



UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA
EXTENSION



BEN HILL

**2020
COUNTY
IN REVIEW**

Georgia 4-H Youth Served: 568

Georgia 4-H enrollment system



**Agriculture, food,
fiber, horticulture
and related
total economic
contribution:**

Jobs: 1,769

**Output:
\$313,707,283**

2020 Ag Snapshots,

*UGA Center for Agribusiness
and Economic Development*

**Farm gate value:
\$47,242,175**

**Top
commodities:**



Broiler-grower



Peanuts



Cotton

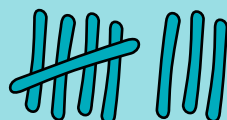
*2018 Georgia Farm Gate
Value Report,
UGA Center for Agribusiness
and Economic Development*

**Georgia health
factors ranking: 152/159**

*2019 County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, University of Wisconsin
Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*

Population: 16,700

*2019 Georgia population estimates,
Georgia Governor's Office of Planning and Budget*



**EXTENSION
COVID
RESPONSE**

UGA Extension has provided online educational programming, consultations and essential lab services during the COVID-19 pandemic. We offer online resources for adults and 4-H

youth on health, food, finances, parenting, agriculture and more. Learn more at:

extension.uga.edu/emergencies

4-H youth and family engagement

In 2020, our staff responded to the needs of 4-H'ers and their families with innovation and imagination. Statewide programs included virtual 4-H Environmental Education and hundreds of live and on-demand resources such as the Zoom into Science series that connected youth to STEM researchers. Local clubs offered online and hands-on programming and virtual club meetings to keep youth engaged.

Agriculture, food and gardening

To address the pandemic's negative impact on agriculture and the food supply chain, Extension used its network of county offices to connect agricultural producers with consumers looking for fresh, Georgia-grown products. Extension staff shared COVID safety procedures with families and farm workers and implemented socially distant agricultural sample testing. Agents and Master Gardener Extension Volunteers offered numerous resources for residents inspired to grow their own fruits and vegetables at home.

Health and home

When COVID-19 was recognized as a global pandemic, Extension faculty and staff immediately collaborated to communicate research-based information to Georgians about sanitization, takeout food, home and commercial food safety, stress mitigation, personal finance and more. Extension reached record numbers of clients by quickly transitioning to virtual education, sharing timely content through webinars, publications, videos and fact sheets on our website and social media channels. were shared through our website and social media.

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UGA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

FAST FACTS

UGA Extension translates the science of everyday living for families, farmers and communities to foster a healthy and prosperous Georgia.



Working in local communities for a better Georgia from the ground up

Agriculture & Natural Resources

132 agents

605,407 face-to-face contacts

51,116 on-site consultations

107,739 diagnostic tests by agricultural & environmental services labs

4,044 programs

2,270 Master Gardener Extension Volunteers

Family & Consumer Sciences

52 agents

279,694 face-to-face contacts

2,625 programs

645 ServSafe® certificates issued

12,237 nutrition education program participants

2,066 volunteers

4-H Youth

116 agents

1,136,018 face-to-face contacts

190,617 4-H'ers

21,213 programs

109,652 visitors to 4-H centers

3,957 teen and adult volunteers

