

GA FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURE FARM-TO-FUTURE ONLINE AUCTION

Through Dec. 10

online

The countdown is on! The Georgia Foundation for Agriculture's Farm-to-Future Online Auction opened Nov. 10! With 100+ items donated by local farms, artisans, and small businesses, you'll discover something special for everyone on your Christmas shopping list. From handmade treasures to farm experiences, every winning bid goes beyond a gift— it's an investment in the future of Georgia agriculture. Your participation directly funds scholarships for students pursuing agricultural careers, educational programs that support teachers and kids, mental health resources for farmers, and long-term disaster relief for farm families. When you shop our auction, you're not just crossing names off your Christmas list—you're strengthening Georgia's farming community! Let's grow the future of Georgia agriculture — together. For more information, visit www.gafoundationag.org/auction. Click the "Save My Spot" button to register.

APPLE, BLUEBERRY, PEACH & WHOLE FARM CROP INSURANCE

The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds Georgia apple, blueberry, and peach growers that the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2025 crop year is November 20. Growers who are interested in the Whole-Farm Revenue Protection policy and are late fiscal year filers have until **November 20** to apply for crop insurance. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until the November 20 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 apples in Fannin, Gilmer, and Rabun counties. Coverage is available for blueberries in Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Baker, Berrien, Brantley, Burke, Calhoun, Camden, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Cook, Decatur, Dougherty, Echols, Grady, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Lanier, Long, Lowndes, McIntosh, Mitchell, Pierce, Thomas, Ware, and Wayne counties. Coverage is available for peaches in Bacon, Banks, Bleckley, Brooks, Crawford, Dooly, Hall, Henry, Macon, Meriwether, Monroe, Morgan, Oconee, Peach, Pierce, Pike, Schley, and Taylor counties. Coverage is available for Whole-Farm Revenue Protection in all Georgia 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, Sompo, 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 or email crops@gfbinsurance.com for more details. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

GFB DISTRICT 10 WOMEN'S MEETING

Nov. 24 10 a.m. Ware County Ag Center Waycross

Join ladies in GFB's District 10 for a morning of creativity, fellowship and holiday inspiration! Rep. Angie O'Steen will share her story of how she came to serve in the Georgia House of Representatives and a holiday devotion to help us focus on the true spirit of the season. The Local Thread will set up a Christmas t-shirt/sweatshirt station where attendees will design their own festive shirt from a variety of fun holiday designs. A delicious brunch will be served. The Ware County Ag Center is located at 700 Victory Drive, Waycross, Ga. 31503.

Registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 21. Registration cost is \$30, which includes attendees' shirt/sweatshirt & meal. Visit <https://gfb.ag/D10WomensMeeting> to register.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL FRUIT & VEGETABLE CONFERENCE

Jan. 8-10 Savannah Convention Center Savannah
Dec. 12 Early bird reservation deadline

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! Activities include the always-popular trade show, a comprehensive lineup of educational sessions, the Georgia Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association Annual Meeting, and more. Key workshop topics include pre-harvest ripening and quality management, the Endangered Species Act and food safety. For more information or to register, visit <https://seregionalconference.org/registration-3/>.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR OUTSTANDING GA YOUNG PEANUT FARMER

Dec. 5 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. 15, 2026, in Tifton. The award is sponsored by the Georgia Peanut Commission and BASF. The Outstanding Georgia award is based upon the applicant's farm operation; environmental and stewardship practices; and leadership, civic, church, and community service activities. The award is open for any active Georgia peanut farmer who is not over 45 years of age, as of Jan. 15, 2026. 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 2025 winner was Ryan Ireland of Ashburn, Ga. The award winner receives registration and hotel accommodations to attend the Southern Peanut Growers Conference, July 21-23, 2026, at Panama City Beach, Florida, and a sign to display at his or her farm.

2026 GACD SCHOLARSHIPS

Dec. 31 application deadline

To encourage study and careers in soil and water conservation related fields, GACD administers one \$1,000 scholarship each year. The scholarship is given to high school students or

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undergraduate/graduate students majoring in, or intending to major in, a soil and water conservation related area. The scholarship recipient will be honored at GACD's Annual Meeting in 2026. For more information or to apply, visit <https://www.gacd.us/scholarships>.

AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION/BASF SCHOLARSHIP

Dec. 31 **deadline to apply**

Do you know an outstanding high school senior who is interested in pursuing a career in agriculture? Strong agriculture leaders are vital to the sustainability and growth of the soybean industry, and the American Soybean Association, in partnership with BASF, wants to provide a student interested in agriculture with a college scholarship to begin their degree. The Soy Scholarship is a \$7,000, one-time award presented to a high school senior who plans to pursue agriculture as an area of study at any accredited college or university in the 2026-27 academic year. The scholarship is managed by ASA and made possible through a grant by BASF Corporation. High school seniors may apply online Oct. 7 – Dec. 31, 2025. [Click here to learn more information about the program](#). The scholarship is awarded in \$3,500 increments (one per semester) for the 2026-27 school year. The student must be a child or grandchild of a current state soybean association/ASA member, maintain successful academic progress, and remain in good standing with the college or university to receive the full amount of the scholarship. A committee of soybean grower leaders will select the ASA BASF scholarship recipient. The award winner will be announced this winter. For more information, please visit www.soygrowers.com. ASA and BASF have recognized and rewarded students for their hard work and interest in agriculture through the Soy Scholarship since 2008.

49TH ANNUAL GEORGIA PEANUT FARM SHOW

Jan. 15, 2026 UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center **8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** **Tifton**

Make plans to attend the 49th annual Georgia Peanut Farm Show and Conference set for Jan. 15, 2026. The show is free and open to all farmers and industry representatives to attend. The show is sponsored by the Georgia Peanut Commission and includes the UGA Peanut Production Seminar, the Farm Show Luncheon & Awards and a blood drive. 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. For more information, visit <https://gapeanuts.com/farm-show/>.

GEORGIA FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

March 1, 2026 **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

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for current college students who are at least two semesters away from completing their undergraduate degree; the Back to Farm Scholarship for 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 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.

UGA WARNELL SCHOOL OF FORESTRY BOBWHITE QUAIL SURVEY

The Martin GAME Lab at the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at UGA is looking for private landowners in Georgia to take part in a brief survey about their opinions on bobwhite quail management for a study titled “Bobwhite Restoration, Incentives, and Research.” The purpose of the study is to better understand landowners’ opinions on bobwhite quail management and cost-share programs landowners would enroll in to manage their properties for bobwhite quail. Visit https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/.../SV_3aRgLcUioS8uy0u to take the study. Thank you in advance for helping with in this study.

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/feralhoggadresources>.

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](#).

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

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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.

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 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.