# Farmer Resource Guide



A directory to assist farmers and landowners to access information and assistance.



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# **Important County Contacts Paulding County**

Paulding County Farm Bureau 549 Hardee Street Dallas, GA 30132

Ag Georgia Farm Credit 1300 East Main St. Cartersville, GA 30121

UGA Cooperative Extension 530 West Memorial Drive Dallas, Georgia 30132

Georgia Forestry Commission 1735 Rockmart Hwy Cedartown, GA 30132

Community Development 240 Constitution Blvd Dallas, GA 30132

USDA Service Center - Carrollton Rural Development 408 N. White Street Carrollton, GA 30117-2441

USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Marietta Field Office 678 South Cobb Drive Marietta, Georgia 30060

Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission 1282 SR 53 Spur SW Suite 300

Calhoun, GA 30701

Tracy Grice - Office Manager

770-445-6681 www.gfb.org

**Phone:** 770-382-3637

https://www.aggeorgia.com/home.aspx

Mary Carol Sheffield 770-443-7616

www.ugaextension.org/paulding

Gary McGinnis-Forester

770-749-2223 www.gfc.state.ga.us

Anne Lippman 770-443-7601

http://www.paulding.gov/index.aspx?nid=104

Farm Service Agency

770-834-2097

www.offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app

Shemekia Mosely 770-792-0594

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/

706-624-1434

**Dallas Farmers Market:** 

Dallas Farmers Market John Grant

Regions Bank Parking Lot <u>farmersmarketdallas@gmail.com</u>

160 Confederate Avenue, Downtown Dallas Saturday from 8 am to noon, rain or shine,

April thru September

#### **Tri County Cattlemen's Association**

Rodney's Barbecue in Dallas Meets every other month, 1st Thursday from

February- December

**West Georgia Woodlands Association** 

900 Newnan Road Carrollton, GA 30117 We meet quarterly on the 4th Thursday of the month in

January, April, July and October

6:30 at the Carroll County Ag Center

**Paulding County Master Gardeners Association** 

530 West Memorial Drive Meets every 4th Wednesday (except

Dallas, GA 30132 November/December at the Paulding County

**Extension Office** 

**West Georgia Native Plant Society** 

900 Newnan Road

Carrollton, GA 30117

www.wgwildflowers.org



## **Federal Agencies**

#### Resource Conservation and Development Councils RC&D-

Resource Conservation and Development, better known as RC&D, is a unique program that helps people initiate, sponsor, plan and implement projects that will make their communities better places in which to live. The Natural Resources Conservation Service NRCS- administers the program for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. NRCS provides a coordinator, and gives other support to each RC&D area. The local councils make each RC&D area unique by defining goals and objectives to meet local needs. Maps outlining northwest Georgia's RC&D areas are provided below.

#### Rolling Hills RC&D

320 West Cherokee Ave., Suite 110 Cartersville, GA 30120 <a href="https://www.rollinghillsrcd.net">www.rollinghillsrcd.net</a>

770-607-8420

#### **USDA Farm Service Agency**

Georgia State FSA Office 355 East Hancock Ave., STOP 100 Athens, GA 30601 www.fsa.usda.gov

See your individual County Listing for local office information. The Farm Service Agency's mission is to serve all farmers, ranchers, and agricultural partners by delivering effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans. FSA's vision is a market-oriented, economically viable and environmentally sound American Agriculture that delivers an abundant, safe and affordable food and fiber supply while sustaining quality agricultural communities. FSA provides a financial safety net for the Nation's farmers and ranchers. FSA also helps ensure that American agriculture remains competitive and productive in global markets while increasing the viability and stability of domestic agricultural operations. Programs offered:

- Conservation Programs
- Dairy Margin Programs

- Farm and Ranch Lands Protection
- Transition Incentive Program

#### **USDA US Forestry Services**

1400 Independence Ave. SW Washington, D.C. 20250

800-832-1355 http://www.fs.fed.us/

We are a multi-faceted agency that manages and protects 154 national forests and 20 grasslands in 44 states and Puerto Rico. The agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

#### **USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services**

#### http://www.aphis.usda.gov/

APHIS leads the way in anticipating and responding to issues involving animal and plant health, conflicts with wildlife, environmental stewardship and animal well-being. We promote the health of animal and plant resources to facilitate their movement in the global marketplace and to ensure abundant agricultural products and services for U.S. consumers. APHIS is comprised of several divisions including Veterinary Services, Plant Protection and Quarantine and Wildlife services.

