club as herding and/or working dogs (in an agricultural context). Ads for breeds that do not meet those definitions will not be published.

Advertisers must submit a copy of a current Rabies Vaccination Certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian for dogs 12 weeks and older and include the ages of all dogs being advertised. Ads submitted without this information will not be published.



(2) Great Pyrenees/Anatolian Shepherd females (sisters), great guard dogs, spayed, chipped, shots current, 18m/o. Needs home/farm w/acreage to roam/protect. Shane **Tallapoosa** 678-794-3223

TAYLOR COUNTY

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 6:30 p.m.: Feeder pigs, goats, sheep, chickens, small animals. Receiving: 8 a.m.; Animals sale 2 p.m. Taylor County Livestock Auction, 1357 Tommy Purvis Jr. Road, Reynolds. Call 678.914.7333

THOMAS COUNTY

Every Tuesday, 1 p.m.: Cattle. Thomas County Stockyards, 20975 Hwy. 19 N, Thomasville. Call Danny Burkhardt, 229.228.6960

TOOMBS COUNTY

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 11 a.m.: Feeder pigs, goats, sheep, chickens, small animals; Metter Livestock Auction, 621 Hwy. 1 S, Lyons. Call Lewie Fortner, 478.553.6066

TURNER COUNTY

Every Wednesday, 1 p.m.: Cattle; Turner County Stockyards, 1315 Hwy. 41 S, Ashburn. Call Alan Wiggins, 229.567.3371

UPSON COUNTY

Every Tuesday, 12 p.m.: Cattle, goats, sheep, horses. Upson County Livestock, 2626 Yatesville Hwy., Thomaston. Call Aaron and Anna White, 864.704.2487 or 770.713.5045

WILKES COUNTY

Every Wednesday, noon: Cattle, goats, sheep; Wilkes County Stockyard, Hwy. 78 Bypass/302 Third Street, Washington. Call Sam Moore and Shane Moore, 706.678.2632

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

AKC reg'd Australian Shepherd puppies, vet-checked, tails docked and dew claws removed. Red and white tri and red merle. M. Duke **Whitesburg** 770-707-6924

Australia shepherd dog, 2 years old male, brown, black and white. Registered and UTD on shots. James Brown **Ty Ty** 229-272-2653

Australian shepherd and Boykin spaniel mix puppies ready Jan. 10. Family, farm, hunting and tracking dogs. Intelligent and affectionate: \$100/ea. Lyle **Richland** 706-566-1145

Border Collie puppies for sale. Born around 12/20/23: \$600. Call to reserve yours. Weston Wadel **Waynesboro** 478-299-8690

Great Pyrenees puppies, 8w/o, good around cattle, goats and chickens: \$400. Please text. Michael Siegel **Atlanta** 404-705-9626

Kangal livestock guardian puppies. Registered, 100% South East Spanish goats predominately Low Country registered. Heritage breed turkeys, chickens all forage fed rotational grazing. Peacock Hill Farm **Stockbridge** 770-860-8989

Bulletin Calendar

Ongoing thru Feb. 9

Online Fruit Tree Sale
Food Well Alliance
Online ordering and in-person pick-up
<https://www.fruittreesale.com/>
970 Jefferson St. N.W.
Atlanta Ga. 30318
fruittreesale@foodwellalliance.org

Jan. 24

Mental Health Day at the Capitol
Georgia Freight Depot
65 Martin Luther King Jr Dr, S.W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30303
lisa.pace@gpsn.org
<https://tinyurl.com/MHD12424>

Is Your Concept Ready to Be Franchised?

UGA Small Business Development Center
ONLINE WEBINAR
Enroll at <https://bit.ly/4780qdz>
770.414.3110
ejames@georgiasbdc.org

Jan. 25

Georgia Cotton Commission Annual Meeting
UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center
15 RDC Rd
Tifton, Ga. 31794
478.988.4235
<https://georgiacottoncommission.org/>

Jan. 26

Journeyman Farmers Certificate Program
Small Farm Business Planning
UGA Extension Henry County
841.288.8421
tdaly@uga.edu
<https://bit.ly/ws/33Xsr>

2024 Georgia Ag Forecast
UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Dept. of Agricultural Applied Economics
UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center
15 RDC Rd
Tifton, Ga. 31794
706.542.5046
<https://agforecast.caes.uga.edu/>

Jan. 27

Beekeeping: A year in the bee yard, care and challenges of honey bee management
Lake Country Beekeepers Association
Sparta Hancock County Library
8984 E. Broad St.
Sparta, Ga. 31087
lakecountrybees@gmail.com
Facebook: lakecountrybees

Brunswick Rockin Stewbilee
Mary Ross Waterfront Park
Brunswick Ga. 31520
Facebook: @Brunswickstewbilee
<https://brunswickstewbilee.com>

Showdown in the Swamp Steer & Heifer Show
Okefenokee Fairgrounds
2335 Knight Ave
Waycross, Ga. 31503
912.286.1881
showdowninthewamp@yahoo.com
Facebook: Showdown in the Swamp

Jan. 28

Georgia Wine Producers Annual Conference
City Center Marriott
240 Coliseum Dr
Macon, Ga. 31217
706.897.1758
info@georgiawineproducers.org
<https://www.georgiawineproducers.org/>

Jan. 30-Feb. 1

International Production and Processing Expo
Georgia World Congress Center
285 Andrew Young International Blvd, NW
Atlanta, Ga. 30313
770.493.9401
info@ippexpo.org
www.ippexpo.org

Jan. 30-Feb. 1

Georgia Watermelon Association Annual Conference
King & Prince Resort
201 Arnold Rd
St. Simons, Ga. 31522
706.845.8575
dcheplick@asginfo.net
www.georgiawatermelonassociation.org

Jan. 31-Feb. 1

Bridging the GAPS: Approaches for Treating Preharvest Ag Water On-Farm
UGA Extension Food Science & Technology
Online Course
Register at <https://bit.ly/3T2tY8L>
706.542.0272
jah56214@uga.edu

Feb. 1-3

Journeyman Farmers Certificate Program
Small Fruit and Vegetable production
UGA Extension Henry County
841.288.8421
tdaly@uga.edu
<https://bit.ly/ws/346wJ>

Feb. 5

Equine Exchange: Horse Perception and Senses
Online Webinar series
Register at <https://bit.ly/3Rjmjla>
706.359.3233
rstew2@uga.edu

Feb. 6

Caring for Orchids workshop
UGA Extension Clayton County
South Metro Orchid Society
Register at <http://bit.ly/claytonorchidsignup>
1262 Government Circle
Jonesboro, Ga. 30236
770.473.3945
<https://bit.ly/3Tz4dw>

Feb. 6 & 13

5th Annual Horse Owners Webinar Series (HOWS)
Applied Equine Nutrition
Register at <https://bit.ly/3MZ1E3q>
706.359.3233
rstew2@uga.edu

Feb. 9-11

2022 Fisharama/Turkeyrama
Georgia Wildlife Federation
Georgia National Fairgrounds
Heritage Hall
401 Larry Walker Parkway
Perry, Ga. 31069
470.660.3880
www.gwf.org

Feb. 13

Beekeeper Short Course: Nucs, packages & swarms
Three-part workshop for beginners
UGA Extension Clayton County
1262 Government Circle
Jonesboro, Ga. 30236
770.473.3945
<https://bit.ly/3Tz4dwU>

Lunch and Learn: Basics of Pruning

UGA Extension Henry County
97 Lake Dow Rd
McDonough, Ga. 30252
770.288.8421
tdaly@uga.edu

Feb. 14

Georgia 4-H Day at the Capitol
206 Washington St. S.W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30303
706.542.4444
bjand626@uga.edu

Feb. 15

Beekeeper Short Course: Extracting honey
Three-part workshop for beginners
UGA Extension Clayton County
1262 Government Circle
Jonesboro, Ga. 30236
770.473.3945
<https://bit.ly/3Tz4dwU>

Feb. 16-17

Georgia Beekeepers Association Conference
Middle GA State University,
Robert F. Hatcher, Sr. Conference Center
100 University Parkway
Macon, GA 31206
www.gabeekeeping.com

Feb. 17

Wild Edible Plants of Southern Appalachia
Georgia Native Plant Society
North Metro Atlanta Chapter
Alpharetta Library
10 Park Plaza
Alpharetta, Ga. 30009
northmetroatlanta@gnps.org
<https://bit.ly/4aiJN1a>

Camellia Waxing Workshop
Massee Lane Camellia Garden
100 Massee Lane
Fort Valley, Ga. 31030
478.396.6548
www.americancamellias.com

