AFBF THANKSGIVING COST SURVEY

Nov. 5 **deadline to participate**

Every year, Farm Bureau's Thanksgiving Dinner Cost Survey helps tell the story of food affordability and the value farmers and ranchers provide to America's families. Volunteer price checkers collect local grocery prices for a traditional Thanksgiving meal serving 10 people, including a whole turkey, sweet potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, pumpkin pie mix and more. Farm Bureau members are invited to check prices between **Nov. 1-5** and submit them at FB.Org/TurkeySurvey, where they can access the online survey form, as well as instructions and tips.

CITRUS COOPERATIVE WORKSHOP: NEXT STEPS

Nov. 5 Tattnall County Extension Office, 114 North Main St. 3 p.m. Reidsville

Those interested in helping shape the future of a regional citrus cooperative are encouraged to attend and take part in the discussion. This meeting will be facilitated by UGA Small Business Development Center Area Director Jonisa McBride and Tattnall County Extension Agent Aubrey Shirley. The workshop will focus on the next steps toward organizing a cooperative, including the formation of a steering committee to help guide planning, identify grower priorities, and explore what a citrus cooperative could look like for Southeast Georgia. The meeting will also be available for streaming via Zoom. To attend by Zoom, visit https://gfb.ag/SEGaCitrusZoom. The meeting ID is 961 2151 6829 and the pass code is 316481.

GEORGIA NATIONAL ANTIQUE AG SHOW

Nov. 11-16 Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter Perry

Visitors will get a firsthand look at the dramatic transformations in United States agriculture. This year's official theme, "From Mules to Microchips: Honoring the Past, Showcasing the Future. Celebrating 250 Years of Agriculture and the American Farmer," highlights the journey of American farming over two and a half centuries – from animal-drawn plows to autonomous field robots. For well over 250 years, draft animals like mules and oxen provided the muscle needed to prepare soil, plant seeds, and haul harvests to market. That long era reached a historic turning point in Georgia in 1954, the year mechanical tractors officially out-numbered mules as the primary farm implement across the state. While the shift from mules to tractors marked a major milestone, the pace of technological change over the last 70 years has accelerated exponentially. Modern growers now rely on an array of cutting-edge tools, including satellite-guided, self-driving tractors, high-tech crop drones, and specialized robotic harvesters. Connecting that rich history to today's high-tech tools is the central focus of this year's show. Beyond the machinery, visitors can enjoy evening concerts on Thursday and Friday afternoons, creating a festival atmosphere designed for all ages. The show will have live musical performances on those nights by Georgia-based music groups. Entry into the Georgia Antique Agriculture Show is free, but the concerts require a ticket purchase. For more information, visit www.gnfa.com/events or visit the show's Facebook page.

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 Tifton
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.

CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM
Nov. 15 Newton County Ag Center 2 -5 p.m. Covington
Join the Newton County Farm Bureau for an afternoon of fun, learning and community spirit! See farm animals, enjoy a hayride and a tractor show. Meet Santa and shop for Christmas gifts with local vendors. For more information call the NCFB at 770-786-7201. The Newton County Ag Center is located at 120 FFA/FHA Camp Road, Covington, Ga. 30014.

UPCOMING GEORGIA CROP INSURANCE DATES
Nov. 16
Production reporting deadline 2026 crops for barley, canola, oats, triticale and wheat
Acreage report date for 2027 onion
Nov. 20
Sales closing date for apples, blueberries and peaches
Dec. 1
Sales closing date for apiculture and pasture, range and forageland
Jan. 15
Production reporting deadline for apples, blueberries and peaches;
Acreage reporting date for barley, oats, triticale and wheat

The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Georgia producers of these sale closing dates for the 2027 crop year. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until the sales closing date to do so. Federal crop insurance is critical to the farm safety net. It helps producers and owners manage revenue risks and strengthens the rural economy. Please contact your insurance agent to see if your county is covered. Growers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2027 crop year. Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available online using the RMA Agent Locator. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at https://rma.usda.gov. The Georgia Farm Bureau Insurance Company contracts with three companies - Rain & Hail, Sompo, and Crop Risk Services to offer crop insurance. GFB has more than 70 (and growing) experienced crop insurance agents across the state to help their members protect their investment. Find your local agent and learn more at www.GFBInsurance.com or email crops@gfbinsurance.com for more details. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

STUDY COMMITTEE ON GENERATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY OF FAMILY FARMS
Nov. 20 **Athens**
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 fourth hearing of the Joint Study Committee on Generational Sustainability of Family Farms. 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. Details are TBA. Once finalized, meetings are being listed at www.legis.ga.gov/schedule/house and www.legis.ga.gov/schedule/senate.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR OUTSTANDING GA YOUNG PEANUT FARMER
Dec. 4 **deadline for nominations**
Nominations are now open for the Outstanding Georgia Young Peanut Farmer Award. The state winner will be announced at the Georgia Peanut Farm Show on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2027, in Tifton. The award is sponsored by the Georgia Peanut Commission and the Farm Credit Associations of Georgia. The Outstanding Georgia award is based on the applicant's farm operation; environmental and stewardship practices; and leadership, civic, church, and community service activities. The award is open to any active Georgia peanut farmer who is not over 45 years of age, as of Jan. 21, 2027. An individual may receive the award only once. There is no limit to the number of applicants from each county in Georgia. The award application is available online at www.gapeanuts.com or by contacting Joy Crosby at 229-386-3690 or joycrosby@gapeanuts.com. The 2026 winner was Will Anderson of Register, Ga. The award winner receives registration and hotel accommodations to attend the 2027 Southern Peanut Growers Conference and a sign to display at his or her farm.
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TITLE I CROPS/ARC/PLC PROGRAMS FOR 2026
Dec. 11 **deadline to enroll**
The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has completed the base acre allocation update for farms enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. The update was announced last fall, and signup ran from June 1 - Aug. 31. Now that the base allocation