#### Our Focuses are:

- Animal Health
- Animal Welfare
- Biotechnology
- Business Services
- Civil Rights
- Emergency Response

- Imports and Exports
- International Services
- Plant Health
- Sciences
- Tribal Relation
- Wildlife Damage

#### To report an **animal** pest or disease, contact:

#### Dr. Edgardo Arza

Area Veterinarian-in-Charge Phone: 770-922-7860 1498 Klondike Rd, Suite 200 Fax: 770-483-9000 Conyers, GA 30094

#### To report a **plant** pest or disease, contact:

#### Bill Kauffman

State Plant Health Director Phone: 770-860-4020 1506 Klondike Road, Suite 306 FAX: 770-860-4050 Conyers, GA 30094

For **wildlife** services, contact: Georgia Wildlife Services State Director

School of Forest Resources University of Georgia Athens, GA 30602-2152 Phone: 700-546-5637

Toll Free: 1-866-4USDAWS

#### **USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service**

Georgia State Office 35 E. Hancock Ave. Athens, GA 30601 State Conservationist Terrence Rudolph 706-546-2272 phone 855-417-8490 fax http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/

See your individual county for local office information. Since 1935, the Natural Resources Conservation Service originally called the Soil Conservation Service- has provided leadership in a partnership effort to help America's private land owners and managers conserve their soil, water, and other natural resources. NRCS provides technical assistance based on sound science and suited to a customer's specific needs. They provide financial assistance for many conservation activities. Participation in our programs is voluntary.

#### Programs offered:

- Agriculture Management Assistance
- Conservation stewardship Program
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- Water Bank Program
- Agriculture Conservation Easement Program
- Grassland Reserve Program

# **USDA Rural Development Area I-Serving Northwest Georgia Counties**

Area Director, Jack Stanek
Suite A - 12 Felton Place
Cartersville North Business Center
Cartersville, GA 30120
Phone 770-386-3393

Newnan Sub area office

580 Highway 34 East, Suite B Newnan, GA 30265

Phone: 770-253-2555 ext. 4 Fax: 855-606-4587

Rural Development is working to eliminate substandard housing from rural America by helping rural people buy, build or rent decent housing. Rural Development creates jobs by funding the growth and creation of rural businesses and cooperatives. In a typical year, Rural Development programs create or preserve more than 150,000 rural jobs, enable 40,000 to 50,000 rural Americans to buy homes and help 450,000 low-income rural people rent apartments or other housing. Assistance is provided in many ways, including direct or guaranteed loans, grants, technical assistance, research and educational materials. USDA Rural Development often works in partnership with state, local and tribal governments, as well as rural businesses, cooperatives and nonprofit agencies.

#### Programs offered:

- Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program
- Bio refinery assistance program
- Household water well system grants
- Individual water and waste water grants
- Multi-family housing direct loans

#### **USDA** Agriculture Marketing Services

Food and Drug Administration 5100 Paint Branch Parkway College Park, MD 20740 http://www.ams.usda.gov

The Agricultural Marketing Service ,(AMS), administers programs that facilitate the efficient, fair marketing of U.S. agricultural products, including food, fiber, and specialty crops. AMS provides the agriculture industry with valuable services that help ensure the quality and availability of wholesome food for consumers across the country.

