### **Chattooga County**

In 2024, Chattooga County 4–H expanded its reach through in–school programming, student competitions, and community engagement. A total of 246 youth participated in district, state, or national competitive events, with 92% placing in the top three spots. The 4–H program also secured a \$7,000 grant to cover some costs. Collaborations with Master Gardener Extension volunteers and local schools enhanced the impact of our youth programming efforts. The Expanded Food and Nutrition Program reached over 1,000 people, reporting that 92% of participants have made a positive life change to become healthier. Volunteers donated 1,678 service hours for an in–kind value of \$60,408 to Chattooga County.

#### extension.uga.edu/Chattooga

## A healthy Georgia is a better Georgia.

University of Georgia Cooperative Extension offers programming focused on mental health, financial well-being, nutrition and everything in between. UGA Extension had 1,756,355 face-to-face contacts in 2024. Of these, 200,067 contacts addressed health and wellness topics, including rural and farm stress.

Extension is committed to helping rural Georgia farmers and families thrive. UGA Extension provides physical and mental health resources to keep rural Georgia growing stronger, especially when times are tough. Our new Behavioral Health Team provides fact sheets, trainings and a weekly blog—all to help Georgia individuals and families thrive.

#### **Growing cities.**

UGA Extension helps urban gardeners develop school gardens, community gardens and urban farms to benefit their communities. Extension works with educators to create sustainable outdoor classrooms that function as successful teaching tools. Community gardeners are supported in growing healthy food crops in small spaces while urban farmers are encouraged to apply the latest agricultural research to grow their businesses.

## Committed to Georgia's youth.

Georgia's 4-H enrolled 193,518 youths across the state during the 2023-24 school year.

County farm gate value:

\$65,326,015

Top commodities:

Broilers
Layers – Table egg
production
Beef Cows

2025 Georgia Ag Impact Report UGA Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development



#### Get the facts.

UGA Extension publications are the go-to source for unbiased, research-based information in the state of Georgia.

An Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Veteran, Disability Institution.





# *2025* **FAST FACTS**

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

agents across 159 counties trained volunteers







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

1,756,355

FACE-TO-FACE **CONTACTS WITH GEORGIANS MADE IN FISCAL YEAR 2024** 

31,700

**PROGRAMS** TEACH, LEAD **AND HELP GEORGIANS LIVE BETTER LIVES** 

1.285

**PUBLICATIONS BASED ON LEADING** RESEARCH

2,565,072 visits to publication webpages

199,306 publication downloads

257,807 visits to CAES Newswire

**AGRICULTURE AND** NATURAL RESOURCES



141 agents



466,550 face-to-face contacts



38,504 on-site consultations



133,034 diagnostic tests by agricultural & environmental services labs



4,064 programs



Master Gardener **Extension Volunteers**  4-H YOUTH



129 agents



1,179,147 face-to-face contacts



193,518 4-H'ers



23,798 programs



88,959 visitors to 4-H centers



6,564 teen and adult volunteers

**FAMILY AND** CONSUMER SCIENCES



62 agents



200,067 face-to-face contacts



3,410 programs



617 ServSafe® certificates issued



nutrition education program participants



1,930 volunteers

All data from FY2024