Feb. 17-18

WinterFest Arts Tour
Helen Arts & Heritage Center and
Sautee Nacoochee Center
283 Ga. Highway 255 North
Sautee Nacoochee, Ga. 30571
706.878.3330
www.winterfestartstour.com

Feb. 21-25

Georgia Junior National Livestock Show
Georgia National Fairgrounds
401 Larry Walker Parkway
Perry, Ga. 31069
706.542.8892
hkalino@uga.edu

Feb. 22-24

Georgia National Rodeo
Georgia National Fairgrounds
401 Larry Walker Parkway
Perry, Ga. 31069
1.800.987.3247
www.georgianationalrodeo.com

Feb. 23

Category 24 Ornamental and Turf Exam review
UGA Extension Henry County
Online Course
<http://tinyurl.com/ery9ymmz>
770.288.8421
tdaly@uga.edu

Feb. 23-24

2023 Southeastern Pecan Growers Association Convention
Beau Rivage Resort & Casino
875 Beach Blvd
Biloxi, Miss. 39530
<https://seppga.com/>

Feb. 23-25

Biennial Flower Show: Primavera
Atlanta Botanical Garden
1345 Piedmont Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Ga. 30309
404.876.5859
dcowens@atlantabg.org
<https://atlantabg.org/calendar/>

Feb. 24

Learn & Burn Workshop
North Georgia Technical College
1500 Hwy 197 N
Clarksville, Ga. 30523
info.ccrd@gmail.com
706.894.1591

Feb. 28

150th Anniversary Celebration
Georgia Department of Agriculture
Georgia State Capitol
206 Washington St, S.W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30334
<https://agr.georgia.gov/>

Feb. 28-Mar 1

Equine Welfare Assessment Skills Certification
Three-day course
UGA Instructional Livestock Arena
2600 S. Milledge Ave.
Athens, Ga. 30606
706.359.3233
rstew2@uga.edu
<https://bit.ly/47qZsZH>

March 3-4

Winter Chautauqua travel and tourism conference
Northwest Georgia Travel Association
Berry College
2277 Martha Berry Hwy NW,
Mt. Berry, Ga. 30149
info@georgiamountains.org
www.winterchautauqua.com

March 4

Equine Exchange: Types of Equine Behaviors
Online Webinar series
Register at <https://bit.ly/3Rjmjla>
706.359.3233
rstew2@uga.edu

March 7

10 Reasons Why Snakes are Great for the Ecosystem
UGA Extension Gwinnett County
Virtual Event
Email for registration
678.377.4026
lisa.klein@gwinnettcounty.com
<https://bit.ly/47JoGj>

March 8

UGA Extension Southeastern Green Industry Update
Pesticide and Arborist Credits
Online course
<http://tinyurl.com/2w9pbhhy>
770.288.8421
tdaly@uga.edu

March 12

Spring Gardening workshop
Speaker: UGA Extension Specialist
Bob Westerfield
UGA Extension Clayton County
1262 Government Circle
Jonesboro, Ga. 30236
770.473.3945
<https://bit.ly/3Tz4dwU>

March 13

Lunch and Learn: Spring Gardening
UGA Extension Pike County
Virtual Event
Email for registration
770.567.2010
brooklyne.wassel@uga.edu
<https://bit.ly/41Q0qNq>

March 14

Lunch & Learn: Frogs of Georgia
UGA Extension Gwinnett County
Virtual Event
Email for registration
912.576.3219
eg43271@uga.edu
<https://bit.ly/48ryyIQ>

March 13-15

62nd Annual Convention
Georgia Cattlemen's Association
Columbus Convention and Trade Center
801 Front Ave
Columbus, Ga. 31901
478.474.6560
www.georgiacattlemen.org

March 18-22

National Ag Week
Georgia Department of Agriculture
Various locations
<http://georgiaagweek.com/>
<https://www.agday.org/>

March 19-21

Georgia Pecan Growers Association Annual Conference and Trade Show
Georgia National Fairgrounds
401 Larry Walker Parkway
Perry, Ga. 31069
229.382.2187
mary@georgiapecan.org
<https://georgiapecan.org/>

March 21

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

March 23-24

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

Have an event to put on our calendar? Contact Jay Jones at 404.656.3722 or jay.jones@agr.georgia.gov

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

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

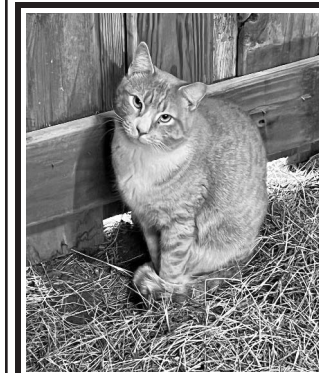
STOCK DOGS

Ads in this category are limited to breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club as herding and/or working dogs (in an agricultural context). Ads for breeds that do not meet those definitions will not be published.

Advertisers must submit a copy of a current Rabies Vaccination Certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian for dogs 12 weeks and older and include the ages of all dogs being advertised. Ads submitted without this information will not be published.

Male LGD Italian Maremma-Kangal 1 yr Dec 25. Trained with goats. Extremely large dog, great demeanor. Current on rabies and shots, neutered; \$1800. Wee Woods Farm Danielsville 706-254-7717

BARN CATS



Barn cats available for rodent control (shelter rescues). Neutered, vaccinated, delivered to you at no cost. Call or text Linda in Watkinsville 706-343-8173 barncatsgeorgia@gmail.com

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

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

RABBITS

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

New Zealand blue buck for sale, 1.5y/o; black cross doe; New Zealand & Flemish Giant, (8) bunnies from above cross; \$100/all. Mike Barnesville 404-788-8190

Rex New Zealand mix. Born Nov 1st: \$10 each cash. Kevin Buecher Sylvania 717-433-1094

POULTRY/FOWL

Any person engaged in buying live poultry of any kind for resale, or in selling live poultry of any kind bought for resale, must be licensed by the GDA. Possessing such a license does not by itself disqualify an individual from advertising poultry in the Market Bulletin. Mallard ducks must be at least three generations from the wild before they can be advertised in the Market Bulletin. Advertisers must include this information in notices submitted for publication. Out-of-state poultry must have a negative Avian Influenza test and negative pul-lorum test within 21 days of entering Georgia. For more information, call the GDA Livestock and Poultry Division, 404.656.3665.

(5) Young roosters. (4) Dominicker, (1) Ameraucana: \$5/ea. Jones Flowery Branch 770-718-7253

5m/o Red Star pullets, just starting to lay. James Odum Jonesboro 770-639-6976

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

Assorted breeds baby to adult; chicks sexed and un-sexed; ducks, guineas, Ayam Cemani also. Sherry Amerson-White Augusta blackber-rycreekminifarm@gmail.com 706-833-5535

Black Copper Mara roosters, Oklahoma bloodlines; Narragansett turkeys. Jakes & Jennies. Everything 2023 hatch. Malcolm Coleman Cobbtown 912-362-0314

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

Bourbon Red turkeys, 19w/o, toms & hens: \$120/pr, \$75/ea; Rhode Island Red chickens rooster for sale, 20w/o: \$14/ea. Call or text. Carl Taylor Meansville 404-408-8466

Coturnix quail and eggs available and black copper maran eggs and chicks available. Moss Quail and Poultry. NPIP #57-1995. Can ship eggs. Text. Kevin Moss Statham 470-334-6013

Fertile Emu hatching eggs for sale. chicks will be possible White, Blondes, or Standards: \$200. Heath Biggers Cleveland 706-573-9177

Johnny Mitchell Leiper Hatch for sale, 1.5-2y/o. Greg Watson Watkinsville 706-202-2909

Laying hens available. 4 months old. Splash-laced Red Wyandottes and Speckled Sussex: \$25/each. Call or text Cale Kimmons Canton 470-448-8078

Peacocks for sale: \$150-\$350. Please call or text. Candi Whitman Opelika, AL 706-326-2812

988 LÍNEA DE PREVENCIÓN DEL SUICIDIO Y CRISIS

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

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Laying hens: \$20; Roosters: \$15; Silkies-Polish: \$25; Leghorn, Marans, American, game, multiple breeds. Peg Hill **Shiloh** 706-577-5801

Live Emu chicks for sale. We have White, Blondes, and Standards hatching this season. Please call or text. Heath Biggers **Cleveland** 706-573-9177

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

Solid white male peacocks, 4 years old: \$250. Ask for Diane. Roy Hall **Macon** 478-808-9128

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

Young laying hens starting to lay, different breeds: \$20/ea. Randy **Sparta** 478-251-0615

NON-TRADITIONAL LIVESTOCK

Advertisers selling fallow deer, axis deer, sika deer, elk, red deer, reindeer and caribou must submit a current Deer Farming License with the ad. Farmed deer greater than 12 m/o are required to have a negative Brucellosis test within 30 days and a negative TB test within 90 days to move intrastate. Ads submitted without a copy of the license and negative sample results (if applicable) will not be published. For information about deer farming licenses, contact the GDA Livestock and Poultry Section at 404.656.3665. For information on other hoofed stock, excluding llamas and water buffalo, contact the Georgia Department of Natural Resources at 770.761.3044. Camelids (llama, alpaca) must be individually identified; bison (some people mistakenly call them buffalo) and water buffalo must meet the same requirements as cattle. Antelope must be individually and officially identified, and 6 m/o or older are required to have a negative Brucellosis test within 30 days and a negative TB test within 90 days prior to entering Georgia. PLEASE NOTE: Importation of any cervid into Georgia requires a special permit from the GDA State Veterinarian and DNR. At this time, cervids are not permitted into the State.

