

Dear Farm Gate User:

We are pleased to present the **2007 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report (FGVR)**. The *FGVR* is compiled from a survey of Georgia Cooperative Extension county agents and commodity specialists for the purpose of providing annual county-level information for the value of all food and fiber commodities grown in the state.



The *2007 FGVR* indicates that Georgia's agricultural production value was about \$1.2 billion more in 2007 than 2006. Poultry accounted for the largest portion of the 2007 Georgia farm value gain. Broiler price increases were responsible for a \$926 million (+24%) gain in broiler farm gate value over the 2006 level. Egg layer value rose by \$102 million (+23%) fueled by the record high egg prices of 2007.

Row and Forage Crop commodity group values increased by \$179 million from 2006. Corn production acreage doubled from 2006 and, coupled with higher prices, led to a \$110 million (+108%) value increase. Peanuts increased by \$61 million (+19%), soybeans by \$43 million (+164%) and wheat by \$27 million (+78%). All these major crops also experienced higher prices and increased production than in 2006. The major exception to the Georgia row crop gains was cotton which had a significant decrease in value of \$117 million (-16%), as both yields and acreage were lower in 2007 than in 2006.

Livestock & Aquaculture group values increased by \$68 million (+5%) from 2006. Higher milk prices in 2007 caused the dairy value to rise by \$76 million (+33%). The addition of Honeybees as a commodity also played a part. Slight gains in horse, goat, and quail values were noted along with decreased values for beef and pork.

The Vegetables commodity group showed a similar increase of \$67 million as significant gains in cucumbers (+\$42 million), sweet corn (+\$38 million), onions (+\$32 million) and bell peppers (+\$23 million) were partially offset by losses in cantaloupes (-\$36 million), watermelons (-\$6 million), greens (-\$6 million) and tomatoes (-\$7 million).

The Ornamental Horticulture commodity group production value rose only slightly from 2006. Gains in container nursery and miscellaneous ornamental horticulture were offset by declines of \$4 million in turfgrass (-2%), \$4 million in field nursery (-4%), and \$6 million in greenhouse (-2%), industries most affected by the drought.

Fruits & Nuts values were down by \$65 million from 2006 as a result of late freezes affecting apples, blueberries and peaches. A similar decline of \$66 million was also seen in the Forestry commodity group.

The distribution of farm gate value showed little change with nine of the top ten 2006 counties repeating in 2007. The traditional crop producing Colquitt County held on to its #1 place among all counties due to an expanded poultry industry. The 2007 top ten commodities were the same as 2006 with broilers holding on to the #1 spot, comprising 41% of the total farm gate value. Eggs and dairy both moved up in the rankings.

We hope that the *2007 Georgia Farm Gate Value Report* will be a useful reference tool for you. This data may be accessed online at the *Georgia Statistics System* web site – www.georgiastats.uga.edu – and in Adobe® Acrobat® format at the Center website – www.caed.uga.edu

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. McKissick".

John C. McKissick
Professor and Center Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan R. Boatright".

