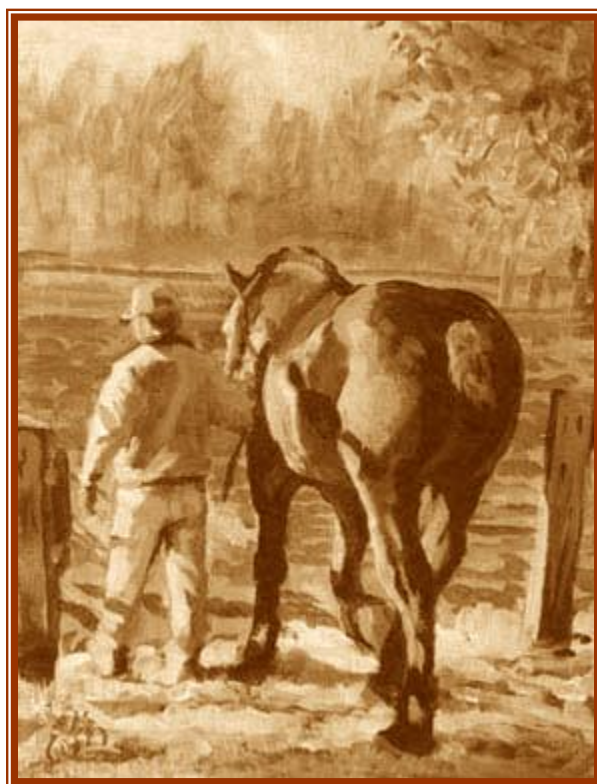


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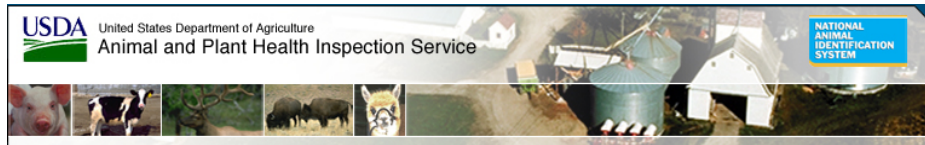
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Federal Agencies



USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/>

Mission: APHIS leads the way in anticipating and responding to issues involving Animal and plant health, conflicts with wildlife, environmental stewardship and animal well being. Together with our customers and stakeholders, 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. AHIS is comprised of several divisions including Veterinary Services, Plant Protection and Quarantine and Wildlife services.

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

[Dr. Edgardo Arza](#)

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

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

[Bill Kauffman](#)

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

For wildlife services, contact:

Georgia Wildlife Services State Director
School of Forest Resources
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602-2152
Phone: (706) 546-5637
Toll Free: 1-866-4USDAWS



USDA Farm Service Agency

www.fsa.usda.gov

See your individual County Listing for the correct office contact #

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.

Under the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (The Farm Bill), FSA assists farmers and ranchers through a number of key programs.



USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

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

See your individual County for the correct office contact #

Since 1935, the [Natural Resources Conservation Service](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/) (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.

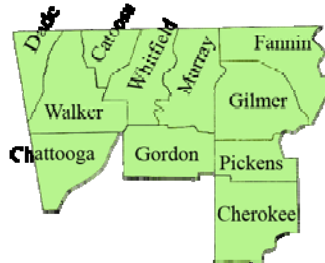
NRCS employees provide technical assistance based on sound science and suited to a customer's specific needs. We provide financial assistance for many conservation activities. Participation in our programs is voluntary.

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.

Limestone Valley RC&D

125 Red Bud Road, Suite 7
Calhoun, Georgia 30701
706-625-7044
Fax: 706-625-9943
<http://www.lvracd.org/>



Rolling Hills RC&D

512 Main Street
Cedartown, Georgia
770-749-0444
Fax: 706-749-9444
<http://www.rollinghillsrcd.org/>



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

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. To accomplish our mission, USDA Rural Development often works in partnership with state, local and tribal governments, as well as rural businesses, cooperatives and nonprofit agencies.