#### Programs offered:

- Advisory comities
- Audit and accreditation
  - Fruit and Vegetables
  - o Livestock, Poultry, and seed
- Commodity Programs
- Marts and Local Food marketing
- Grading and Certification
- Market News
- Food Purchasing
- Grants

- Laboratory, Testing and Data
- Marketing Orders
- Research and Promotional Programs
- Regulatory Programs



## **State Agencies**

#### **Georgia Department of Agriculture**

19 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. SW
404- 656-3645 OR
Atlanta, GA 30334
800- 282-5852
Business Hours are Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. -5 p.m.
http://agr.georgia.gov

The Georgia Department of Agriculture administers a variety of programs, all of which have a primary goal – to maintain the state's viable farm industry and protect the consuming public.

#### Divisions:

• Administration Division

• Animal Industry Division

• Constituent Services

• Food Safety Division

• Fuel and Measures Division

• Marketing Division

• Plant Industry Division

• Office of Inspector General

• Laboratory Division

#### **Georgia Department of Agriculture – Commodity Commissions**

Georgia Department of Agriculture administers twelve 12- state Agricultural Commodity Commissions ACC-. These are farmer-funded, self-help programs. The assessments supports programs in the areas of research, education and promotion on behalf of the respective commodity.

404-586-1405

• ACC for Apples http://gfvga.org

ACC for Blueberries
 http://www.georgiablueberries.org

• ACC for Corn http://georgiacorn.org

• ACC for Cotton <a href="http://www.georgiacottoncommission.org">http://www.georgiacottoncommission.org</a>

• ACC for Equine <a href="http://www.southeasthorselovers.com">http://www.southeasthorselovers.com</a>

ACC for Milk
 ACC for Peaches
 http://www.gamilk.org
 http://gapeaches.org

• ACC for Soybeans <a href="http://www.soybeancheckoffresearch.org">http://www.soybeancheckoffresearch.org</a>

 ACC for Tobacco http://www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/fieldcrops/tobacco/

ACC for Pecans www.georgiapecans.org

• ACC for Vegetables <a href="http://gfvga.org">http://gfvga.org</a>

#### **Georgia Forestry Commission**

5645 Riggins Mill Road 478-751-3500

Dry Branch, Georgia 31020 1-800-GA-TREES 428-7337-

http://www.gfc.state.ga.us Fax: 478-751-3465

With 12 district offices overseeing Georgia's 159 counties, this state agency's personnel are experts in forestry practices, including fire detection, suppression and prevention, and the management, marketing and development of Georgia's expansive forests. They also have expertise in environmental and water quality and many other forestry-related subjects.

#### **Georgia Agricultural Statistics Services**

Georgia Field Office 855-271-9801 355 East Hancock Ave., Suite 320 706- 546-2236 Fax Athens, GA 30601

nassrfosor@nass.usda.gov

This state branch of the federal agency is responsible for preparing official estimates of agriculture working cooperatively with the Georgia Department of Agriculture and UGA Extension to provide county-level statistical information on crops, livestock, poultry, fruits, nuts and many other Georgia commodities.

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/Georgia/index.asp

#### **Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission**

4310 Lexington Road 706-552-4470 P.O. Box 8024 https://gaswcc.georgia.gov Athens, GA 30603

The Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission was formed to protect, conserve and improve the soil and water resources of the State of Georgia. The Commission's goal is to make Georgia a better place for its citizens through the wise use and protection of basic soil and water resources and to achieve practical water quality goals.

#### **Environmental Protection Division**

The Environmental Protection Division EPD- of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is a state agency charged with protecting Georgia's air, land, and water resources through the authority of state and federal environmental statutes. EPD issues and enforces all state permits in these areas and has full delegation for federal environmental permits except Section 404 wetland permits.

http://epd.georgia.gov

**Air Protection Branch: Watershed Protection Branch:** 404-363-7000

404-463-1511

#### **Land Protection Branch:**

- Solid Waste Management: 404-362-2692
- Underground Storage Tank UST-: 404-362-2687
- Hazardous Waste Corrective Action Program: 404-656-7802
- Response and Remediation Program: 404-657-8600
- Hazardous Waste Management Program: 404-656-2833

#### **Director's Office Mailing Address:**

Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1456, East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