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BEEES, HONEY AND SUPPLIES

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

Bee removal Valdosta and Southwest Georgia (100-mile radius). Structural bee removal for a fee, swarms free. Licensed and insured. Blossom Bee Removal. S. Peterson **Valdosta** 229-563-3050

Reg'd llamas for sale - champion bloodline 9m/o medium wool male; champion bloodline 7y/o suri female (proven dam); 3y/o heavy wool male. All correct, halter trained. **Tignall** 352-205-6110

ANIMAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

CATTLE SUPPLIES

175# 11X5ft 8in XHD cattle panels: \$250/ea; 140# 11X5ft 8in panels: \$220/ea; 6-piece 180° sweep: \$4500; head catch: \$900; slide gates: \$600; covered 2-bale hay feeders: \$2000-\$3000. Singleton **Peidmont** 256-390-3940

2023 hay round bales for sale. 4x5 bales rain free and stored inside. Tommy Trotter **Clarkesville** 706-968-0094

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

TACK AND SUPPLIES

17inch Tucker gen 2 western saddle in excellent condition: Asking \$1650. Please call for photos. Sammy Stephens **Clermont** 770-287-2704

Arena Rascal Pro drag, 4.5ft w/ripper teeth, excellent condition: \$2650. Dinah McGee **Fairburn** 770-964-3888

Saddle, made by Billy Cook saddle maker, fifteen inch, oxbow stirrups, new fleece, new girth, new halter comes with pads, leggings and stand: Asking \$400. Roger Keebaugh **Gainesville** 770-869-7941

POULTRY SUPPLIES

3 broilers houses equipment. 125kW 2y/o generator/transfer switches, cool cells, heaters, fans, drinkers, & feed bins. Most in pretty good condition. George **Talmo** 678-677-0310

Custom designed mobile hen hotel 26X8. Outside egg boxes, inside hen nesting boxes. Will accommodate 250 hens: \$4000 OBO. May consider trade for farm machinery. Scott Hancock **Sautee Na-coochee** 404-310-2558

FEED SUPPLIES

Lucknow 2260 feed/mixer wagon, vertical twin screw, new unloading chain, 36in extension, good scales & tires, 1k RPM, rear unloading door: \$10,000. Call/text. JB Hay-good **Yatesville** 770-468-6043

Mixed grass hay, UGA tested: \$8/square, horse hay; \$55 round, barn; \$40 round, in field. Melvin **Hoschton** 706-362-2737

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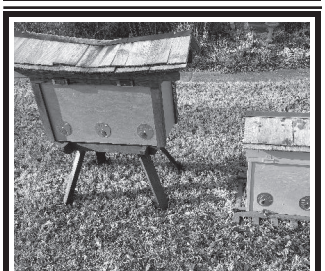
Bee supplies, hand-made frames, super; Cowen 60 frame extractor; Cowen uncapper; Cowen deboxer; cap-per auger; Cowen cappings spinner; 2in gear pump, other supplies. Patsy **Tiger** 706-782-4995

Beekeeping equipment for sale; new full depth frames with foundation, silver queen decal per, 36 frame dadant extractor, double jacket sump tank and more. Jim Garvine **Byron** 478-396-3611

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



Gallberry honey - Voted Best-Tasting & Flavor of GA winner: \$68/gallon including shipping. B. Bruce PO Box 88 **Homerville**, GA 31634 www.brucesnutnhoney.com 912-487-5001



Insulated horizontal hives with 20 unwaxed frames: Pagoda \$750, house \$550. Serious inquiries only to cuss@treedsalve.com. Free delivery 70 miles from I-20 exit 19. Shawn Walls **Bremen**

Nucs, queens, packages & beekeeping classes. Melissa **Monticello** www.gsbeez.com. 312-909-3050

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

Swarms removed: free; remove from structures: fee; local honey for sale; also beekeeping equipment wanted. **Upton County** 706-975-1096

AQUACULTURE AND SUPPLIES

Advertisers selling sterile triploid grass carp must submit a current Wild Animal License from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Ads without this license will not be published. Entities producing and selling or reselling domestic fish in Georgia are required to obtain a free Aquaculture Registration Permit. For more information on aquaculture rules and licensing in Georgia, including a listing of domestic fish and other fish species requiring a Wild Animal License, visit <https://georgiawildlife.com/aquaculture> or call 770.761.3044.

10-12inch sterile grass carp, all size bluegills, largemouth bass, shellcracker, catfish, crappie, fathead minnows, shiners, fish feeders, aeration. Keith Edge **Soperton** 478-697-8994

A-1 Big Reds/Euro Great Fishing: \$40/lb; Red Wigglers: \$35/lb. Perfect for fishing. Also composting & worm castings available. Lew Bush **Byron** smokeyfj@gmail.com 478-955-4780

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

All sizes - Bass, Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Threadfin, Gizzard Shad, Shellcracker and more. Free delivery or pick up. Danny Austin **Roberta** 478-391-9068

Bass, bluegill, hybrid bream, shellcracker, sterile grass carp, channel catfish, koi. Lake management. David Cochran **Ellijay** 706-889-8113

Grass carp, Bluegill, Threadfin shad, Shellcracker and Catfish. Delivery available at: \$2.50/mile, one way. Brian Simmons **Hawkinsville** 478-892-3144

Koi and Goldfish for sale. All sizes and colors. Call for more info. Glenn Kicklighter **Sandersville** 478-232-7704

FEED, HAY AND GRAIN

100+ 2023 Bahia TiftQuick 4x5, UGA RFQ 118-110, twine-wrapped, outside: \$35-45/roll. Linda **Broxtton** 912-592-4339

2023 4X6 net-wrapped round Bermuda hay, sheltered, sprayed, fertilized, excellent quality: \$50/bale or \$60/bale. Delivered within 30 miles in bulk quantities. Ronnie Johnson **Millen** 706-214-3710

2023 4x6 Russell Bermuda grass round bales, fertilized, net-wrapped, UGA Extension tested: \$70/bale, 150+ available. Timothy Lake **Danville** 478-697-2784

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

2023 Bermuda fescue mix, 4x5 rolls, string-tied, rain-free in barn: \$35/roll. James Bram-lett **Greensboro** 706-347-0190

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

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

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

2023 coastal bermuda hay, 5x5, cover-edge net-wrap, UGA-tested RFQ 137, sheltered: \$80/ea. Terry Rogers **Dudley** 478-595-9846

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

2023 cutting large round bales Bermuda, crabgrass some weeds. Fertilized. Cow quality only, stored outside. You haul: \$29. C. Gray **Craw-foord** 706-743-3692

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

2023 fertilized/UGA forage quality tested, 240 bales, under cover, 4x5 net-wrapped, Alicia Bermuda: \$70/bale; mixed grass: \$60/bale. \$5/roll extra if picking up less than 5. Steve Echols **Tignall** 706-401-0350

2023 Hay for sale, mixed grass, 4x5 round rolls: \$45/ea. Will load. Ryan Baerne **Nichol-son** 706-247-6240

2023 Fescue Bermuda mix, horse quality, net-wrapped, in-side & outside. Call for prices, delivery available. Coy Baker **Loganville** 770-466-4609

2023 Fescue hay, 4X4 rolls. Limed, fertilized, rain-free, weed-free and barn stored: \$55 each. Delivery Available. Text or call. Cloud Cattle. Sam Cloud **Canton** 678-294-4475

2023 fescue mix hay for sale. Round: \$55; Square: \$8. Sprayed and fertilized, barn kept. Kenny Sargent **Rock-mart** 770-490-1227