Susan R. Boatright
Research Coordinator

2007 Georgia Agricultural Commodity Rankings

Rank	Commodity	Farm Gate Value	% of GA Total
1	Broilers	\$4,715,194,764	40.77%
2	Cotton	\$628,800,267	5.44%
3	Eggs	\$549,714,874	4.75%
4	Timber	\$500,864,049	4.33%
5	Horses	\$429,569,500	3.71%
6	Beef	\$423,272,771	3.66%
7	Peanuts	\$381,951,526	3.30%
8	Dairy	\$310,023,659	2.68%
9	Greenhouse for Ornamental Horticulture	\$268,766,728	2.32%
10	Container Nursery	\$215,132,375	1.86%
11	Corn	\$212,856,500	1.84%
12	Onions	\$164,391,978	1.42%
13	Turfgrass	\$163,956,198	1.42%
14	Breeder Pullet Unit	\$161,664,750	1.40%
15	Hay	\$137,414,580	1.19%
16	Pecans	\$128,499,337	1.11%
17	Hunting Leases - Deer	\$107,204,418	0.93%
18	Watermelon	\$104,604,248	0.90%
19	Field Nursery	\$101,114,375	0.87%
20	Bell Peppers	\$100,131,847	0.87%
21	Sweet Corn	\$93,785,132	0.81%
22	Cucumbers	\$86,345,401	0.75%
23	Pork	\$81,787,179	0.71%
24	Pine Straw	\$81,015,875	0.70%
25	Misc. Vegetables	\$72,456,144	0.63%
26	Soybeans	\$69,364,653	0.60%
27	Tobacco	\$65,307,713	0.56%
28	Wheat	\$61,889,659	0.54%
29	Greens (collards, kale, lettuce, mustard, spinach, turnip greens)	\$59,224,201	0.51%
30	Nature-based Tourism	\$49,830,151	0.43%
31	Tomato	\$49,658,267	0.43%
32	Peaches	\$45,169,822	0.39%
33	Blueberries	\$44,822,632	0.39%
34	Straw	\$42,219,938	0.37%
35	Cabbage	\$40,116,806	0.35%
36	Quail	\$30,992,758	0.27%
37	Silage	\$30,969,385	0.27%
38	Ag-based Tourism	\$30,421,553	0.26%
39	Snap Beans	\$29,424,918	0.25%
40	Squash (yellow and winter)	\$26,395,591	0.23%
41	Cantaloupe	\$23,806,672	0.21%
42	Rye	\$22,630,066	0.20%
43	Honeybees	\$18,666,467	0.16%
44	Goats	\$15,480,331	0.13%
45	Zucchini	\$15,030,456	0.13%
46	Eggplant	\$11,854,923	0.10%
47	Grapes	\$9,822,132	0.085%
48	Southern Peas	\$9,447,165	0.082%
49	Sorghum	\$9,224,102	0.080%
50	Christmas Trees	\$8,634,750	0.075%
51	Other Peppers (banana and hot)	\$7,437,660	0.064%
52	Blackberries	\$6,600,864	0.057%
53	Oats	\$6,562,161	0.057%
54	Hunting Leases - Turkey	\$6,481,196	0.056%
55	Catfish	\$5,717,457	0.049%
56	Strawberries	\$5,118,430	0.044%
57	Hunting Leases - Duck	\$1,869,000	0.016%
58	Apples	\$752,510	0.007%
59	Okra	\$741,781	0.006%
60	Sheep	\$694,163	0.006%
61	Barley	\$120,711	0.001%
	All Other Miscellaneous	\$70,383,039	0.61%
	Government Payments	\$319,318,054	2.76%
	Crop Insurance	\$93,439,386	0.81%
	2007 Total Farm Gate Value	\$11,566,159,994	