#### **General Questions for EPD:**

1-888-373-5947 toll-free in Georgia-404-657-5947 in the Atlanta area-

#### **Georgia Department of Natural Resources**

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, (DNR), is in charge of conserving and managing the state's natural resources, including air and water quality, water quantity, fish and wildlife, land conservation and other areas. DNR takes a variety of approaches to achieve these goals.

http://www.gadnr.org/natural

#### **Commissioner's Office**

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE 404- 656-3500 Suite 1252 – East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

#### **Coastal Resources Division**

One Conservation Way Suite 300 912- 264-7218 Brunswick, GA 31520

#### **Environmental Protection Division**

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE 404- 656-4713 Suite 1152 - East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

#### **Historic Preservation Division**

Jewett Center for Historic 770- 389-7844 Preservation 2610 GA Hwy 155, SW Stockbridge, GA 30281

**State Parks & Historic Sites Division** 

Panola Mountain Division Headquarters 404- 656-2770

2600 Highway 155, SW Suite C

Stockbridge, GA 30281

Wildlife Resources Division

2070 U S Highway 278, SE 770- 918-6401

Social Circle, GA 30025-4711

Georgia Department of Labor

Mark Butler 770-836-6668 275 Northside Dr. 770-836-6770 Fax

Carrollton, GA 30117 <a href="http://www.dol.state.ga.us">http://www.dol.state.ga.us</a>

The Georgia Department of Labor provides a wide range of services to job seekers and employers. These include administration of Georgia's unemployment insurance, employment service, and vocational rehabilitation programs; provision of workforce information to the public and private sectors; inspection of boilers, pressure vessels, amusement park and carnival rides; and oversight of child labor issues. The Department of Labor is the state agency designated by the governor to lead the state's implementation of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

#### University of Georgia Small Business Development Center

Entrepreneurial ventures provide hundreds of thousands of jobs in Georgia for both business owners and employees. Small businesses not only supply principal income for families, but they meet unique needs for part-time employment, temporary employment, supplementary income. The Georgia SBDC Network provides training, technical assistance, and research to help entrepreneurs improve their chances for success. https://www.georgiasbdc.org

#### Carrollton

University of West Georgia SBDC Phone: 678-839-5082 105 Adamson Hall Fax: 678-839-5083

Carrollton, GA 30118

#### Atlanta

Georgia State University SBDC Phone: 404- 413-7830 10 Park Place S. Suite 450 Fax: 404- 413-7832

Atlanta, GA 30303

#### **Dekalb**

The University of Georgia SBDC

Atlanta, GA 30345

2296 Henderson Mill Road Suite

Phone: 770- 414-3110

Fax: 770- 414-3109

#### **Gwinnett**

The University of Georgia SBDC Phone: 678- 985-6820 2530 Sever Road Suite 202 Fax: 678- 985-6819 Lawrenceville, GA 30043

#### Kennesaw

Kennesaw State University SBDC

KSU Center, Suite 500

3333 Busbee Drive

Kennesaw, GA 30144

Phone: 470- 578-6450

Fax: 470- 578-9093

#### Morrow

Clayton State University SBDC

2000 Clayton State Blvd.

College of Business

Morrow, GA 30260

Phone: 678- 466-5100

Fax: 678- 466-5109



Georgia-Alabama Land Trust www.GAlandtrust.org

Address for Alabama:

226 Old Ladiga Road 256-447-1006

Piedmont, AL 36272

Physical Address for Georgia:

303 12<sup>th</sup> Street

Columbus, GA 31902

Savannah Office:

428 Bull Street, Suite 201 912-231-0507

Savannah, GA 301401

Chattahoochee Valley Land Trust Paige Swift P.O. Box 175 Paige Swift 706-718-3324

Columbus, GA 31902

Georgia Land Trust

428 Bull Street, Suite 201 912-231-0507

Savannah, GA 31401 www.galandtrust.org

Georgia Piedmont Land Trust

P.O. Box 3687 770-945-3111 Suwanee, GA 30024 www.gplt.org

North American Land Trust

P.O. Box 467 706-338-2157 Chadds Ford, PA 19317 www.nalt.org

Trust for Public Land

600 W. Peachtree Street NW, Suite 1840 404-873-7306 Atlanta, GA 30308 www.tpl.org

Accredited land trusts have earned national certification through the <u>Land Trust</u> <u>Alliance LTA-</u>. For more information on LTA accreditation and a full list of accredited land trusts that may receive tax credit-eligible conservation donations, visit <u>www.landtrustaccreditation.org.</u>