2023 Fescue, 4x5 round bales, twine-wrapped, baled June 3, was overseeded w/Rye grass, fertilized w/10-10-10, no chicken liter, good quality. Jim **Martin** 706-244-3915

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

2023 High protein UGA tested hay for sale - barn-stored rd/sq Alicia & Russell, Bermuda grass. Delivery Available. Heath Pittman **Vidalia** 912-293-2535 or 912-537-9721

2023 horse quality coastal bermuda, large quantity, semi trailers welcome. Square bales: \$8/ea; 4x6 round bales: \$80/ea; 4x5 cow hay, round bales: \$40/ea. Daniel Dollar **Dublin** 478-278-7352

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

2023 mixed grass hay - horse or cattle, 4x5 round, barn stored: \$50/bale. Terry Dishroon **Mansfield** 770-317-8455

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Focus on Food: Creating an affordable marketing plan is key in sales growth

By Katie Takacs
Georgia Tech, GaMEP

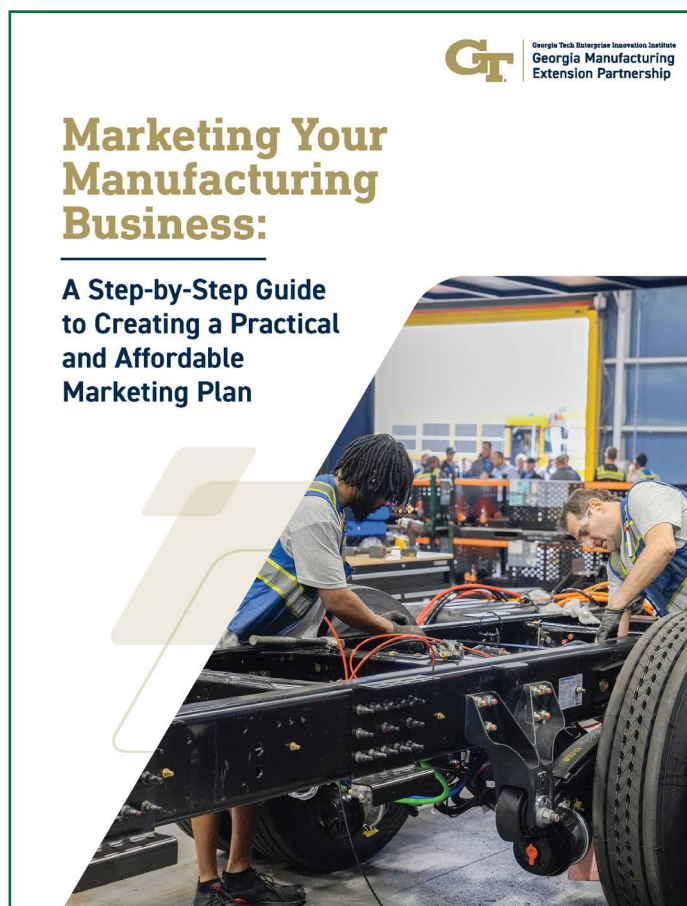


As a small business, it is often difficult to put together a marketing plan with little to no budget that helps meet your sales goals. The questions arise of where to spend the dollars you have, who will execute the plan, and how to know if the plan is working. For companies already busy with their normal day-to-day tasks, this initiative, although necessary to help with sales growth, can be overwhelming.

However, by taking a step-by-step approach, you can create and implement a marketing plan tailored specifically to your business and help you reach your goals. As the group manager of marketing services at the Georgia Manufacturing Extension Partnership (GaMEP) at Georgia Tech, I work with companies across the state to help them not only build successful marketing plans but put them into action in a smart and sustainable way. Here are the steps I use:

Step 1: Understand your business from a marketing perspective. Everybody eats food, but that doesn't mean everyone is your customer. You first need to truly understand who your customers are and why. Then, you can find ones who are similar, learn what opportunities exist in your market, and define what you are looking for in your ideal future customers.

Step 2: Develop your marketing voice to connect with customers. Take time to recognize the different components that make your company compelling. Once you know what makes your company stand out, you can communicate that through branding, messaging, and storytelling. Doing this analysis is critical to help you connect with customers, select the right tactics, and avoid tactics that won't help you



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meet your goals.

Step 3: Build a strategy that is right for your company. Once you know who your audience is and what you want

your message to be, you build a marketing plan that is right for the size of your business, the goals you want to achieve, your budget, and your resources. Set realistic and measurable goals and lay out your strategic priorities so you can stay focused.

Step 4: Develop the tactics. Decide what mix of grassroots, traditional, and digital marketing tactics you want to employ and then develop specific tactics. You don't have to do all three or do them all at once. For example, a great grassroots strategy in the food industry might be doing a product tasting at a community event where you know customers who are similar to your current customers will be present. You could pair this tactic with a digital tactic that tells your story, like creating short videos about how you create your products on social media. Then, if your budget allows, you could do traditional marketing by attending a trade show or paying for advertising in publications or online.

Step 5: Putting the plan into action. In the final step, you need to lay out your plan in an organized fashion that is easy to understand, communicate, and follow. Refer back to it as you put each tactic into place to keep you on track and make changes when necessary.

I've seen success for clients of all sizes who have followed these steps. To help make the process easier, our team put together an eBook as a guide to help you create a logical and systematic approach to your marketing. It includes practical and actionable items to help you get started and is free to download.

You can download the eBook by going to this link: <https://gamep.ac-page.com/marketing-ebook>.

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LONGLEAF CONSERVATION: Tree farmer helps USDA to develop new forestry management practices

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Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to help revitalize his land.

Through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the former Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), the Hodges family worked with Sidney Lanier, a now retired district conservationist, and Soil Conservation Technician Sonya Merrion.

"I can't take credit for what Sidney and Sonya started with the Hodges family, but I am honored to have helped them keep building on their successes," said Vontice Jackson, a NRCS district conservationist.

They installed and maintained a suite of climate-smart forestry and wildlife habitat practices, including establishing and managing almost 270 acres of longleaf pine and slash pine forest. With NRCS assistance, they installed over 16 miles of firebreaks as they maintain a wildfire resilient forest stand.

Paying it Forward

Hodges is an ordained minister who practices what he preaches and shares the good news of his heart. When it comes to his love for the land, he can't help but share his life lessons with others and learn from his mistakes. A strong conservation advocate, Hodges helps connect minority landowners to resources to achieve their conservation goals.

Over the years, the Hodges family has hosted many groups to teach climate resilient land management techniques that reduce the wildfire risk, sequester carbon emissions, and provide for a healthier and more diverse wildlife population.

"My second profession was education," Hodges said. "I believe when people learn better, they'll do better. I wanted



Herbert Hodges speaks to a group of forest landowners in front of a stand of longleaf pine trees. (National Wildlife Federation/Tiffany Woods)

to talk to minority landowners and inform them of things they can do to manage their property when they're not actively using the land."

The Ochopee River Soil and Water Conservation District partnered with the Hodges family to host these field days, along with other federal, state, and local conservation agencies.

Leading by Example

In 2021, Hodges was selected by NRCS in Georgia and the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) to lead the first Long-

leaf for All landowner mentorship model, a new peer-to-peer learning program for underserved landowners. Collaborating with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Georgia Forestry Commission, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Wildlife Federation, and many other partners in the longleaf and wildlife community, the Hodges's farm served as a training ground to help underserved communities learn about longleaf forestland management and how to keep land in their family for future generations.

Among these efforts in 2023 were a Longleaf Alliance Landowner Academy held in May, an Estate Planning Workshop in early November with the Georgia Heirs Property Law Center, and a USFS led, farm tour later that month including international agricultural leaders who visited Georgia for a two-week tour from Atlanta to Savannah.

Due to the success of this collective effort, the NWF is expanding the model to Alabama and South Carolina in 2024 in partnership with NRCS.

With an eye on a healthier and more climate-friendly future, the Hodges family will continue to build on and preserve their legacy of overcoming challenges in life and on the land, one tree at a time.

Visit local farms, ranches, forests, and resource areas through the USDA's Fridays on the Farm stories at <https://bit.ly/48QD64P>. For more information about USDA programs and services, visit <https://www.farmers.gov/>, or contact your local USDA service center.

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Worms work for you to make compost and reduce food waste

By Jay Jones
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JONESBORO – The workshop at the University of Georgia Extension Service Clayton County office could have been called “Fun with Worms.” Still, when it comes to the slimy red wigglers, it’s all work in creating compost castings for your garden.

The workshop was really called “Composting with Worms,” was led by UGA Extension Agent Autumn Czander in December. She explained to the group that worms can provide a rich compost of castings that costs nothing except for time and patience.

