AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Glynn County serves as a destination for tourists and retirees. The UGA Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources agent provides fact-based information for urban gardeners and landscapers. Soil and water samples, site and workshops are a valuable service to the community. Glynn County relies on the Extension agent for turf and tree expertise.

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
The Glynn County 4-H Club continues to grow and serve our community. The program currently reaches close to 1,000 fifth-graders in all 10 elementary schools. Meetings are held in all Glynn County middle schools, with an active middle-school club that meets in the office. This year, Glynn County 4-H offered to support our elementary schools by assisting teachers with field trips that supported classes taught by 4-H staff in the classroom. Evaluations from students who were provided both the 4-H lessons and a field trip yielded higher scores than those from students who were not taken on a field trip. The value of 4-H-assisted school field trips appeared beneficial to student understanding of the lesson. Glynn County 4-H offers many STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) lessons, which are appreciated by our teachers. A teacher and mentor at Altama Elementary School commented, “I both enjoy and appreciate the Glynn County 4-H program. (They) bring exciting and engaging lessons and activities to our students at Altama that expose them to a wealth of information in all aspects of STEM. Both ladies are very knowledgeable and bring a vibrant energy with every visit!”

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES
Glynn County Extension’s Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) program provides research-based information on food and nutrition, food safety, food preservation, financial management, housing, positive youth development and healthy relationships to a wide variety of audiences. Glynn County Extension delivers free nutrition education through the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program (EFNEP). Federal, state and local resources merge to reach families with children and youth. EFNEP successfully delivers a series of educational nutrition programs, which give participants the opportunity to develop skills, increase knowledge, influence changes in behavior and impact their daily lives. Food demonstrations and taste-testing encourage clients to sample and prepare new foods.
Agriculture & Natural Resources

Goods and services related to Georgia’s agriculture and natural resources affect each of the state’s communities every day. Agriculture is Georgia’s largest industry, and its direct and indirect economic impact totals $73.7 billion. More than 392,400 Georgia jobs are directly involved in commodity or food- and fiber-related industries.

UGA Extension faculty and staff play a key role in the success of this industry by sharing university-based research for Georgians to use on the farm and at home. Recommendations in areas including soil fertility, pest management, plant and crop varieties, water quality, and herd health and management focus on maximizing production and profits while minimizing environmental impacts.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension agents also provide homeowners and communities with information on lawn care, landscaping, gardening and water conservation through a variety of workshops. Some agents also work with schools on projects like community gardens and farm-to-school programs. Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteers give thousands of hours of service to their communities by answering questions in county offices and creating educational opportunities.

4-H Youth Development

As the youth development program of UGA Extension, 4-H is also part of a national network. Georgia 4-H reaches more than 170,000 fourth- through 12th-grade students across the state and helps students develop the knowledge, life skills and attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. This mission is fulfilled through hands-on learning experiences in agricultural and environmental awareness, leadership, communication skills, citizenship, energy conservation, health, and food and nutrition.

Georgia 4-H’ers are well-known for sharing their knowledge and volunteering throughout their communities. At the school and county levels, students participate in club meetings organized by 4-H Youth Development Extension agents. At the state level, students participate in competitions, summer camps and conferences. Some 4-H competitions and events are also offered at the regional and national levels.

Research indicates that, as a result of participating in 4-H, members are more engaged in their academic studies, less likely to be involved in risky behavior, and more likely to graduate from high school and continue their education.

Family & Consumer Sciences

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension specialists, agents and staff assist in addressing real-life issues faced by Georgians of all ages. They provide programs and the latest information on obesity, chronic disease, food and financial insecurity, family stresses, unhealthy housing, food safety and preservation, nutrition and more.

To help promote the positive development and safety of preschool, school-aged and adolescent youth, UGA Extension offers resources for parents, caregivers and others. Extension professionals in this program area lead consumer economics trainings and programs such as ServSafe®, Relationship Smarts, and PRIDE, a parent and teen driving education course.

Extension also promotes healthy lifestyles through statewide programs. Walk Georgia is a virtual, fitness-tracking resource that encourages physical fitness and healthy lifestyles to better the lives of Georgians. Other health programs managed by UGA include the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed). These classes teach families how to stretch their food dollars, eat healthier meals and snacks, and reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses.

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