



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
EXTENSION



Columbia County

Columbia County boasts a thriving agricultural sector, ranking among Georgia's top 10 in ornamental horticulture production. This success is reflected in strong community interest, as evidenced by the over 5,600 inquiries addressed by the county's Agriculture and Natural Resources agent. Even more encouraging is the success of Columbia County's 4-H program, which has defied statewide trends with notable growth in middle-school participation, nearly doubling its membership. This youth engagement extends to the LifeSmarts teams, and Columbia County hosted the district's largest number of middle school summer campers. This resurgence signals a bright future for 4-H in Columbia County.

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County farm gate value:

\$118,268,168

Top commodities:

**Greenhouse
Timber
Field Nursery**

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

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.



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.

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.





2025 FAST FACTS

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

332 agents
across 159 counties

ASSISTED BY

10,530
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


2,036
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


24,376
nutrition education
program participants


1,930
volunteers

All data from FY2024