

GACD SOIL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Sept. 17

registration deadline

Sept. 24 Johnson Angus Farm, 2738 Cedar Grove Rd. 10 a.m. – noon Jefferson

This workshop, presented by the Oconee River Soil and Water Conservation District, will feature presentations on soil health, hay production, nutrient management and common issues. Program includes demonstrations and partner updates from the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, UGA Extension and the Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission. A free lunch will be provided. To register, call 678-956-3015 or visit www.gacd.us/events.

FORESTRY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Sept. 18 89 Pebble Road 9 a.m.

Reynolds

Sept. 29 Willie Hodges Farm, 29 Jarrett Durden Rd. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Swainsboro

These workshops, sponsored by USDA's NRCS and FSA, the National Wildlife Federation, Georgia DNR and the Georgia Forestry Commission, offer presentations on longleaf restoration, benefits of forestry, forestry and wildlife management, forest sustainability and more. To register for the Swainsboro workshop, click [here](#). To register for the Reynolds/Taylor County workshop, click [here](#). For more information, contact Jerome Brown at 770- 689-8883 or Jerome.brown1502@gmail.com.

KEL-MAC SADDLE CLUB HORSE SHOWS

Sept. 19 & Oct. 24 Morgan Co. Ag Center

Madison

These shows are open to equestrians of all ages and experience levels. Classes include hunter/jumper, western, gaited, trail obstacles, ranch riding, ranch reining, dressage on the rail, halter/showmanship, "small fry" and more. All shows begin at 9 a.m. - rain or shine. Trail classes are from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. Western Classes not to start before lunch. Riders must be members of Kel-Mac to accrue points towards year-end awards. Age divisions for competition are as follows: Small Fry: 10 and under; Junior: under 14 years of age; Senior: 14 years and over. Novice: Rider is in 1st or 2nd year of showing. Green Horse: Horse is in 1st or 2nd year of showing. Entry fee per class is \$10. Stall fees are \$15 for club members & \$20 nonmembers. All overnight stalls are \$25. Each horse show is an "an all-breed show" which means there are a wide variety of disciplines offered in the more than 50 classes. The focus of the Kel-Mac shows is to include everyone and help participants become more comfortable with showing. For more information about the shows, visit the KelMac Saddle Club Facebook or Instagram pages or www.kel-mac.com or call Arlene Williams at 706-431-8600. Signup for shows on the website. General admission is free and concession food and drinks will be available. The Morgan County Ag Center is located at 2380 Athens Hwy. (441), north of Madison. These volunteer-run shows generate funds to benefit Kel-Mac's equestrian related charities. The Kel-Mac Saddle Club has donated more than \$170,250 back to Georgia's Piedmont region during its 50 years including: the Georgia Equine Rescue League, ReDux Equine Rescue, Sweet Olive Rescue, and the Morgan County Sheriff's Empty Stocking Fund, and the equestrian facilities of state & county parks such as A. H. Stephens, Hard Labor Creek, and Heritage Park.

38TH ANNUAL GEORGIA PEANUT TOUR

Sept. 22-24

Savannah and surrounding area

This tour brings the latest information on peanuts while giving a firsthand view of industry infrastructure from production and handling to processing and utilization. Tour stops will be made in several peanut-producing counties in South Georgia. Attendees can expect to see first-hand nearly every aspect of peanut production in the state. This year's tour hosts many exciting stops including on-farm harvest demonstrations and clinics, research at the University of Georgia Southeast Research and Education Center, Georgia Ports Authority and MANA Nutrition. The tour kicks off this year with the Hot Topics Seminar on Sept. 22 at 2:30 p.m. at The Clyde Venue in Savannah, Georgia. The seminar topics include an update on the 2026 Georgia peanut crop and a special focus on production challenges, enhancing production and climate issues with emphasis on irrigation, fertilizer and other inputs. For specific tour information or details, contact David West at 229-386-3470. Click [here](#) to register. Visit www.georgiapeanuttour.com for more info.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON GENERATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY OF FAMILY FARMS

Sept. 28

Berry College

9 a.m.