State Agencies and Educational Institutions

Georgia Department of Agriculture

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

19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Atlanta, GA 30334
404-656-3645 or
1-800-282-5852
<http://agr.georgia.gov>



Georgia Department of Agriculture State
Licenses, Certifications, and Services:

- Administration Division:
 - Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin (free weekly newspaper)
- Animal Industry Division:
 - Animal Manure Handler Permit
 - Animal Shelter License
 - Bird Dealer License
 - Equine Stable License
 - Georgia Poultry Diagnostic Laboratory Network
 - Kennel Boarding License
 - Livestock Special Sale or Show Permit
 - Meat Processing License
 - Pet Dealer License
 - Poultry Dealer or Broker License
 - Poultry Sales Establishment License
- Consumer Protection Division:
 - Bottled Water Certification
 - Egg Grader Certification (Candling License)
 - Food Processor License
 - Food Sales Establishment License
 - Wholesale Fish Dealer License
- Marketing Division:
 - Dealers in Agricultural Products License (bond coverage)
 - State Agricultural Commodity Commissions
 - State Farmer's Market Vendors License
 - Warehouse or Grain Dealers License
 - Georgia Agritourism Attraction Registration
- Plant Industry Division:
 - Beekeeper License (sale of queen and package bees)
 - Commercial Feed License
 - Fertilizer License
 - Horticultural Growing Media Registration
 - Lime License
 - Live Plant Dealer License (Retail and Wholesale License)
 - Live Plant Grower License (Nursery and Greenhouse License)
 - Organic Certification and Registration
 - Pesticide Applicator's License
 - Pesticide Contractor's License
 - Pesticide Dealer's License
 - Seed Dealer License
 - Soil Amendment Registration
 - Structural Pest Control Company License



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Georgia Department of Labor

<http://www.dol.state.ga.us/>

1-877-JOBS4GA

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.

Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division

<http://www.georgiawildlife.org>

DNR General Information:

(770) 918-6400

Department of Natural Resources

Wildlife Resources Division

Special Permits

2109 U.S. Hwy. 278, S.E.

Social Circle, GA 30025

770-761-3044



DNR Wildlife Resources Division

Region I Law Enforcement

P.O. Box 786

Calhoun, GA 30703-0786

(770) 769-9680

(706) 624-1367

(706) 624-1365

Georgia Forestry Commission

The mission of the Georgia Forestry Commission is to provide leadership, service, and education in the protection and conservation of Georgia's forest resources.

5645 Riggins Mill Road
Dry Branch, Georgia 31020

P. O. Box 819
Macon, Georgia 31202-0819

1-800-GA-TREES (428-7337)

*Burn Permits:

1-877-ok-2-burn (652-2876)

www.gfc.state.ga.us

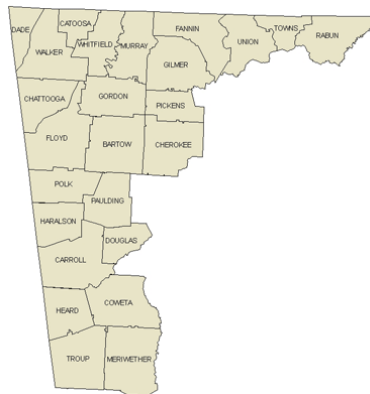


Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission

<http://gaswcc.georgia.gov>

Region 1

700 East 2nd Avenue
Suite J
Rome, GA 30161-3359
Phone: 706-295-6131
Fax: 706-802-5131
region1@gaswcc.org



The Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) provides soil and water resource information; education; technical, financial, and planning assistance; and program oversight to locally led soil and water conservation districts, landowners/users, and local, state, and federal governments to maintain, conserve, and wisely use the soil and water resources for all Georgians.



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University of Georgia Small Business Development Center

550 North College Drive Dalton, GA 30720 Phone: (706) 272-2700

<http://nwgasbdc.blogspot.com>



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.

Non-Governmental Organizations

AgGeorgia Farm Credit

<http://www.aggeorgia.com/>

800-868-6404



AgGeorgia Farm Credit, ACA makes 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.

Learning *for* Life

Georgia Farm Bureau

1620 Bass Road

P.O. Box 7068

Macon, Georgia 31209

478-474-8411

<http://www.gfb.org/>



The purpose of the Georgia Farm Bureau Federation, as the largest farm organization in Georgia, is to provide leadership and assistance to the agricultural sector, to promote farm products, to aid in agri-related procurement, to be a spokesman for the farmer in the legislative arena, to be a leader in the development and expansion of farm markets, to strive for more agricultural research and educational funds and facilities -- in essence -- to use the Georgia Farm Bureau organization and its facilities as the vehicle with which to assist in providing farm families a fair and equitable standard of living and to ensure the existence of agriculture as a vital and thriving industry in the future.

Georgia Organics

P.O. Box 8924

Atlanta, GA 31106

Phone: 678.702.0400

Fax: 678.702.0401

info@georgiaorganics.org

<http://www.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 Agribusiness Council

1655 S Elm St

Commerce, GA 30529-2700

(706) 336-6830

800-726-2474

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.