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Farm Gate Value 2007

Rank	County	Acres	Harvest Rate	\$/Acre	Farm Gate Value	Rank	County	Acres	Harvest Rate	\$/Acre	Farm Gate Value
53	Appling	60	0.70	\$4,628	\$194,376	-	Elbert				\$0
-	Atkinson				\$0	31	Emanuel	385	0.70	\$4,628	\$1,247,246
-	Bacon				\$0	25	Evans	505	0.70	\$4,628	\$1,635,998
38	Baker	200	0.70	\$4,628	\$647,920	-	Fannin				\$0
-	Baldwin				\$0	-	Fayette				\$0
55	Banks	40	0.70	\$4,628	\$129,584	7	Floyd	2,000	0.70	\$4,628	\$6,479,200
-	Barrow				\$0	60	Forsyth	5	0.70	\$4,628	\$16,198
17	Bartow	1,100	0.70	\$4,628	\$3,563,560	57	Franklin	30	0.70	\$4,628	\$97,188
49	Ben Hill	84	0.70	\$4,628	\$272,126	50	Fulton	80	0.70	\$4,628	\$259,168
20	Berrien	721	0.70	\$4,628	\$2,335,752	-	Gilmer				\$0
-	Bibb				\$0	-	Glascocock				\$0
-	Bleckley				\$0	-	Glynn				\$0
61	Brantley	3	0.70	\$4,628	\$9,719	16	Gordon	1,120	0.70	\$4,628	\$3,628,352
-	Brooks				\$0	36	Grady	250	0.70	\$4,628	\$809,900
-	Bryan				\$0	-	Greene				\$0
7	Bulloch	2,000	0.70	\$4,628	\$6,479,200	45	Gwinnett	100	0.70	\$4,628	\$323,960
-	Burke				\$0	33	Habersham	350	0.70	\$4,628	\$1,133,860
42	Butts	125	0.70	\$4,628	\$404,950	-	Hall				\$0
-	Calhoun				\$0	45	Hancock	100	0.70	\$4,628	\$323,960
-	Camden				\$0	-	Haralson				\$0
37	Candler	225	0.70	\$4,628	\$728,910	45	Harris	100	0.70	\$4,628	\$323,960
30	Carroll	400	0.70	\$4,628	\$1,295,840	52	Hart	70	0.70	\$4,628	\$226,772
34	Catoosa	345	0.70	\$4,628	\$1,117,662	39	Heard	175	0.70	\$4,628	\$566,930
-	Charlton				\$0	-	Henry				\$0
-	Chatham				\$0	19	Houston	800	0.70	\$4,628	\$2,591,680
-	Chattahoochee				\$0	23	Irwin	619	0.70	\$4,628	\$2,005,312
-	Chattooga				\$0	32	Jackson	375	0.70	\$4,628	\$1,214,850
-	Cherokee				\$0	-	Jasper				\$0
-	Clarke				\$0	24	Jeff Davis	600	0.70	\$4,628	\$1,943,760
-	Clay				\$0	29	Jefferson	450	0.70	\$4,628	\$1,457,820
-	Clayton				\$0	54	Jenkins	50	0.70	\$4,628	\$161,980
-	Clinch				\$0	-	Johnson				\$0
-	Cobb				\$0	-	Jones				\$0
-	Coffee				\$0	-	Lamar				\$0
15	Colquitt	1,150	0.70	\$4,628	\$3,725,540	6	Lanier	2,200	0.70	\$4,628	\$7,127,120
-	Columbia				\$0	32	Laurens	375	0.70	\$4,628	\$1,214,850
2	Cook	3,300	0.70	\$4,628	\$10,690,680	38	Lee	200	0.70	\$4,628	\$647,920
-	Coweta				\$0	-	Liberty				\$0
29	Crawford	450	0.70	\$4,628	\$1,457,820	-	Lincoln				\$0
38	Crisp	200	0.70	\$4,628	\$647,920	-	Long				\$0
-	Dade				\$0	45	Lowndes	100	0.70	\$4,628	\$323,960
56	Dawson	35	0.70	\$4,628	\$113,386	59	Lumpkin	15	0.70	\$4,628	\$48,594
10	Decatur	1,508	0.70	\$4,628	\$4,885,317	1	Macon	3,700	0.70	\$4,628	\$11,986,520
-	DeKalb				\$0	-	Madison				\$0
12	Dodge	1,400	0.70	\$4,628	\$4,535,440	-	Marion				\$0
28	Dooly	475	0.70	\$4,628	\$1,538,810	-	McDuffie				\$0
18	Dougherty	1,000	0.70	\$4,628	\$3,239,600	-	McIntosh				\$0
-	Douglas				\$0	45	Meriwether	100	0.70	\$4,628	\$323,960
22	Early	675	0.70	\$4,628	\$2,186,730	-	Miller				\$0
-	Echols				\$0	15	Mitchell	1,150	0.70	\$4,628	\$3,725,540
35	Effingham	300	0.70	\$4,628	\$971,880	-	Monroe				\$0