# **Organizations and Associations**

#### Ag Georgia Farm Credit

468 Perry Parkway 800-768-3276

Perry, GA 31069 http://www.aggeorgia.com/

Ag Georgia Farm Credit's mission is to promote the success of our cooperative members by being the premier provider of superior financial services and products in a safe, sound and reliable manner. They make long-term farm and country home loans, intermediate-term loans for equipment and buildings, land loans, construction loans, improvement loans and short-term production loans.

#### **Ag South Farm Credit**

26 S. Main St. 912-764-9091 Statesboro, GA 30458 800-633-9091

www.agsouthfc.com

American families enjoy high quality, affordable food and fiber thanks to the dedication of our nation's farm families and ag-related businesses. It is Ag South's mission to support these families and businesses by being a source of reliable, cost-effective financial services.

#### Georgia Agribusiness Council

P.O. Box 119 706-336-6830

Commerce, GA 30529

The mission of the Georgia Agribusiness Council is to advance the business of agriculture and promote environmental stewardship to enhance the quality of life for all Georgians.

#### **Georgia Green Industry Association**

P. O. Box 369 706- 632-0100 Epworth, GA 30541 info@ggia.org

www.ggia.org

GGIA's purpose is to promote and advance the economic, lifestyle and environmental benefits of Georgia horticulture for our members, our families, and our communities.

#### **Urban Ag Council - Georgia**

P.O. Box 817 800.687.6949 Phone Commerce, GA 30569 706.336.6898 Fax

https://urbanagcouncil.com/

What is urban agriculture? Urban agriculture is the creation, growth, introduction and management of constructed landscapes designed to support and enhance natural environmental systems and a sustainable quality of life through mitigation of land-altering activity.

#### **Georgia Arborist Association**

P.O. Box 8802 gaa@georgiaarborist.net
Atlanta, GA 30116 http://www.georgiaarborist.org/

The Georgia Arborist Association, GAA-, has been established as an organization to bring together tree care professionals and enthusiasts for the betterment and protection of Georgia's trees. The GAA promotes fellowship, education, training and networking among Georgia arborists while acting as an advocate for issues facing our trees and the arboriculture industry. Safe and proper tree care practices are the cornerstone of the GAA and its activities.

#### **Georgia Organics**

P.O. Box 8924 Phone: 678.702.0400 Atlanta, GA 31106 Fax: 678.702.0401

info@georgiaorganics.org/

Georgia Organics is a member supported non-profit organization working to integrate healthy, sustainable and locally grown food into the lives of all Georgians.

#### Georgia Farm Bureau

1620 Bass Road 478-474-8411
P.O. Box 7068 www.gfb.org
Macon, Georgia 31209

The Georgia Farm Bureau Federation is Georgia's largest and strongest voluntary agricultural organization with more than 300,000 member families. It is an independent, non-governmental organization. The membership is mainly composed of farm families in rural communities and of people who want Georgia to be agriculturally successful, progressive and prosperous.

#### **Georgia Crop Consultants**

http://www.georgiacropconsultants.org/

Aid agricultural producers in the production of their crops with the most effective, economical, and environmentally sound techniques.

#### **Georgia Tree Council**

P.O. Box 2199 <u>info@gatreecouncil.org</u> Stone Mountain, GA 30086 470-210-5900

https://gatreecouncil.org/

To sustain Georgia's green legacy by partnering with individuals, organizations, and communities in raising awareness toward improving and maintaining Georgia's community forests. We offer a variety of programs and opportunities, including Tree Care Workshops, Educational Quarterly Meetings, Arborist Certification Review Classes, archival issues of Shade Magazine, the statewide Annual Conference, an Annual Awards Program, the Landmark and Historic Tree Register, management of AmericanGrove.org, and more.