“It is really expensive to buy worm compost. When I was looking into this, there was a bag I found, yay big, and it was about \$30. That is way too much money to spend on compost, but I understand now why it’s so expensive,” Czander said as she motioned her hands to the size of a 30-pound bag. “When you’re starting out, it is not necessarily the easiest thing to learn, but once you figure it out, it’s pretty simple.”

Czander then explained how worms work. Worms are detritivores, things that eat dead stuff. They are attracted to things breaking down in the dirt. They are tiny eating machines that take small particles into their mouths. The worms break down their food by ingesting small particles of sand that grind the food down in their stomachs like a bird’s gizzard.

“They’re going to swallow things whole and just hope their body digests it,” Czander explained. “The sand particles work like mortar and pestle, and they use the contractions of their stomach to rub things together until they break down.”

What comes out of the other end of the worm is, well, worm poop. “The nicer way to say it is castings, but we’re dealing with worm poop,” Czander said.

The castings are not so much fertilizer but a way to make the soil more alive. Castings improve the soil’s water retention and improve soil aeration. Castings also feed beneficial soil microorganisms that produce, store, and slowly release nutrients into the soil to feed plants.

Her tools for everyone attending were a wheelbarrow full of wet shredded newspaper, 10-gallon plastic bins with holes drilled into the lids, a bowl of kitchen scraps, dirt, and 12 small paper cups, each filled with about 500 hungry red wiggler worms.

Czander demonstrated to the group how to start the worm colony by placing the newspaper strips in the bin, then placing the kitchen scraps in the middle, followed by the worms and a small amount of dirt mixed in.

Czander said the dirt can come from your garden and provide the sand particles they need to digest the food. Worms will only eat vegetables and fruit scraps, so avoid placing any meat, dairy, or egg leftovers in the bin.



Autumn Czander, a UGA Extension Agent in Clayton County, shows the result of successfully composting with worms in a plastic bin at home. At a recent workshop, she taught that worms can produce castings for the garden with the right amount of moisture, food, and temperature. (GDA/Jay Jones)

The food scraps should also be chopped up to help the worms out. Czander said you can freeze chunks of food scrap to parcel out to the worms as the feeding dictates.

Czander cautioned everyone in the workshop that worms work on their schedule, but they can help their production with the right temperature and steady amount of food provided.

“It’s important when you’re keeping worms to remember what they like and don’t like. They like moisture. They like temperatures they are comfortable with – not too cold or not too hot,” Czander said. “When it’s miserably cold out, they’re not going to do anything except climb into a little ball at the bottom and just chill out, literally. If it’s too hot, they will have a hard time keeping up with the bacteria that break down the food for them.”

She recommended keeping the bins in the house, noting that if the worms are doing their thing, there should not be any smell. If the bin smells, it probably means they are being

overfed.

Czander advised patience is a virtue in keeping worms. She said with the proper adjustments to moisture, food and temperature, the worms will be producing castings in about 8-10 weeks. Once the worms are happy, they will reproduce and production will ramp up.

About 10 people attended the workshop, ranging in age from retirees to high school. There were a few master gardeners, some of whom were looking to learn to “supercharge” their current composting efforts.

Jasmine Garcia, a student at Elite Scholars Academy, a magnet school in Clayton County, said she is the school’s garden club president and was attending to learn about composting with worms.

“I’m looking for new ways to introduce composting because our main mission is to reduce food waste,” Garcia said.

For more information, contact Czander at autumn.czander@uga.edu or call 770-473-5434.

GEORGIA COOKING: Smashed roasted sweet potatoes with pecan red pepper sauce

Smashing and then roasting sweet potatoes creates a naturally sweet caramelization. Top it with a simple pecan-red pepper sauce, and you have a perfectly tangy complement to balance the dish.

Serving Size: 4
Cook Time: 45 mins

Ingredients

For the potatoes:

- 2 medium sweet potatoes, scrubbed
- 2 tsps extra virgin olive oil
- ¼ tsp kosher salt
- ⅛ tsp freshly cracked black pepper

For the sauce:

- ½ cup pecan pieces, toasted, divided
- 2 jarred roasted red bell peppers, roughly chopped
- 1 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 garlic clove
- ⅛ tsp freshly cracked black pepper

For garnishing:

- ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 tsp finely minced fresh parsley

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 425 F.

1. Prick sweet potatoes all over with a fork. Place on a microwave-safe plate and cover with a clean paper towel. Microwave on high for 8 minutes, flipping over halfway through cooking time. The potatoes should be fork tender. If not, continue cooking in one-minute increments. Let cool slightly.
2. Slice potatoes into 1-inch rounds and transfer them to a foil-lined baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Gently smash each potato with the back of a large spatula, keeping the potatoes as intact as possible. Drizzle the potatoes with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place them in the oven and roast for 30 minutes or until potatoes are lightly brown and crispy.



(Photo by American Pecan Council)

3. Meanwhile, combine the red pepper with ¼ cup pecans, olive oil, garlic and black pepper in a small food processor and puree until smooth. Transfer to a small skillet and cook over low heat, stirring often, for 5 minutes.
4. Transfer potatoes to a serving plate and top with a dollop of pecan-

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| Broccoli | Sweet Potatoes |
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| Carrots | Winter Squash |
| Citrus | Turnips |
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| Kale | |
| Lettuce | |
| Mushrooms | |

red pepper sauce. Garnish with remaining toasted pecans, feta and parsley.

Recipe note: If you want to save time, skip cooking the red pepper sauce.

Recipe courtesy of Sara Haas, RDN, LDN for the American Pecan Council.

Spring Vegetable Planting Chart

Vegetable	Days to Maturity	Planting Dates	Seeds/ Plants per 100 ft.	Spacing Rows per plants	Depth to Plant
Asparagus	2nd year	Jan. 15-Mar. 15	50 roots	36" x 18"-24"	6"
Beans, bush	50-60	Mar. 15-May 1	½ pound	36" x 2"-4"	1"-1 ½"
pole	65-75	Mar. 15-May 10	½ pound	36" x 4"-12"	1"-1 ½"
lima	65-75	Mar. 15-June 1	½ pound	36" x 3"-4"	1"-1 ½"
pole lima	80-85	Mar. 15-June 1	½ pound	36" x 6"-8"	1"-1 ½"
Beets	55-65	Feb. 15-April 1	1 ounce	18"-36" x 2"	½"
Broccoli	60-80	Feb. 15-March 15	100 plants	36" x 12"	————
Butterpea	70	April 1-May 1	½ pound	36" x 3"-4"	1"-1 ½"
Cabbage	70-120	Jan. 15-Mar. 15	100 plants	36" x 12"	————
Cantaloupe	80-90	Mar. 20-June 20	1 ounce	60" x 36"	1"
Carrot	70-95	Jan. 15-March 20	½ ounce	18-36" x 2"-3"	¼"
Cauliflower	60-75	Mar. 1-April 1	100 plants	36" x 12"	————
Collards	55-85	Feb. 1-March 15	½ ounce	36" x 8"-16"	½"
Corn, yellow	65-90	Mar. 15-June 1	¼ pound	36" x 12"-18"	1"-1 ½"
white	65-90	Mar. 15-June 1	¼ pound	36" x 12"-18"	1"-1 ½"
bi-color	65-90	Mar. 15-June 1	¼ pound	36" x 12"-18"	1"-1 ½"
Cucumber:					
slicing	50-65	April 1-May 15	1 ounce	60" x 12"	½"-¾"
pickling	50-65	April 1-May 15	1 ounce	60" x 12"	½"-¾"
gynoecious	50-65	April 1-May 15	1 ounce	60" x 12"	½"-¾"
Eggplant	75-90	April 1-May 15	50 plants	36" x 24"	————
Kale	50-70	Feb. 1-Mar. 10	½ ounce	36" x 8"-16"	½"
Lettuce	60-85	Jan. 15-Mar. 1	¼ ounce	18"-36" x 8-12"	⅛"
Mustard	40-50	Jan. 15-April 1	½ ounce	18"-36" x 2"	½"
Okra	55-65	April 1-June 1	1 ounce	36" x 12"	1"
Onion, green	60-90	Jan. 1-Mar. 15	300 plants	18"-36" x 3"	————
dry bulb	100-120	Jan. 1-Mar. 15	300 plants	18"-36" x 3"-4"	————
Peas:					
garden (English)	60-70	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	1 pound	36" x 2"	1"-2"
edible pod	60-70	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	1 pound	36" x 2"	1"-2"
Southern	60-70	April-Aug. 10	½ pound	36" x 3"-4"	1"-2"
Peppers, bell	65-80	April 1-June 1	50 plants	36" x 24"	————
hot	65-95	April 1-June 1	50 plants	36" x 24"	————
hot-sweet		April 1-June 1	50 plants	36" x 24"	————
Potatoes, Irish	70-90	Jan.15-Mar. 1	12 pounds	36" x 12"	4"-5"
Sweet	90-120	April 15-June 15	100 plants	36" x 12"	————
Pumpkin, tiny	85-120		1 ounce	72" x 48"	1"
pie type	85-120	May 15-July 1	1 ounce	72" x 48"	1"
small	85-120	(Depending on maturity date)	1 ounce	72" x 48"	1"
large	85-120		1 ounce	72" x 48"	1"
giant	85-120		1 ounce	72" x 48"	1"
Radish	25-30	Jan. 15-April 1	1 ounce	24" x 1"	½"
Spinach	40-45	Jan. 15-Mar. 15	1 ounce	18"-36" x 2"	½"-¾"
Squash:					
summer (zucchini)	40-55	April 1-May 15	½ ounce	36" x 24"	1"-2"
winter	85-120	April 1-July 1	½ ounce	60" x 36"	1"-2"
Tomato: cherry	70-90	Mar. 25-May 1	50 plants	48" x 24"	————
grape	70-90	Mar. 25-May 1	50 plants	48" x 24"	————
determinate	70-90	Mar. 25-May 1	50 plants	48" x 24"	————
indeterminate	70-90	Mar. 25-May 1	50 plants	48" x 24"	————
Turnip	40-60	Jan. 15-April 1	½ ounce	18"-36" x 2"	½"
Watermelon: lg.	80-90	Mar. 20-May 1	1 ounce	72" x 36-48"	1"-2"
round	80-90	Mar. 20-May 1	1 ounce	72" x 36-48"	————
small	80-90	Mar. 20-May 1	1 ounce	72" x 36-48"	————