Rome

Sen. Russ Goodman (R–Cogdell), chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee, and Rep. Robert Dickey (R–Musella), chairman of the House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee, will host this second hearing of the Joint Study Committee on Generational Sustainability of Family Farms at Berry College in Rome. The committee is examining the conditions and challenges facing Georgia's family farms and seeking recommendations for legislative solutions to strengthen existing markets, prepare the next generation of farmers and address the long-term sustainability of the state's agricultural economy. For more information visit <https://gfb.ag/JointCmteRome>.

LALLEMAND ANIMAL NUTRITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Sept. 30

deadline to apply

Applications for the 2026 Lallemend Scholarship are open through Sept. 30. Interested students must be full-time students enrolled in agriculture-related programs at accredited institutions in the United States, Canada, or Mexico. Applications will be evaluated based on academic achievement, leadership qualities, commitment to the agricultural industry and an essay submission that highlights creativity, originality, and forward-thinking perspectives. There are five scholarship categories: Two \$2,500 scholarships for undergraduate students; one \$3,000 scholarship for a master's student; one \$3,000 scholarship for a doctoral candidate; and one \$3,000 scholarship for a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) student. Learn more about eligibility and to apply by visiting the [Lallemend Animal Nutrition website](#). Lallemend Animal Nutrition is a global company that offers microbial solutions for animal health and performance.

2026 GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR

Oct. 8-18

Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter

Perry

The Georgia National Fair is an annual must-do event for people across the state, with a stacked lineup of concerts, always-popular Midway rides, annual livestock shows, and of course, fair food! Don't miss your chance to access this unforgettable experience! The fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, with the Midway open from noon to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. on the weekends. Online advance ticket prices for adults (ages 11 and up) through Oct. 7 are \$14, plus a \$1 processing fee; children ages 3-10 are \$4 plus a \$1 processing fee. Season

passes are \$95 plus a \$2 processing fee and two-day passes are \$25 plus a \$2 processing fee. On-site gate prices will be \$15 for adults (ages 11 & up) if paying with a credit card and \$20 if paying with cash; admission for children ages 3 – 10 is \$5. Children 2 and under get in free, and seniors (60 plus) pay \$10. For complete information about entertainment offerings, fair food and the concert lineup visit www.georgianationalfair.com. For information about ticket pricing on specific discount days, please visit <https://www.georgianationalfair.com/p/getconnected/pricing>.

2026 SUNBELT AGRICULTURAL EXPO

Oct. 20-22 Spence Field Moultrie

The Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition will celebrate its 48th anniversary show October 20-22, 2026. More than 800 exhibitors will display and demonstrate products and welcome thousands of visitors to the 100-acre show site. Crowned as North America's Premier Farm Show and the largest farm show in America with field demonstrations, the Sunbelt Ag Expo brings together all segments of agribusiness, including farmers, educators, policy-makers, ag-enthusiasts, and families. All attending the show will see the latest innovation and technology that the agriculture industry has to offer. A highlight of the show is the naming of the Sunbelt Ag Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year. After an intensive judging process, seven state winners attend the show to learn who will be selected as the overall winner. The Sunbelt Ag Expo is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 3:00 p.m. on Thursday. Admission at the gate is \$15 per person per day. Advance and discount tickets can be purchased online. The Show site is four miles southeast of Moultrie, GA, on Hwy 133. For more information and to view the detailed event schedule, see the show website at www.sunbeltexpo.com.

GEORGIA FARM BUREAU HAY CONTEST

Oct. 30

deadline to enter

Enter the 35th Annual Georgia Farm Bureau (GFB) Quality Bermudagrass Hay Contest by Oct. 30. The first-place winner will receive the free use of a Vermeer wheel rake for one year, courtesy of the Vermeer Corporation. The winner will have the option to buy the rake at a reduced price at the end of the year. Hay entered in the contest will be tested at a University of Georgia lab using the Relative Forage Quality (RFQ) Test, which provides analysis of a hay sample's nutritional value and expected digestibility for livestock. The RFQ score gives sellers and buyers an idea of the quality of the hay they are producing or buying for their livestock. Contest winners will be determined by the RFQ analysis. Winners will be announced at the GFB convention in December. Prizes will also be presented to the second through fifth-place winners. Entry forms and complete contest rules may be picked up at your county Farm Bureau office or downloaded at www.gfb.ag/HayContest. You may also contact the GFB Public Policy Department at 1-800-342-1192 if you have any questions about the contest. There is a \$25 fee for each entry to cover the cost of the lab test. Producers may enter more than one sample. Any producer submitting more than one sample can only place in the Top 5 with one sample – their highest scored sample – but will receive analysis for all submitted samples. Checks should be made payable to Georgia Farm Bureau. Entry fees, forms and samples should be sent to the GFB Public Policy Department 1620 Bass Road Macon, Ga., 31210.

