

## **FRESH MARKET TOMATOES AND PECANS CROP INSURANCE**

**Feb. 2**

**deadline to enroll/renew**

The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Georgia fresh market tomato and pecan growers that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2025 crop year is Feb. 2. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until the Feb. 2 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. Coverage is available for fresh market tomato producers in Colquitt, Decatur, Grady, Mitchell, Seminole and Tift counties. 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 2026 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 four companies – American Farm Bureau Insurance Services Inc., Rain & Hail, Sompco, and Great American Insurance to offer crop insurance. GFB has more than 70 experienced crop insurance agents (and growing) across the state to help their members protect their investment. Find your local agent and learn more at [www.GFBInsurance.com](http://www.GFBInsurance.com) or email [crops@gfbinsurance.com](mailto:crops@gfbinsurance.com) for more details. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

## **GEORGIA PEANUT COMMISSION RESEARCH REPORT DAY**

**Feb. 4 9 a.m. -3:40 p.m. NESPAL Building, UGA Tifton Campus**

The annual Georgia Peanut Commission Research Report Day will be held in the Seminar Room of the National Environmentally Sound Production Agriculture Laboratory building on the University of Georgia Tifton Campus. It will begin at 9 a.m. Reports from those receiving research support from the Georgia Peanut Commission will be presented in 10-minute increments. GPC awarded \$769,129 to mostly Georgia peanut researchers last year, which funded 40 research projects at UGA, ABAC, Kennesaw State University & the USDA Ag Research Service. The projects primarily focused on peanut variety breeding, conservation methods, irrigation and water management, and pest, weed and disease management. To see the agenda for the event, visit [https://gapeanuts.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026\\_gpcresearchreportdayagenda.pdf](https://gapeanuts.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026_gpcresearchreportdayagenda.pdf).

## **2026 GFB WOMEN IN AG SUMMIT**

**March 19-20 Marriott Savannah Riverfront**

**Savannah**

**Feb. 5**

**registration deadline**

This conference, a time of fun, fellowship and personal and professional development, is open to any woman with an interest in the agriculture industry – female farmers, agriculture industry professionals, Farm Bureau volunteers, and others. Registration is \$100 per person and a pre-conference tour of the UGA Marine Education Center & Aquarium is available on a limited space basis for \$30 per person. To register for the summit, visit <https://georgiafarmbureau.regfox.com/2026-women-in-ag-summit>. Attendees are responsible for their own hotel reservations. Conference includes a tour of the UGA Marine Education Center & Aquarium in Savannah. A block of rooms has been secured at The Marriott Savannah Riverfront for \$289/night + taxes and hotel fees. To make hotel reservations, please call using the following number, 1-800-228-9290, and mention GFB Women in Ag Summit. For more information, contact Heather King at [hcking@gfb.org](mailto:hcking@gfb.org).

**GEORGIA FARM BUREAU DAY AT THE CAPITOL**

**Feb. 10**      **Georgia Freight Depot/Georgia State Capitol**      **Atlanta**

This annual event allows Georgia Farm Bureau members who registered a chance to meet with their state legislators on site at the capitol. Orientation begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Blue Room at the Georgia Freight Depot, located on Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. at Underground Atlanta. After orientation, GFB members are encouraged to meet legislators and return with them for a complimentary lunch. Complimentary parking will be available at the Georgia State University Stadium Blue lot located at 76 Fulton St., SW, and shuttle bus service will run from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

**33rd ANNUAL UGA FOCUS ON GENOMIC ENHANCED EPDS BULL SALE**

**Feb. 11**      **UGA Livestock Instructional Arena**      **9 a.m.**      **Athens**

**Feb. 12**      **UGA Livestock Instructional Arena**      **Noon**      **Athens**

This sale will include 35 Angus Bulls, three registered Angus open heifers, and 30 Angus-Cross commercial open heifers. For more information, contact Carroll T. Cannon at 229/881-0721 or 229/881-2705 or email [CannonMarketingCompany@gmail.com](mailto:CannonMarketingCompany@gmail.com). Visit [www.ugabeef.com/focusonepds](http://www.ugabeef.com/focusonepds) for videos of the cattle and to see the sale catalog. The UGA Livestock Instructional Arena is located at 2600 South Milledge Avenue, Athens, Ga. 30605.