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FEED, HAY AND GRAIN

2023 mixed hay. 4x5 rolls, fertilized, inside. Joe Cronan **McDonough** 770-235-3586

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

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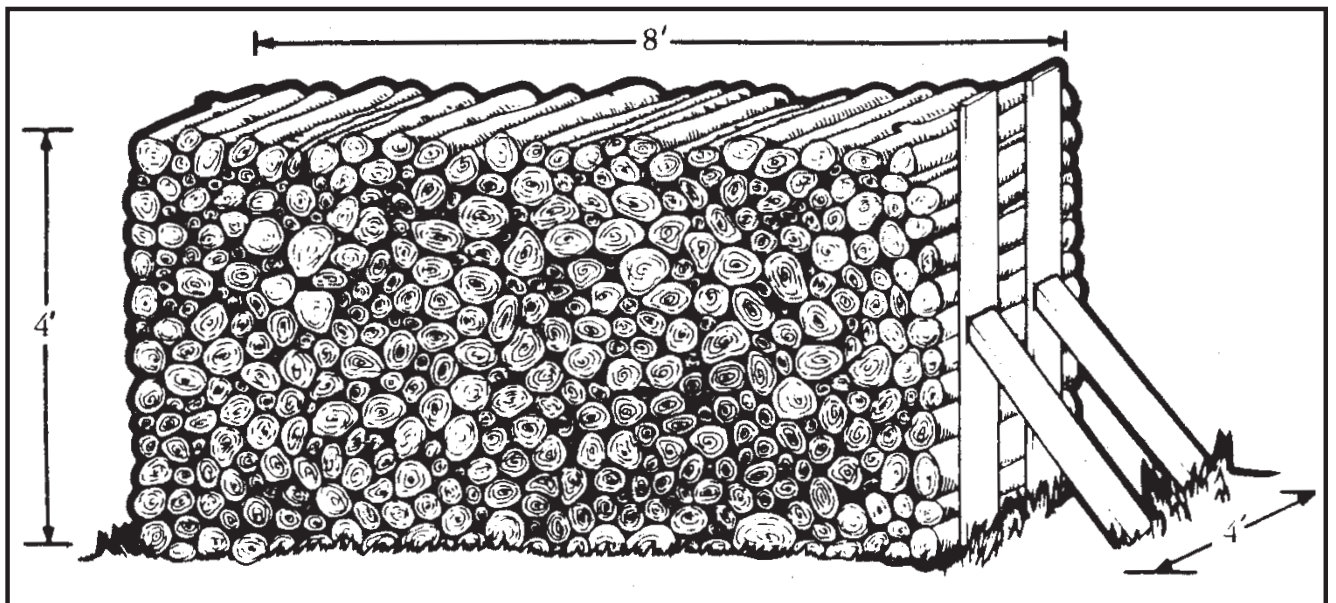
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Farm manager needed. Looking for a full time farm manager having experience w/hay operation/general farm duties. Pay based on experience. Email resume. **Waverly Hall** info@woodcraftbymacdonald.com

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Need 2-4 acres of muscadines set out in Burke County. Billy Holmes **Waynesboro** 917-414-6202

Immediate opening for Spanish-speaking male or couple needed to work on bird farm. Live-in position, 5hr/day, 5 days/week: \$200/weekly inc. small apartment. Serious inquiries only. Tere Lopez **Oxford** 770-787-2955

Need two and half acres cleared in Burke County near Hwy 24 and Raccoon Road. Billy Holmes **Waynesboro** 917-414-6202

Two house layer farm. Couple preferred, non-drinking, no drugs. Housing plus salary. References required. Experience w/layer farm is preferred. **Gainesville** jasenallison@i-cloud.com

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2024 Advertising Deadlines

Publication date:	Ad due date:
Jan. 10, 2024	Dec. 29, 2023
Jan. 24, 2024	Jan. 12, 2024
Feb. 7, 2024	Jan. 26, 2024
Feb. 21, 2024	Feb. 9, 2024
March 6, 2024	Feb. 23, 2024
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If ad due date falls on a holiday, please submit on the first available business day before the holiday. Call 404.656.3722 with questions.

Looking for John Deere square baler in good condition. Kermit **Jefferson** 770-867-7550

Looking for old dozer and semi/lowboy for yard art. Also an old spreader truck. More patina the better. Connor **Power Monroe** 404-989-2306

Looking for Richard Kelly hens; also looking for hennies chickens – white, brown, black. Terry **Riverdale** 478-390-2847 or 770-210-0475

Need chicken manure to be delivered and spread on 30 acres in Ball Ground on an established pasture sometime in the spring. Steve Weatherby **Ball Ground** 404-932-6918

Need someone to cut bamboo for free and take home with you. Must clean up your mess. Hardy **Rocky Face** 706-673-4650

Needed ASAP, but will take anytime. In search of cornbread turkey dressing recipe that contains Pepperidge Farms herb stuffing mix from central GA between 1960-1980. Patricia **Tampa** 727-937-5240

Old Chevrolet GMC tailgate from 1950's or 1960's. Perry Ridgeway **Jackson** 678-614-4335

Rope-making machines. I plan on using these to make rope, so they would need to be somewhat complete and/or operational. Call or text. Jeff **Adairsville** 770-548-8279

Used 3ft or 4ft painted or galvanized farm gate wanted. Good condition (rusted is fine). Randall Temples **NE Georgia** 678-485-4303

Want to buy some Brown-Leghorn chickens. Call me if you have them. Johnnie **Collins** 912-693-5625

Wanted - female Boer goat for companion w/another goat. Barn, vet references available. Willing to pay up to \$300. James **Winder** 770-867-2994

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Wanted – International truck, late 1970s or early 80s, 1/2-Ton through 1-ton, flatbed or pickup, for garden use and haul wood, not for show. Must run good. Brown **McDonough** 770-898-8701

Wanted – used power poles near Carnesville. Pat McGee **Carnesville** 470-655-9565

Wanted, guard dog for sheep and cattle. Prefer 1y/o or older. No vicious dogs. No calls after 7:30 pm, text OK. J.A. Conner **Folkston** 912-286-7081

Wanting recipes for chowchow from your great grandmother's recipe file. It is green and hot; also wanting wedding cake & frosting recipes. Jo Woodward **Fairbanks, AK** G2jo@mail.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Georgia Agriculture Commodity Commission for Wine & Grapes (Georgia Wine & Grape Commission) will hold a public hearing pertaining to the proposed Market Order for Wine and Grapes to be voted on February 1st – March 2, 2024, by licensed Georgia Wineries. This hearing will be held at:

Monday January 29, 2024
Macon Marriott City Center
240 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31217
12 noon

At the hearing, any persons desiring to comment, must register to speak. Only those registering to

speak will be allowed to comment. The proposed market order will allow for the assessment at a rate of 5 cents per liter of wine produced by Licensed Georgia Wineries as reported on the Georgia Farm Winery Report, Schedule A, Line 8. This is applicable to wineries producing 1,000 or more liters of wine annually. For passage, there must be an affirmative vote on 66% of eligible ballots returned. If passed the market order is in effect for three years and it must be voted on again to be continued. Funds collected from assessments can only be used for the purpose of research, education, and promotion.

