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Echols County

Issues ranging from low commodity prices to hurricanes have contributed to the unsettling number of cases of depression and suicide among American farmers. As a result, UGA Extension and the Echols County Extension office have begun offering training on rural stress and mental health and resources to producers. Echols County 4-H has a strong delegation of youth who attend summer camp annually. Forty-one students in 4th–6th grades spent a week on Jekyll Island gaining independence and developing a strong sense of belonging. Of those participating, 32% were Hispanic, representing a 50% increase in the number of Hispanic children attending camp, showing a positive impact from our Hispanic Youth Programing.

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County farm gate value:

$156,428,294

Top commodities:

Bell Peppers
Other Vegetables
Squash

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.

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.

Get the facts.

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

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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

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