**SAVANNAH RIVER FIRE FESTIVAL**

**Feb. 21**      **Warnell Forest Education Center, 5869, S. Ga. 17**      **10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**      **Guyton**

Enjoy a fun day outdoors celebrating how prescribed fire is good for Georgia's forests and meet some of the organizations using it to support healthy wildlife habitat and reduce the risk of wildfires. It's a free festival for the whole family with fire equipment, food trucks, face painting, and games! In case of inclement weather, the rain date for this event is Feb. 28. For more information contact [mkwarnellcenter@uga.edu](mailto:mkwarnellcenter@uga.edu).

## **2026 GEORGIA CITRUS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

**Feb. 24**      **UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center**    **9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tifton**

The 2026 Georgia Citrus Association Conference, following the theme, “Securing a Resilient Future for Georgia Citrus,” will feature presentations on collaboration, how Brazilian producers have remained productive despite Citrus Greening, combating Citrus Greening in Georgia, weed control, soil health and orchard longevity. Individual one-year membership dues, which includes conference registration, are \$75 until Feb. 14 and \$100 after. Click [here](#) to join or renew. The association is also seeking sponsors for the event: **Bronze Sponsor (\$500)** – receives one conference booth (10'x10'), company name printed on program as a Bronze sponsor and two conference attendees. **Silver Sponsor (\$1,000)** - one conference booth (10'x10'), company name printed on program as a Silver sponsor, GCA website ad, two conference attendees. **Gold Sponsor (\$2,000)** - one conference booth (10'x10'), logo printed on program as a Gold sponsor, recognition as GCA Conference break sponsor, GCA website ad, two conference attendees. **Platinum Sponsor (\$5,000)** - one conference booth (10'x10'), logo printed on program as a Platinum sponsor, recognition as GCA Conference lunch & break sponsor, company flyer emailed to every GCA member, GCA website ad, two conference attendees. Click [here](#) to reserve your place. The UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center is located at 15 R D C Rd, Tifton, GA 31794. Contact the GCA at [help@georgiacitrusassociation.org](mailto:help@georgiacitrusassociation.org) for more information.

## **GEORGIA FORAGE & GRASSLAND COUNCIL GRAZING SUMMIT**

**Feb. 27-28**    **City Station Conference Center**    **Carrollton**

Join the Georgia Forage & Grassland Council Grazing Summit to learn practical tips for better forage and grazing. Listen to experienced graziers and experts and take part in panel talks. Whether you want to improve grazing, boost soil health, or raise more productive livestock, the Grazing Summit 2026 offers valuable resources. For more information click [here](#).

[<https://rollinghillsrhd.net/georgia-forage-and-grassland-council-grazingschool>]

## **GEORGIA FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS**

**March 1**

**deadline to apply**

The Georgia Foundation for Agriculture (GFA) is offering \$66,000 worth of scholarships in 2026 in support of students planning to or already engaged in studies to prepare them for careers in agriculture and ag-related fields. There are five scholarship classifications: The Scholarship for Agriculture for graduating high school seniors who plan to enter college for Fall 2026 semester and pursue a career focusing on agriculture; the Rising Junior/Senior Scholarship for agriculture for current college students who are at least two semesters away from completing their undergraduate degree; the Back to Farm Scholarship for rising junior/senior college students who have shown a clear commitment to returning to the farm to build a career in production agriculture; the Technical College Scholarship for Agriculture for students enrolled at a school in the Technical College System of Georgia and majoring in an ag or ag-related field of study; and the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine Scholarship is for current veterinary medicine students specializing in large animal/food animal practice. The deadline to apply for all of these scholarships is March 1, 2026. For more information or to apply, visit [www.gafoundationag.org/scholarships](http://www.gafoundationag.org/scholarships).