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UGA researchers secure \$4 million to tackle silverleaf whitefly problem

By Emily Cabrera

The University of Georgia

In 2017, an outbreak of a small, white bug — about a millimeter in size — swept through south Georgia, causing widespread damage totaling more than \$150 million to the vegetable industry that year.

Now fully established throughout the state, silverleaf whiteflies (*Bemisia tabaci*) have proven to be a persistent threat to numerous economically important crops, causing direct damage through feeding, and transmitting more than 100 plant viruses. These insects are “true bugs,” as entomologists call them, more related to aphids than to flies. As a true bug (or Hemipteran) they have piercing mouthparts used to feed by sucking sap from inside the leaf. They may be small, but they are a major pest.

A multidisciplinary team of researchers in the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES) recently renewed a \$4 million contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Research Service (ARS) to build upon their previous work. The team aims to better understand this emerging pest and develop targeted interventions to mitigate the impact of whiteflies on vegetable production in the Southeast.

Allen Moore, a research professor in the UGA Department of Entomology, leads the multi-institutional team of researchers from UGA, Fort Valley State University and Auburn University in collaboration with USDA ARS in Charleston, SC.

While this pest has been around for several years, the industry still faces an emergency as whiteflies are notoriously difficult to control, Moore said.

He explained that with a combination of warmer winter temperatures, a wide host range and the ability to reproduce asexually, whitefly populations increase rapidly. Additionally, very few crop varieties are resistant to whiteflies and the viruses they carry. Scouting for the insect is time-consuming, as they’re mostly only found on the underside of leaves, further complicating the effective

use of insecticide applications.

While traditional pest management strategies use insecticide applications early and often to help knock back populations, in the case of whiteflies, the practice is extraordinarily expensive and is becoming less effective.

“It’s the worst pest you can possibly imagine,” Moore said. “Adults with insecticide-resistance genes survive and pass the trait to their offspring. As more susceptible whiteflies are eliminated from a population, the proportion of resistant insects increases, leaving less opportunity for traditionally effective insecticides to do their intended job.”



Silverleaf whiteflies are notoriously difficult to control. Due to a combination of warmer winter temperatures, a wide host range and the ability to reproduce asexually, whitefly populations increase rapidly. Very few crop varieties are resistant to whiteflies and the viruses they carry, and scouting for the insect is time-consuming, as they’re mostly only found on the underside of leaves. (UGA-CAES/Special Photo)

To respond to this dynamic nature and the imperative to develop effective management strategies, the research team is focused on finding integrated pest management solutions that combine the use of cultural practices and chemical and biological controls to diversify interventions and improve

strategic planning before the planting season.

The team’s effort has focused on identifying short-term solutions to meet farmers’ immediate needs and investing in medium- and long-term projects to form the comprehensive understanding required to make holistic, sustainable management decisions in the future.

For example, the team is evaluating both the role of insecticides and how insecticide resistance might evolve in response to insecticides. Diamide and neonicotinoid insecticides remain the cornerstone of whitefly management in vegetable crops. Researchers at UGA used molecular RNA-seq and RNAi to understand genetic mechanisms behind resistance to these common insecticides and to identify the genes involved. The long-term goal is to develop control strategies that are informed by how resistance evolves.

More immediate control may come from using integrated pest management techniques. The team at Auburn has developed row-cover products that reduce whitefly pressure. They have found that silver covers improve yield and insecticide efficacy. Team members at UGA have examined the relationship between weather and whitefly outbreaks and have found that water availability was a major factor for outbreaks, providing additional tools for management.

Overall, the research program is designed to attack the whitefly problem from multiple angles. Perhaps most importantly, Moore said the unique approach of this research collective is the implementation of team science — a diverse research group communicating in tandem, problem-solving together.

“It’s not a geneticist working alone in the laboratory, it’s not the field biologist working alone in the field, it’s bringing everyone together all at once and talking to each other and trying to build off what each other understands,” he said. “This work isn’t being done in isolation, we are making more rapid progress by working as a collective than as individual researchers.”

Emily Cabrera is a writer and public relations coordinator for the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of Georgia.

YELLOW-LEGGED HORNETS: Public awareness, tracking technology key in eradicating invasive species

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and trapping efforts.

Evans said the GDA and partners are looking to establish a citizen observation network where residents can make their own traps, put them out and register them with the GDA. He said Washington State did a similar thing successfully as they tracked the Giant Asian hornet beginning in 2021.

Evans said the most significant challenge here will be setting up a process for a public trapping network.

“If you have 500 traps from homeowners, I don’t know if we can go through 500 photos weekly, but the idea is you have extra eyes, and I think Washington State benefited from that very much, and we want to do the same thing,” Evans said.

Tracking: Evans said they will use electronic tracking devices more this year. In Europe, agricultural authorities used small electronic devices with some success so that they will be used more in Georgia in 2024.

Evans said the availability of the devices limited their use of electronic tracking last year. He noted that the devices are not off-the-shelf products and have to be made to order, so there was a lag time in getting them in the field. Evans said they have enough tracking devices available this year.

“That would cut down on hunting tremendously,” Evans said. He added that most of last year’s tracking involved releasing captured hornets, tying a ribbon to them, and following them toward their nests. “The circle slowly gets smaller

until you find the nest. It’s time-consuming and labor-intensive. We don’t want to do that in 2024.”

Public awareness: GDA has worked to make the public aware of the yellow-legged hornet through the media and an email newsletter, *The Yellow-Legged Ledger*, that provides the latest updates and information about the hornet. You can subscribe to the Ledger by visiting the GDA webpage: <https://agr.georgia.gov/yellow-legged-hornet>.

“Four out of five nests found in trees were in backyards. One nest was reported by the homeowner, and we found the other four,” Evans said. “Anybody could have seen them, so we want to have more eyes out there, more reports and more information coming our way.”

MINIMUM WAGES: Produce, fruit growers seek more information from federal authorities

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cultural workers. H-2A refers to the class of visas used by workers to temporarily enter the U.S. to work.

Butts explained that the initial goal of AEW was to protect the wages of Americans doing the same work. The problem producers argue is that no American workers are willing to take the work, which can be physically demanding in the fields, packing houses and processing facilities.

The higher wages required are compounded when foreign countries that compete with American producers have the advantage of a much lower labor cost. “Our foreign competitors have figured out the market here and are paying (workers) \$2 an hour,” Butts said.

“The intent is to protect the wages of a domestic worker, so in an attempt to protect somebody that doesn’t exist, we’re pricing our own American growers out of the market,” Butts said. “The only recourse an American grower has is to hire fewer workers, which means he will have few-

er acres in production.

Butts admitted that both labor and trade policy are singularly complicated, noting that Congress enacted the last comprehensive national immigration reform in 1986. “We’re dealing with policies that are really old and don’t reflect the current realities. I mean, look at how much growth there has been in the H-2A program just in Georgia,” Butts said.

During the conference, the GFVGA board of directors announced they filed a federal Freedom of Information request to the U.S. Department of Labor to see what formula was used to establish the wage increase. Federal officials survey growers each year to set the AEW. However, several board members said they never received a survey.

“Our concern is that we don’t know growers who are participating in the surveys. So, where are they getting the information?” Butts said. “And then, how do they use that

data to arrive at the new average? All of that is kind of done behind the curtain, and they don’t necessarily want to tell us how that works.”

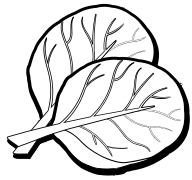
The information request followed a letter sent by Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr to U.S. Labor Secretary Julie Su and U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack that expressed great concern over the updated AEW rate. Carr wrote the rate change “lacks any transparency whatsoever and appears to be arbitrarily crafted.”

The GFVGA board also voted at its meeting during the conference to create a study group to reach out to producers in neighboring states to press their federal elected officials on the farm labor issue.

“I think we’re exploring every avenue that we can to gain a better understanding of how the data is collected and how that data is used to set that rate,” Butts said.