process has ended, producers can enroll their eligible 2026 Title I crops in the ARC or PLC crop protection programs through Dec. 11. ARC County and PLC both provide crop-by-crop protection. ARC-Individual protects the entire farm. Election changes for the 2026 crop year are optional, but producers must enroll through a signed contract each year. Existing multi-year contracts ended in 2025. Producers do have the option to sign a new multi-year contract for 2026 through 2031. Producers who opt out of a multi-year contract can enroll for the 2027 crop year from Nov. 2, 2026 through March 15, 2027. If producers do not submit their 2026 crop election for ARC or PLC by Dec. 11, their election will remain the same as their 2025 election for crops on the farm, and the farm is ineligible for 2026 program year payments. Landowners cannot enroll in either program unless they have an interest in the farm. The Texas A&M Agricultural & Food Policy Center offers an online decision tool to help producers decide which ARC or PLC program to choose using crop data specific to their farm. UGA College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences economists advise producers to use the tool, available at https://afpc.tamu.edu/tools/farmbill/2026. To access the Texas A&M online decision tool, you will have to create a free account by providing your email address and creating a password. If you have questions, please call 1(888)890-5663. Producers who have a USDA Login.gov account may make their program elections and enroll online at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc or they can make an appointment at their local FSA office, which can be found online at www.fsa.usda.gov/fsa-office-locator. Crop insurance information is available at www.rma.usda.gov/. The Georgia Farm Bureau Insurance Company contracts with three companies - Rain & Hail, Sompo, and Crop Risk Services - to offer crop insurance. GFB has experienced crop insurance agents statewide. Find your local agent and learn more at www.GFBInsurance.com or email crops@gfbinsurance.com.

2026/27 GACD SCHOLARSHIPS

Dec. 31 **application deadline**

To encourage study and careers in soil and water conservation related fields, the Georgia Association of Conservation Districts administers one $1,000 scholarship each year and the GACD Auxiliary will award a scholarship of $500. Both scholarships will be given to high school students or undergraduate/graduate students majoring in, or intending to major in, a soil and water conservation related area. Acceptable areas of study include, but are not limited to, agricultural education, agronomy, horticulture, plant pathology, and agricultural communications. Applicants must be from Georgia but may be attending or planning to attend any accredited college, school, or university in the United States. For more information or to apply, visit https://www.gacd.us/scholarships.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL FRUIT & VEGETABLE CONFERENCE

Jan. 7-9 **Savannah Convention Center** **Savannah**

The Southeast Regional Fruit and Vegetable Conference is the largest educational conference and trade show in the southeastern United States that unites growers, vendors, and suppliers. Anyone with an interest in specialty crop agriculture is invited to be a part of this event. Through more than 80 hours of educational sessions, we will address food safety concerns, specific commodity issues on production practices and increased yields, and marketing strategies. Participate in our growing and dynamic trade show, where you'll browse through more than 85,000 square feet of space filled with key suppliers and growers. There has never been a more vital time for the fruit and vegetable industry to come together for a brighter and more profitable future! For more information or to register, visit https://seregionalconference.org/.

2027 GEORGIA DAIRY CONFERENCE

Jan. 18-20 Marriott Savannah Riverfront Savannah

Hosted by Georgia Milk Producers Inc., the Georgia Dairy Conference is an opportunity for Georgia dairy producers to gather and discuss recent trends in the dairy industry. Registration is free for GMP members. Event seminar topics include trends in constructing dairy facilities, feed management economics, farm cybersecurity, a Southeast dairy outlook, tips for dairy cattle breeding, tips for bridging the language & cultural gap on the farm, Dairy Alliance update, precision fly control and much more. The conference will also include a trade show. For more information or to register, visit www.gadairyconference.com .

2027 GEORGIA PEANUT FARM SHOW

Jan. 21, 2027 UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Tifton

Don't miss out on the 50th annual Georgia Peanut Farm Show & Conference! The show is free and open to all farmers and industry representatives to attend. The show is sponsored by the Georgia Peanut Commission. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit with more than 100 agribusinesses and organizations in the peanut and agricultural industry. Farmers will be able to earn private and commercial pesticide applicator certification, as well as learn about cutting-edge research and developments during the University of Georgia Peanut Production Seminar and industry-wide sponsored Peanut Seed Seminar. Registration for exhibit space is open. For more information, visit https://gapeanuts.com/farm-show/.

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.