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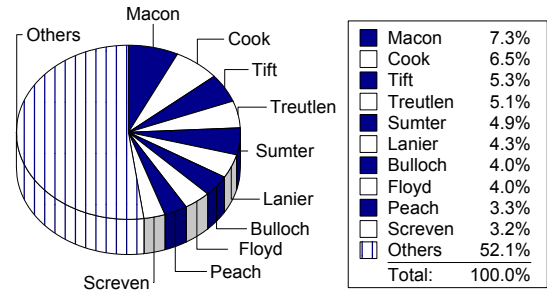
Farm Gate Value 2007

Rank	County	Acres	Harvest Rate	\$/Acre	Farm Gate Value
-	Montgomery				\$0
45	Morgan	100	0.70	\$4,628	\$323,960
42	Murray	125	0.70	\$4,628	\$404,950
-	Muscogee				\$0
-	Newton				\$0
58	Oconee	25	0.70	\$4,628	\$80,990
-	Oglethorpe				\$0
-	Paulding				\$0
8	Peach	1,650	0.70	\$4,628	\$5,345,340
-	Pickens				\$0
-	Pierce				\$0
-	Pike				\$0
-	Polk				\$0
13	Pulaski	1,300	0.70	\$4,628	\$4,211,480
-	Putnam				\$0
-	Quitman				\$0
-	Rabun				\$0
-	Randolph				\$0
51	Richmond	75	0.70	\$4,628	\$242,970
-	Rockdale				\$0
47	Schley	90	0.70	\$4,628	\$291,564
9	Screven	1,600	0.70	\$4,628	\$5,183,360
21	Seminole	690	0.70	\$4,628	\$2,235,324
-	Spalding				\$0
-	Stephens				\$0
-	Stewart				\$0
5	Sumter	2,500	0.70	\$4,628	\$8,099,000
-	Talbot				\$0
-	Taliaferro				\$0
-	Tattnall				\$0
26	Taylor	500	0.70	\$4,628	\$1,619,800
-	Telfair				\$0
24	Terrell	600	0.70	\$4,628	\$1,943,760
48	Thomas	87	0.70	\$4,628	\$281,845
3	Tift	2,700	0.70	\$4,628	\$8,746,920
36	Toombs	250	0.70	\$4,628	\$809,900
-	Towns				\$0
4	Treutlen	2,600	0.70	\$4,628	\$8,422,960
-	Troup				\$0
14	Turner	1,292	0.70	\$4,628	\$4,185,563
-	Twiggs				\$0
-	Union				\$0
-	Upson				\$0
46	Walker	91	0.70	\$4,628	\$294,804
60	Walton	5	0.70	\$4,628	\$16,198
-	Ware				\$0
43	Warren	120	0.70	\$4,628	\$388,752
11	Washington	1,500	0.70	\$4,628	\$4,859,400
-	Wayne				\$0
41	Webster	130	0.70	\$4,628	\$421,148
44	Wheeler	90	0.70	\$5,400	\$340,200

Rank	County	Acres	Harvest Rate	\$/Acre	Farm Gate Value
-	White				\$0
57	Whitfield	30	0.70	\$4,628	\$97,188
40	Wilcox	155	0.70	\$4,628	\$502,138
-	Wilkes				\$0
-	Wilkinson				\$0
27	Worth	490	0.70	\$4,628	\$1,587,404
2007 Totals		50,595			\$163,956,198

Percent of Ornamental Horticulture 21.3%

Top Ten Counties For Turfgrass



Top Ten Counties Turfgrass

County	Acres	Harvest Rate	Price	Farm Gate Value
Macon	3,700	0.70	\$4,628	\$11,986,520
Cook	3,300	0.70	\$4,628	\$10,690,680
Tift	2,700	0.70	\$4,628	\$8,746,920
Treutlen	2,600	0.70	\$4,628	\$8,422,960
Sumter	2,500	0.70	\$4,628	\$8,099,000
Lanier	2,200	0.70	\$4,628	\$7,127,120
Bulloch	2,000	0.70	\$4,628	\$6,479,200
Floyd	2,000	0.70	\$4,628	\$6,479,200
Peach	1,650	0.70	\$4,628	\$5,345,340
Screven	1,600	0.70	\$4,628	\$5,183,360