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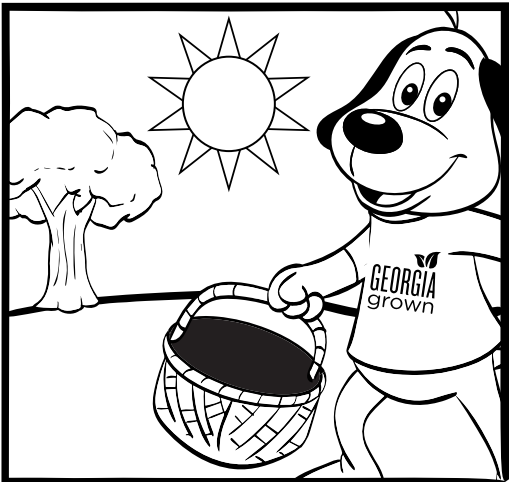


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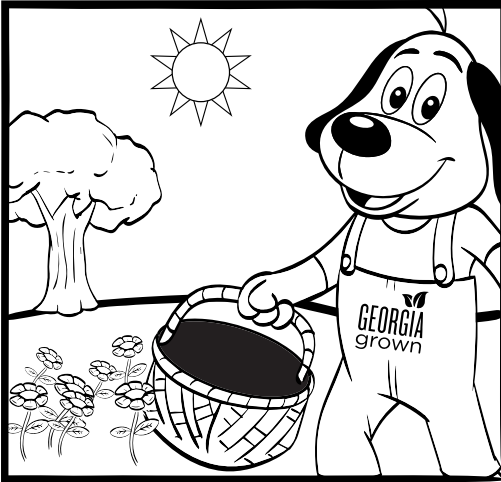


Summer Squash
Harvested in the warmest months.

This is usually the warmest time of the year.



The weather gets warmer.



This is typically the coldest season of the year.



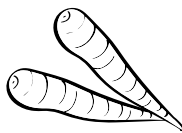
This season can mark the change from warm to cooler weather. Many leaves change color during this season.



Tomatoes
Flavor peaks when it's hottest and school is out.



Vidalia Onions
As the weather warms up these can be found uniquely in 20 South Georgia counties.



Carrots
Harvest these vegetables as the temperature starts to warm up.



Turnips
Harvested in the coldest months.

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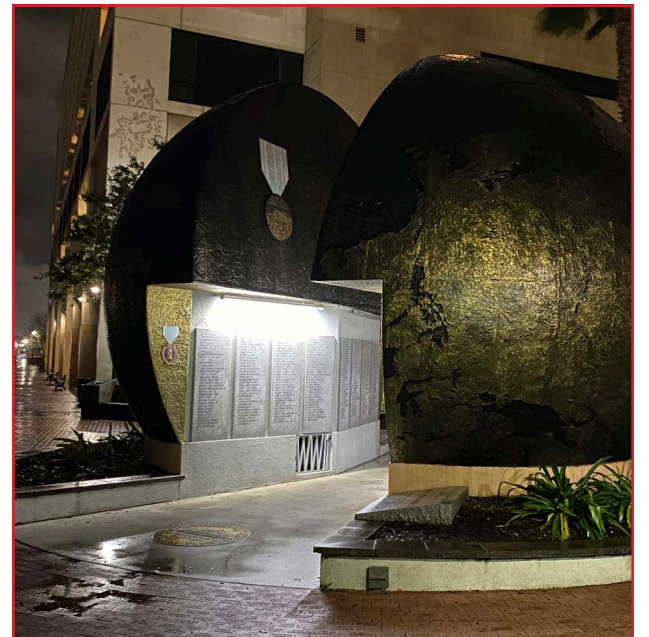
Georgie's Drive to Savannah

Hello! I'm Georgie, the Georgia Grown mascot. I travel the state of Georgia promoting our #1 industry, agriculture! While visiting Savannah last week, I found a rarely mentioned monument on River Street, known as "A World Apart." This World War II monument sits on the waterfront near where a shipyard once existed where nearly 100 cargo ships, known as Liberty ships, were constructed during the war.

Sitting in the shadow of the Hyatt hotel, the monument features a copper and bronze globe that is nearly 20 feet tall. The globe is split into two halves, symbolic of the war's two separate European and Pacific Theatres. Inside the monument's halves are 12 granite plaques listing the 527 Chatham County residents killed during the war. The monument reads:

"A WORLD APART"

*World War II Memorial
Honoring all veterans of
Chatham County who gave
their lives to retain the freedom
of the United States of America
and saved the world from tyranny.*



Located east of the Barnard Street Ramp in Savannah, "A World Apart" is a memorial to World War II veterans. The monument by sculptor Kim Brandell, was dedicated on Veteran's Day 2010. (GDA/Lee Lancaster)

Recipes for Tiny Tasters!



Special Photo

Traditional rice pudding

By Janelle Spivey, 7th grade student from Bulloch County

Rice pudding is a delicious, traditional Southern dessert. It's versatile, nutritious and perfect for almost any occasion.

Makes: 4 servings
Prep time: 25 minutes

- Ingredients**
- 1 1/3 cups water
 - 3/8 cup white rice
 - 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 2 large eggs, lightly beaten

- Directions**
- Place water and rice in medium saucepan; bring to a boil.
 - Reduce heat to low, then cover.
 - Cook for 12-15 minutes or until liquid is absorbed.
 - Stir in evaporated milk, sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt.

- Stir a portion of rice mixture into the eggs.
- Add egg mixture to rice mixture and blend well with a whisk.
- Bring to a boil, stirring constantly for 2 minutes.
- Serve warm or chilled.

Courtesy of 2018 Pantry Pride Cookbook, Georgia 4-H



Ian Waller, center left with belt, of Nichols, Cauley and Associates, celebrates his firm's win as the Grand Prize Hunger Champion of the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants annual Food Fight fund drive benefiting Feeding Georgia. (GDA/Jay Jones)



Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper recognizes directors of Georgia's regional food banks during the Wild Hog Supper on Jan. 7. Also recognized were the chairmen of the state House and Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs committees, Rep. Robert Dickey, R-Musella, right, and Sen. Russ Goodman, R-Cogdell. (GDA/Jay Jones)

Wild Hog Supper spotlights efforts to end food insecurity

By Jay Jones
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ATLANTA – The 61st annual Wild Hog Supper, held on Jan. 7, is the traditional kick-off of this month's Georgia General Assembly session. The event is also a major fundraiser for Feeding Georgia to support food banks across the state to fight food insecurity.

The event was held in the historic Georgia Depot near the Georgia Capitol and was attended by state legislators, elected officials, and sponsors supporting Feeding Georgia, a non-profit organization composed of seven regional Feeding America food banks in the state. The food banks work with 2,000 pantries to distribute food to 156,500 individuals weekly.

Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper and Feeding Georgia Executive Director Danah Craft were co-

hosts of the supper. Both touted the Farm to Food Bank program, an initiative encouraging farmers to donate surplus produce, including aesthetically imperfect fruits and vegetables that might not meet retail standards. Craft said the initiative, begun a decade ago, has developed a strong partnership between her organization, Georgia's farmers, and the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

Harper said farmers and producers have stepped up their participation in the Farm to Food Bank Program by donating 14 million pounds of produce annually.

"It gives us the opportunity to give back to those in need, especially those families with food insecurity. It gives us the ability to connect our farmers, our producers, and our No. 1 industry with those who need the food the most," Harper said.

Also, Feeding Georgia recognized lawyers and accountants from across the state at the supper for raising money to

end food insecurity in the state through annual fundraising.

Georgia Attorney General recognized the Georgia Bar Association's annual Food Freezy fund drive held each spring. Last year, 14,000 lawyers across 200 law firms and legal organizations raised \$829,239.

The Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) with their annual Food Fight fund drive raised an impressive \$347,537 from efforts by 5,865 employees representing 67 accounting firms in Georgia.

"We could not do our work without you," Craft said during a pre-supper recognition. "Last year, the food banks distributed 36 percent more food than in 2019, pre-pandemic levels. Also, a lot of those pandemic food programs have ended, so they are having to do that with fewer resources."

To learn more about Feeding Georgia and ways to help, visit <https://feedinggeorgia.org/>.



Members of Georgia 4-H served as volunteers during the Wild Hog Supper earlier this month. One of their duties was to tell attendees that dinner was ready by ringing cowbells. (GDA/Jay Jones)



Miss Cobb County 2024 Audrey Kittila, left, and Miss Cobb County Teen 2024 Carrington Manous were among the attendees at the Wild Hog Supper in Atlanta. (GDA/Jay Jones)



Diners at the 61st annual Wild Hog Supper enjoyed whole hog barbeque and Southern sides inside the Georgia Depot in Atlanta on Jan. 7. (GDA/Jay Jones)

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