Important County Contacts

Bartow County

Bartow County Farm Bureau

1009 N Tennessee St
Cartersville, GA 30120
770-382-2951

UGA Cooperative Extension

770-387-5142
320 West Cherokee Avenue
Cartersville, Georgia 30120

Rolling Hills RC&D

770-749-0444

**USDA Service Center- Calhoun
(Farm Service Agency, NRCS)**

706-629-2582
717 S. Wall Street
Calhoun, GA 30701-2615

Carroll County

Carroll County Farm Bureau

324 Columbia Drive
Carrollton, GA 30117-7522
770-832-9089

Rural Development

**USDA Service Center - Carrollton
(Farm Service Agency, NRCS)**

770-834-2097
408 N. White St.
Carrollton, GA 30117-2441

Rolling Hills RC&D

770-749-0444

UGA Cooperative Extension

770-836-8546
900 Newnan Road
Carrollton, Georgia 30117

Catoosa County

Catoosa County Farm Bureau

5487 Battlefield Parkway
Ringgold, GA 30736
706-937-2000

UGA Cooperative Extension

43 Maple Street
Ringold, GA 30736
706-935-4211

Limestone Valley RC&D

706-625-7044

**USDA Service Center-LaFayette
(Farm Service Agency, NRCS)**

208 N Duke St
LaFayette, GA 30728-2591
706-638-1558

Chattooga County

Chattooga County Farm Bureau
9921 Commerce St
Summerville, GA 30747-1300
706-857-3214

UGA Cooperative Extension
10011 Commerce Street
Summerville, GA 30747
706-857-0744

Limestone Valley RC&D
706-625-7044

USDA Service Center (Farm Service Agency, NRCS)
LaFayette, Walker County
208 N Duke St
LaFayette, GA 30728-2591
706-638-1558

Cherokee County

Cherokee County Farm Bureau
101 Woodland Way # 1B
Canton, GA 30114-4332
770-479-1481

UGA Cooperative Extension
100 North Street, Suite G21
Canton, GA 30114 -0418
770-479-0421

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706-625-7044

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706-629-2582
717 S. Wall Street
Calhoun, GA 30701-2615

Coweta County

Coweta County Farm Bureau
19 Bullsboro Drive
Newnan, GA 30263-1412
770-253-3649

UGA Cooperative Extension
Coweta County Fairgrounds
255 Pine Road
Newnan , GA 30263-6014
770-254-2620

Rolling Hills RC&D
770-749-0444

USDA Service Center – Carrollton (Farm Service Agency, NRCS)
770-834-2097
408 N. White St.
Carrollton, GA 30117-2441

Dade County

Dade County Farm Bureau
11751 South Main Street
Trenton, GA 30752
706-657-3030

UGA Cooperative Extension
114 Pace Drive
Trenton, GA 30752-2412
706-657-4116

Limestone Valley RC&D
706-625-7044

**USDA Service Center – LaFayette
(Farm Service Agency, NRCS)**
208 N Duke St
LaFayette, GA 30728-2591
706-638-1558

Douglas County

Douglas County Farm Bureau
9097 Highway 5
Douglasville, GA 30134-1540
770-942-9906

NRCS-Marietta Field Office
770-792-0594
678 South Cobb Drive
Marietta, Georgia 30060

Farm Service Agency-Carrollton
770-834-2097
408 N. White St.
Carrollton, GA 30117-2441

Rolling Hills RC&D
770-749-0444

UGA Cooperative Extension
8700 Hospital Drive
Douglasville, GA 30134-2286
770-920-7224

Fannin County

Fannin County Farm Bureau
10856 Morganton Highway
Morganton, GA 30560
706-374-4350

Limestone Valley RC&D
706-625-7044

Farm Service Agency-Blairsville
706-745-2012

UGA Cooperative Extension
205 Church Street, Suite 1
Blue Ridge, GA 30513
706-632-3061

Floyd County

Floyd County Farm Bureau

725 E 2nd Ave
Rome, GA 30161
706-291-0577

Rolling Hills RC&D

770-749-0444

UGA Cooperative Extension

12 East 4th Avenue Ste 107
Old Courthouse
Rome, GA 30161-3151
706-295-6210

**USDA Service Center
(Farm Service Agency, NRCS)**

1401 Dean St Ste 1
Rome, GA 30161-6494
706-291-5654

Gilmer County

Gilmer County Farm Bureau

6 South William Sailors Drive
Ellijay, GA 30540-3742
706-276-2226

Limestone Valley RC&D

706-625-7044

UGA Cooperative Extension

1123 Progress Rd.
Suite A
Ellijay, GA 30540
706-635-4426

**USDA Service Center – Blairsville
(Farm Service Agency and NRCS)**

185 Wellborn St
Blairsville, GA 30512-3549
706-745-2012

Gordon County

Gordon County Farm Bureau

487 West Belmont Drive
Calhoun, GA 30701-3043
706-629-3144

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706-625-7044

UGA Cooperative Extension

1 McDaniel Station Road, SW
NW Georgia Experiment Station
Calhoun, GA 30701-3360
706-629-8685

**USDA Service Center- Calhoun
(Farm Service Agency, NRCS)**

706-629-2582
717 S. Wall Street
Calhoun, GA 30701-2615

Haralson County

Haralson County Farm Bureau
4010 Business 27
Buchanan, GA 30113-4300
770-646-3837

