

Bartow County Quick Facts:

- Bartow County is 470 square miles, has 176,555 acres in forestland and 63,894 acres on 458 family owned farms. Forests and farms cover 80% of the total land area in Bartow.
- The 2017 Bartow County Population was estimated at 105,054 people.
- Bartow has the 24th largest population out of 159 counties in Georgia and is projected to have 143,750 citizens by 2030.
- The total Food & Fiber sector in Bartow employs over 2,020 people with an economic output of \$336 million dollars.

References:

U.S. Census Bureau
<http://factfinder.census.gov>

The Georgia County Guide
Center for Agribusiness &
Economic Development,
University of Georgia
www.countyguide.uga.edu

USDA National Ag Statistics Service
www.nass.usda.gov

UGA Farm Gate Value Survey
<http://farmgate.caes.uga.edu/>

Bartow County Cooperative Extension
www.ugaextension.org/bartow



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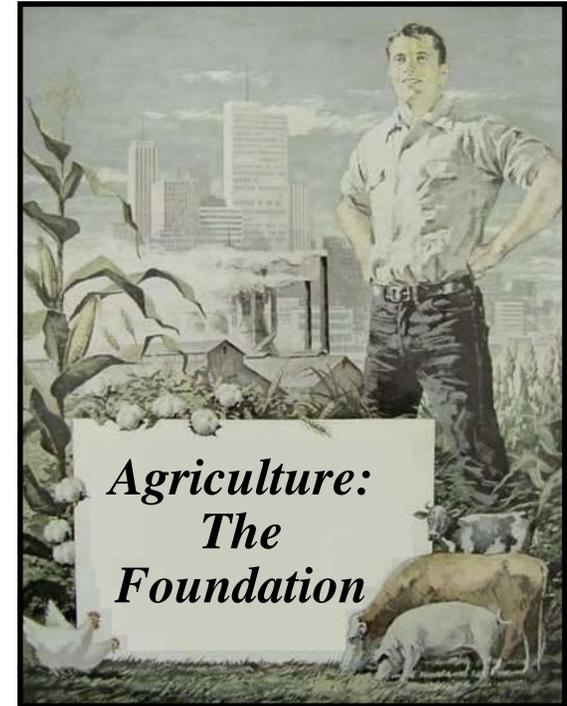
A Salute To Georgia's #1 Commodity: Poultry



The poultry-egg industry adds \$23.3 billion dollars to the Georgia economy each year and contributes over 92,000 jobs. Georgia has led the nation in broiler production for several decades.

Three out of every four counties in Georgia are involved in poultry and egg production. On an average day, Georgia produces 30.4 million pounds of chicken, 7.6 million table eggs and 5.6 million hatching eggs!

Modern breeds of broiler (meat) chickens can grow 4 to 7 pounds in 6 weeks!



Economic Impact of the Agriculture Industry in Bartow County

Agriculture: The Foundation

Bartow County has a strong and diverse agricultural sector which co-exists with a rapidly growing suburban population within its county borders. The 63,894 acres of farmland in Bartow produces a multitude of agricultural products. Bartow County ranks in the top 40 out of 159 counties in Georgia for Total Farm Gate Value.

Poultry is the number one agricultural enterprise in Bartow County. On-farm production is approximately \$49 million dollars. There are currently 172 commercial poultry houses in Bartow County.

Livestock - Beef cattle are a significant part to the agricultural economy with over 22,500 animals on Bartow County farms. Bartow ranks in the top 6 counties in Georgia for livestock production. Goats are a rising commodity in Bartow County along with other livestock such as sheep, swine, alpacas, and honeybees. Livestock production accounts for \$11 million dollars of on farm sales per year.

Equine - Bartow County has a growing recreational horse population. We now have an estimated 1,000 horses valued at over \$3.5 million dollars. There are currently 16 licensed boarding stables in Bartow.

Horticulture is a solid component in Bartow's agricultural production. We have several ornamental nurseries and greenhouses in Bartow with 35 acres of field and container grown plants. Bartow also has over 1,300 acres in commercial turfgrass production. Ornamental plants, turfgrass, and vegetable transplants accounts for over \$16 million dollars in on farm sales. Landscaping businesses generate approximately \$10 million dollars in added value services to parks, recreation, golf, and green industries in Bartow County.

Row and Forage Crops - Bartow is home to one of the last remaining cotton gins in North Georgia. Over 6,800 acres of row crops such as corn, cotton, and soybeans account for \$5 million dollars in annual production value. Forage crops such as wheat, hay, millet, and alfalfa add another \$4.5 million dollars in annual production value.

\$93 Million
*Was generated in 2018 by
Agricultural Industries in
Bartow County.*



Getting Started in Agriculture?

Search UGA for Business Plans and
Feasibility Reports:

www.caes.uga.edu/center/caed

Contact the Farm Service Agency
for Venture Capital or Cost Share
Programs:

www.fsa.usda.gov/

Bartow County's Top 5:

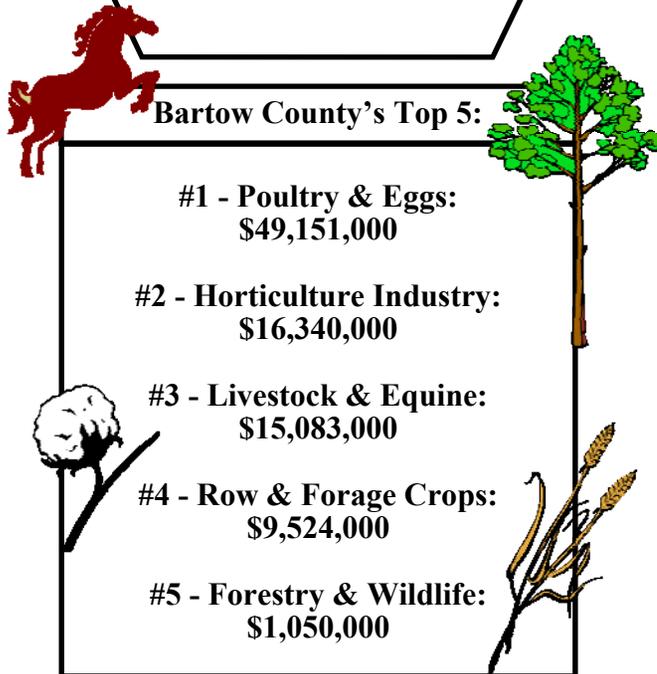
#1 - Poultry & Eggs:
\$49,151,000

#2 - Horticulture Industry:
\$16,340,000

#3 - Livestock & Equine:
\$15,083,000

#4 - Row & Forage Crops:
\$9,524,000

#5 - Forestry & Wildlife:
\$1,050,000



Why Should We Protect our Agricultural Enterprises?

- *Agriculture contributes significantly to the county tax base with the least demand for services.*
- *Agricultural land, forests and urban landscaping provide greenspace for groundwater recharge.*
- *Greenspace helps to filter our air and water pollution.*
- *Many people are moving here to share in the beauty of rural America.*
- *Agriculture provides the plants and animals we enjoy around our homes.*
- *Without food, clothing, and shelter, we cannot meet the greater needs of our modern society.*
- *Agriculture is Georgia's largest industry and arguably the most important industry-we all have to eat!*