#### West Georgia Green Industry Association

P.O. Box 2046 Douglasville, GA 30133 http://www.westgeorgiagreenassociation.com

West Georgia Green Association members are offered exceptional opportunities to grow their own businesses through our outstanding professional education and networking programs.

#### Georgia Agri-Tourism

P.O. Box 2945 LaGrange, GA 30241 http://georgia-agritourism.org 706-845-9085

Agritourism, an experience that combines traditional agriculture with tourism, is becoming increasingly popular throughout the state. With 4.5 million acres of cropland and diverse agricultural sectors, Georgia offers an assortment of agritourism sites and destinations that visitors are sure to enjoy. From corn mazes to pick-your-own veggies, it's a great way to enjoy the outdoors and to teach your children where their food comes from.

### **Professional Associations**



#### Farm Bureau Young Farmers

The American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers program includes both men and women between the ages of 18-35. The objective of the Young Farmers & Ranchers program is to provide leadership in building a more effective Farm Bureau to preserve our individual freedoms and expand our opportunities in agriculture. http://www.fb.org/index.php?action=programs.yfr.home

#### **Georgia Beekeepers Association**

The Georgia Beekeepers Association was started in 1920 to help support and promote the practice of beekeeping in the State of Georgia. Our goals include promoting the use of products of Georgia beekeepers, representing the beekeepers of Georgia in state and national legislative matters and to promote the common interests and welfare of Georgia beekeepers and the beekeeping industry.

Phone: 478.474.6560 Fax: 478.474.5732

http://www.gabeekeeping.com/

#### Georgia Cattlemen's Association

P.O. Box 27990 Macon, GA 31220 http://www.gabeef.org/

The mission of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association is to unite cattle producers to advance Georgia's cattle industry.

#### **Georgia Christmas Tree Association**

This is an organization of Christmas Tree Growers and lot operators organized to promote the sale of real Christmas trees. We maintain close contact with researchers at the University of Georgia experiment stations and at many universities in neighboring states. http://www.gacta.com/index.php

#### Georgia Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association

As the state's number two agricultural cash crop, most Georgia fruits and vegetables are grown for the fresh market to be sold and consumed in other states. The GFVGA provides programs and services to the membership designed to increase production efficiencies, provide educational opportunities, promote new markets, monitor legislation, encourage applied research, and improve communications among GFVGA members and industry suppliers. http://www.gfvga.org/

#### **Master Gardeners**

The Master Gardener Extension volunteer program in Georgia is a volunteer training program designed to help University of Georgia Extension staff transfer research-based information about gardening and related subjects to the public by training home gardeners. http://www.caes.uga.edu/departments/hort/extension/mastergardener/index.cfm

#### **West Georgia Woodlands Association**

The West Georgia Timber Growers Association (formerly the WGA Timber Growers Association,) has been around since the 1980's. It was organized to help forest landowners in the area meet and learn more about improving their forest lands. They meet quarterly on the 4th Thursday of the month in January, April, July and October at 6:30 at the Carroll County Ag Center, 900 Newnan Road, Carrollton.

https://westgatimbergrowers.wordpress.com/about/

#### **Georgia Pecan Commission**

The Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Pecans, also known as the Georgia Pecan Commission, was started on September 1, 1995 by the Georgia pecan growers. The Commission funds research, educational and promotional programs in order to increase awareness and raise demand for Georgia pecans.

http://www.georgiapecans.org/

#### **Georgia Poultry Federation**

The Georgia Poultry Federation is a non-profit trade association which represents the poultry industry in Georgia, the nation's leading broiler producing state. The Federation was founded in 1951, and since that time has represented the interests of the entire poultry industry at the state and federal level on legislative and regulatory matters. http://www.gapf.org/

#### Vineyard and Winery Association of West Georgia

The Association is organized to provide for education in viticulture and enology, the promotion of fruit for the production of value added products with wine as the main focus, and the improvement and development of sustainable agriculture. http://www.vinewinewga.com/

