

# GEORGIA COMMODITY FUN FACTS!



## FRUIT

- Georgia ranks third in the United States for acreage of watermelon acreage.
- Even though the "Elberta" peach is historically quite famous, Georgia now produces over 40 different varieties of peaches.
- The City of Alma, Georgia is known as "Georgia's Blueberry Capital."
- On average, there are 200 tiny seeds in every strawberry.
- North Georgia is the center of Georgia's apple industry.

<http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/business-economy/melons>  
<http://www.gastrawberries.org/>

<http://gapeaches.org/about-us/rich-history-of-ga-peach/>  
<http://extension.uga.edu/agriculture/ag-fruits-vegetables/apples/>

GA Watermelon Association  
[www.georgiawatermelonassociation.org](http://www.georgiawatermelonassociation.org)  
 GA Peach Council  
[www.gapeaches.org](http://www.gapeaches.org)  
 GA Blueberry Commission  
[www.georgiablueberries.org](http://www.georgiablueberries.org)  
 GA Strawberry Growers Association  
[www.gastrawberries.org](http://www.gastrawberries.org)  
 GA Fruit and Vegetables Growers Association  
[www.gfvga.org](http://www.gfvga.org)

<http://www.cityofalmaga.gov/>

- Today nearly half of the peanut crop in the United States is grown in Georgia.
- George Washington Carver is considered the father of the peanut.
- They are four main types of peanuts: Runner, Spanish, Valencia and Virginia. Runner peanuts are primarily grown in Georgia.
- Georgia leads the nation in pecan production, averaging 88 million pounds each year.
- Pecan trees are members of the hickory tree family and are prized for their lumber to build beautiful furniture.
- Pecans provide essential nutrients like oleic acid, which can help lower "bad" LDL cholesterol levels.

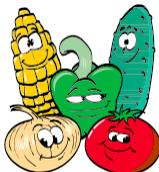
## NUTS



GA Peanut Commission  
[www.gapeanuts.com](http://www.gapeanuts.com)  
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[www.georgiapekans.org](http://www.georgiapekans.org)

<http://www.peanutcircusclub.com/history.htm>  
<http://www.georgiapekans.org/general-info/overview>

## VEGETABLES



- Corn is grown in every county in Georgia, making it the most widely grown crop in the state.
- Georgia tomatoes are available much of the year, from mid-May through mid-November.
- Vidalia Onions can only be grown in twenty counties within the State of Georgia.
- Georgia Grown bell peppers have very little fat, no cholesterol and no sodium but are an excellent source of vitamin C and A.
- Ninety-five percent of a cucumber is made of water.

<http://agr.georgia.gov/georgia-grown-sweet-corn.aspx>  
<http://agr.georgia.gov/georgia-grown-tomatoes.aspx>

<http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/business-economy/vidalia-onions>  
<http://agr.georgia.gov/georgia-grown-peppers-.aspx>

<http://agr.georgia.gov/georgia-grown-squash-cucumbers.aspx>

GA Fruit and Vegetables  
 Growers Association  
[www.gfvga.org](http://www.gfvga.org)

## Georgia Milk Producers

[www.gamilk.org](http://www.gamilk.org)

- Georgia currently has 226 dairy farms and is home to over 86,000 dairy cows.
- The total amount of milk produced in Georgia in 2014 amounted to 196 million gallons.
- Georgia has three commercial milk processing plants located in Atlanta, Braselton, and Lawrenceville.
- The first dairy cows arrived in Georgia with James Edward Oglethorpe, the founder of the colony, in the early 1700s.

<http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/business-economy/dairy-industry>

<http://gamilk.org/images/E0075201/GAdairyhandout2015.pdf>

## Dairy



## Cotton

- A bale of Georgia cotton weighs about 480 pounds.
- A bale of cotton can produce 215 pairs of jeans and 313,600 \$100 dollar bills.
- The small flower buds on a Georgia cotton plant are known as "squares."
- The seed from one bale of cotton produces enough oil to cook nearly 6,000 snack sized bags of potato chips.

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<http://www.georgiacottoncommission.org/images/E0010401/WEBCottonseedInsideStory.pdf>

[http://www.georgiacottoncommission.org/images/E0010401/GROWTHChart\\_forWEB.pdf](http://www.georgiacottoncommission.org/images/E0010401/GROWTHChart_forWEB.pdf)

GA Cotton Commission  
[www.georgiacottoncommission.org](http://www.georgiacottoncommission.org)

- There are 151 wood processing mills in Georgia, including 12 pulp mills, 85 sawmills and 54 other mills.
- When it rains in Georgia, two out of three raindrops falls on a forest. That's a lot of forest!
- Georgia's forests are one of the most significant factors affecting our water quality and quantity.
- The forest industry provides an average of \$448 million in state tax revenues each year.

## TIMBER

GA Forestry Association  
[www.gfagrow.org](http://www.gfagrow.org)



- The jobs of 100,000 Georgians depends on the poultry industry.
- The average Georgia poultry farm can feed 22,000 people each day.
- The statewide economic impact of the industry is an estimated \$13.5 billion annually.
- Georgia produces 7 billion pounds of chicken annually.



## Poultry

GA Poultry Federation  
[www.gapf.org](http://www.gapf.org)

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- Georgia's horse industry generates more than \$750 million dollars for the Georgia economy every year.
- There are more than 74,000 horses in Georgia today.
- The most common breeds of horse in Georgia include Quarter Horses, Tennessee Walkers, Paints, American Saddles and Appaloosas.
- The scientific name for a horse is Equus caballus

Horses  
 GA Equine Commission



<http://extension.uga.edu/agriculture/animals/horses/>

<http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/business-economy/horses>



## Beef Cattle

- Georgia-raised cattle descend from stock in Europe, Africa and South America.
- Because cattle are grown in all 159 counties of Georgia, the beef industry has a large impact on the state's economy (estimated at more than \$2 billion).
- More than 95 percent of all yearlings are shipped to the Midwest, where they are raised to finish weights.
- Every year consumers spend more than half of their meat budgets on beef, making beef the consumer meat of choice.

<http://beef2live.com/story-georgia-beef-cattle-facts-0-108839>

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Georgia Beef Board/Cattlemen's Association [www.gabeef.org](http://www.gabeef.org)

Georgia Poultry Federation  
[www.gapf.org](http://www.gapf.org)

## Eggs



- Georgia produces 6.9 million table eggs every day.

<http://www.poultry.uga.edu/>



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