## **GFB 2026 MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL ART CONTESTS**

**March 6**

**deadline for county Farm Bureaus to submit entries**

Georgia Farm Bureau (GFB) is now accepting entries for the 2026 Georgia Farm Bureau Middle School Bookmark and High School Art contests. Students who submit their artwork have the chance to win some great cash prizes! The GFB Middle School Bookmark Contest is open to all public, private and home-schooled sixth, seventh and eighth-grade students statewide. The 10 GFB district winners of the bookmark contest will receive \$100 each and compete for the state prize of \$150. County Farm Bureaus may also offer prizes to their local winners. The GFB High School Art Contest is open to all public, private and home-schooled students in ninth through 12th grades. The 10 GFB district art contest winners will receive a cash prize of \$100. The 10 GFB district art contest winners will compete for the state prize of \$250 cash. County Farm Bureaus may also offer prizes to their local winners. Students may enter either contest in the county in which they live or attend school but not both counties. To enter either contest, students or teachers should contact their county Farm Bureau for an official entry form and complete contest rules and to learn the county's February deadline for entering the contests. County Farm Bureaus must submit their entries to Georgia Farm Bureau for the state contests **by March 6**. For more information about the contests contact your county Farm Bureau office. Students and teachers may visit <https://gfb.ag/video> to view a video about Georgia agriculture, <https://www.gfb.org/connect/farm-markets> to find a farm near you or <https://gfb.ag/25caesagimpactreport> to access info about Georgia agriculture.

## **2026 GEORGIA FARM STRESS SUMMIT**

**March 12**     **Pettigrew Center, Fort Valley State University 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**     **Fort Valley**

The 2026 Georgia Farm Stress Summit will bring together farmers, farm families, health care providers, government leaders, agricultural advocates, agribusinesses, nonprofits and others committed to addressing farm stress in their rural communities. The summit will focus on connecting communities with resources and building strong cross-sector partnerships. For more information, visit <https://gafarmstress.org/stress-summit2026/>.

## **NATIONAL WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE SURVEY**

**March 31**

**deadline to submit**

AFBF's Women's Leadership program has partnered with a team of researchers, CoBank and JBS to launch this **study that will be live through March 31**. This nationwide initiative will explore women's leadership and involvement in agriculture, identify barriers and opportunities, and provide actionable insights to strengthen engagement and support systems across the U.S. agricultural sector—from production and agribusiness to advocacy, education and entrepreneurship. This survey is open to individuals age 18 and older in the U.S. and Puerto Rico who have an interest or involvement in agriculture, including those who work in production agriculture, agribusiness, education, advocacy or related fields. This includes perspectives of both men and women. The survey takes 12-18 minutes to complete. After completing the survey, participants may choose to sign up for a follow-up focus group or key informant interview. These sessions will allow for deeper exploration of themes and experiences. Languages: The survey and focus groups will be available in English and Spanish. Results: Results from the study will be shared at the International Year of the Woman Farmer ACE Summit, to be held June 1-3 in Washington, D.C, and a public summary of results will be shared. For more information or to take the survey, visit [www.womeninagsurvey.com](http://www.womeninagsurvey.com)

## **SDRP SECOND STAGE, MILK AND ON-FARM STORAGE PAYMENTS**

**April 30**     **deadline to apply for SDRP Stage One and Stage Two assistance**

Stage Two of SDRP covers eligible crop, tree, bush and vine losses that were not covered under Stage One program provisions, including non-indemnified (shallow loss), uncovered and quality losses. For Stage Two program details, including fact sheets, please visit <https://fsa.usda.gov/sdrp>. The first stage, announced in July, remains available to producers who received an indemnity under crop insurance or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for eligible crop losses due to qualifying 2023 and 2024 natural disaster events. FSA county offices will begin accepting SDRP Stage Two applications on Nov. 24. **Producers have until April 30 to apply for both Stage One and Stage Two assistance.** Information and a fact sheet are available online at <https://fsa.usda.gov/ofscfp>.

### **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](http://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 2024 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>.

### **UGA CITRUS ORCHARD NUTRITIONAL SURVEY**

For the past three growing seasons, the UGA Agricultural and Environmental Services Labs (AESL) has been conducting a foliar nutrient survey of Georgia's citrus industry with funding from the USDA and Georgia Department of Agriculture's Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. One of the conditions of the project's grant funding is that researchers seek stakeholder feedback on the effectiveness of the program, and how this work may influence future grower decisions. The project researchers ask that you please complete this short (7 questions, 3-5 minutes) Citrus Nutrition Questionnaire [here](#). These results will help UGA researchers demonstrate the importance of this work to their sponsors, which increases the likelihood of future funding in this area. If you would like to learn more about this project and the results of the study, visit the [project website](#).

### **988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE OFFERS SUPPORT**

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline can be reached by calling or texting 988 or chatting on [988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org). 988 serves as 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.