#### Georgia Sheep and Wool Growers Association

A network of sheep breeders, sheep and wool producers and sheep enthusiasts. Goals are to: Learn and share information about the sheep and wool industry, Network with

other producers, breeders and sheep and wool enthusiasts, explore business opportunities and resources that can increase profitability and public awareness, expand the sheep industry in Georgia and beyond.

http://www.gasheepandwool.org/

#### **Georgia Horse Council**

Since its beginning in 1995, the Georgia Horse Council has worked diligently to meet the needs of its members. A number of events and opportunities are offered from the Georgia Horse Fair to drill team competitions. Vision is to unify all of Georgia's horse industry; bringing together every breed and every riding discipline.

http://georgiahorsecouncil.com/

#### Wine Growers Association of Georgia:

The Winegrowers Association of Georgia is a non-profit corporation organized to promote and market Georgia wine, to improve the market environment for Georgia wines, to increase public awareness of Georgia wines, and to facilitate research in Georgia viticultural and vinification techniques to improve our already noteworthy Georgia wines. Annual members must qualify with a minimum of five acres in Georgia of vinifera or French-American grapes in production, or with a minimum of 1,000 cases of wine produced annually from Georgia-grown vinifera or French-American grapes

http://www.georgiawine.com/

#### **Georgia Dairy Goat Breeders Association:**

Georgia Dairy Goat Breeders Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping owners of dairy goats, and to the improvement of all dairy goat breeds. Meetings are held at various club members' homes on the 3rd Saturday or Sunday usually- of January, March, May, July, September and November. Interested persons are encouraged to join the club and/or attend meetings.

www.georgiagoat.com

#### West Georgia Chapter of Georgia Native Plant Society

P.O. Box 635 Carrollton, GA 30117

The West Georgia Chapter ,(WGC), was the first chapter approved by the statewide Georgia Native Plant Society. The chapter was formed in September 2008 to serve the people in the western counties of the North Georgia piedmont. In 2014 the Carroll County Board of Commissioners named WGC as stewards of the 40 acre Buffalo Creek Outdoor Education Center, which includes the Buffalo Creek Trail and the Buffalo Creek Gardens, for a term of 99 years. The mission of WGC is to promote the stewardship and conservation of Georgia's native plants and their habitats through education via involvement with individuals and organizations.

#### Georgia Alpaca Association

Dedicated to the promotion and advancement of alpacas in Georgia. In Georgia you can find everything from your first alpaca to your next as well as fiber, fiber processing and finished products made from the fiber of our alpacas. And whether you are brand new to alpacas or an experienced breeder. The group offers educational opportunities and support. http://www.georgia-alpaca.com



Georgia Seed Development Commission:

http://www.gsdc.com/

Center for Agribusiness and Economic

Development:

www.caed.uga.edu/app

Georgia Market Maker:

http://ga.marketmaker.uiuc.edu/

Georgia Agriculture and Nature Based

**Tourism Directory AGNET-:** 

http://www.caed.uga.edu/agnet/

Licensed Well Drillers and Pump Installers:

http://www.gaepd.org/Documents/regcom

m\_wpb.html

Georgia Weather Network:

http://www.georgiaweather.net/

Pasture & Forages:

http://www.georgiaforages.com/

Vegetables:

http://www.tifton.uga.edu/veg/

Beef Production:

http://www.ugabeef.caes.uga.edu/

Aquaculture:

http://www.cpes.peachnet.edu/aquaculture/

Beekeeping:

http://www.ent.uga.edu/Bees/

Christmas Trees:

http://www.bugwood.org/christmas/

Small Fruits:

http://www.smallfruits.org/

Backyard Poultry:

http://www.poultry.uga.edu/extension/inde

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Sustainable Agriculture, Research, and

Education:

http://www.sare.org/

National Sustainable Agriculture

Information Service: http://attra.ncat.org/

Georgia Pest Management Handbook:

http://www.ent.uga.edu/pmh/

Georgia Muscadine Wine Growers:

www.gamuscadinegrowers.com

Georgia Certified Turf grass Directory

www.certifiedseed.org

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