2ND ANNUAL GEORGIA FARM BUREAU PB&J 5K

Nov. 13

Registration deadline

Nov. 14 Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter

Perry

Come for the run. Stay for the fried PB&J! Sign up today for the 5K on Nov. 14 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds. The course is flat, fast, and completely paved — perfect for all skill levels. **Registration is \$30. Runners must register by 8 p.m. Nov. 13. No registrations morning of race.** Enjoy a post-run grilled PB&J sandwich, compliments of the Georgia Peanut Commission! The race will include a themed costume contest and in honor of America's 250th Anniversary, there will be a Freedom Finish Line celebration. If you're bringing the family, after the race be sure to check out the Georgia National Antique Agriculture Show for FREE — a perfect way to step back in time and enjoy a look at the history of agriculture. Visit <https://www.gfb.org/pb-and-j-5k> to register and for more information.

ABAC PCA PRO RODEO EVENT

Nov. 13 & 14 ABAC Rodeo Arena

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Get ready for two nights of high-flying action, western entertainment and rodeo excitement as 3R Rodeo Company returns to Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The rodeo is part of Stage Lights and Rodeo Nights, a weekend of entertainment at ABAC that kicks off with country music star Tracy Lawrence at the John Hunt Auditorium on Nov. 12. For more information on the weekend-long event, visit link.abac.edu/events. Rodeo tickets are available at [here](#). Tickets start at \$20 for general admission, with children under 6 admitted free. An enhanced VIP experience ticket is \$30 each for adults and \$10 for children under 6. VIP tickets are limited, so secure your seats early. From bull riding and calf roping to other classic rodeo events, fans can expect plenty of thrills under the lights at ABAC. Gates open at 5 p.m., Mutton Bustin' begins at 6 p.m., and the rodeo action kicks off at 7:30 p.m. each night. Mutton Bustin' participation is available for an additional fee. The evening will also feature Western Way Entertainment, a Sevierville, Tenn.-based performance company founded by married couple Shelby LeAnne Danison and Chance Danison. The duo combines professional rodeo skills with music and western performance, bringing audiences an exciting specialty act featuring trick riding, mounted shooting, trick roping and more.

GA FFA STUDENT FARMER MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY

Landon Hembree, a junior at Colquitt County High School and the son of a third-generation farmer, is conducting a survey for a research project on farm stress. We appreciate our farm youth in Georgia who care about our farmers and their mental health! Way to go Landon! If you would like to help Landon out by completing his survey, visit [The Psychosocial Factors Affecting Agricultural Producers](#).

GFB HAY DIRECTORY

GFB is accepting listings for its online hay directory. Farm Bureau members with hay for sale or who offer custom harvesting or custom sprigging services are invited to list their hay and/or services in the GFB Quality Hay Directory published on the GFB website. Hay for sale or services can be listed or removed from the directory throughout the year. To be included in GFB's online hay directory, complete a submission form by visiting your county Farm Bureau office or online at www.gfb.ag/hay. Please include a \$10 check made payable to Georgia Farm Bureau for each listing of hay, custom harvesting or custom sprigging. Multiple listings are allowed. Listings can be updated in the directory throughout the year as hay inventories change. Hay producers who entered the GFB Quality Hay Contest receive a free listing in the online GFB Hay Directory.

CONSERVATION DISTRICTS OFFER FERAL HOG CONTROL SERVICES

For a list of feral hog control services available in each GACD Conservation District, visit <https://gfb.ag/feralhoggacdresources>.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE OFFERS SUPPORT

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline can be reached by calling or texting 988 or chatting on 988lifeline.org. 988 is a universal entry point so that no matter where you live in the U.S., you can easily access 24/7 emotional support. You don't have to be suicidal to reach out. 988 trained crisis counselors can help you through whatever mental health challenges you are experiencing.