UGA Cooperative Extension
4266 Georgia Highway 120
Buchanan, GA 30113-4900
(770) 646-2022

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770-749-0444

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770-834-2097
408 N. White St.
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Heard County Farm Bureau
117 E Court Sq
Franklin, GA 30217
706-675-3416

UGA Cooperative Extension
215 E Court Square
Office #22
Franklin , GA 30217-5661
706-675-3513

Rolling Hills RC&D
770-749-0444

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770-834-2097
408 N. White St.
Carrollton, GA 30117-2441

Murray County

Limestone Valley RC&D
706-625-7044

UGA Cooperative Extension
664 Highway 52
Chatsworth, GA 30705-6648
706-695-3031

Murray County Farm Bureau
319 West Market Street
Chatsworth, GA 30705-2842
(706) 695-7522

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Calhoun, GA 30701-2615

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Farm Service Agency-Carrollton

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Carrollton, GA 30117-2441

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678 South Cobb Drive
Marietta, Georgia 30060

Paulding County Farm Bureau

549 Hardee Street
Dallas, GA 30132-4712
770-445-6681

Rolling Hills RC&D

770-749-0444

UGA Cooperative Extension

530 West Memorial Drive
Dallas, GA 30132
770-443-7616

Pickens County

Limestone Valley RC&D

706-625-7044

Pickens County Farm Bureau

201 S Main St
Jasper, GA 30143
706-692-6457

UGA Cooperative Extension

109 Depot Street
Jasper, GA 30143
706-253-8840

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706-629-2582
717 S. Wall Street
Calhoun, GA 30701-2615

Polk County

Polk County Farm Bureau

121 E. Ware Street
Cedartown, GA 30125
770-748-5641

Rolling Hills RC&D

770-749-0444

UGA Cooperative Extension

20 N Main Street
Cedartown, GA 30125-2926
770-749-2142

**USDA Service Center- Rome
(Farm Service Agency, NRCS)**

1401 Dean St Ste 1
Rome, GA 30161-6494
706-291-5654

Walker County

Limestone Valley RC&D
706-625-7044

UGA Cooperative Extension
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LaFayette, GA 30728-2914
706-638-2548

USDA Service Center- LaFayette
(Farm Service Agency, NRCS)
208 N Duke St
LaFayette, GA 30728-2591
706-638-1558

Walker County Farm Bureau
101 South Cherokee Street
LaFayette, GA 30728
706-638-3237

Whitfield County

USDA Service Center- Calhoun
(Farm Service Agency, NRCS)
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717 S. Wall Street
Calhoun, GA 30701-2615

Limestone Valley RC&D
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Dalton, GA 30720-2699
706-278-8207

Whitfield County Farm Bureau
1509 Chattanooga Rd
Dalton, GA 30720
706-278-9380

Web Resources

American Farmland Trust

www.farmland.org

Georgia Seed Development Commission:

<http://www.gsdc.com/>

Center for Agribusiness and Economic
Development:

www.caed.uga.edu/app

Georgia Conservation Use Assessment:

<https://etax.dor.ga.gov/ptd/cas/cuse/assmt.assx>

Georgia Small Business Development
Center Network:

<http://www.sbdc.uga.edu/>

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/regcomm_wpb.html

Georgia Weather Network:

<http://www.georgiaweather.net/>

Small Farm Extension References:

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/tips/index.htm>

Sustainable Agriculture, Research, and
Education:

<http://www.sare.org/>

National Sustainable Agriculture
Information Service:

<http://attra.ncat.org/>

Georgia Land Trust:

<http://www.galandtrust.org/>

Georgia Pest Management Handbook:

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

Professional Associations:

Georgia Beekeepers Association:

<http://www.gabeekeeping.com/>

Georgia Cattlemen's Association:

<http://www.gabeef.org/>

Georgia Christmas Tree Association

<http://www.gacta.com/index.php>

Georgia Fruit & Vegetable Growers
Association:

<http://www.gfvga.org/>

Southern Highlands Goat Producers
Association:

<http://www.sohighgoats.com/>

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