UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA EXTENSION

Union County

County farm gate value:

$35,180,357.39

2026 Georgia Ag Impact Report
UGA Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development

Top commodities:

Greenhouse
Beef Cows
Grapes

In 2025, Union County Extension led projects reflecting the county's agricultural diversity. Vineyard research evaluated leaf damage when copper is applied in warm conditions. Sorghum trials tested new aphid-resistant lines and assessed juice quality. An on-farm field corn trial evaluated yield and potential for improvement. The countywide hay survey helped producers prepare for winter amid concerns about poor hay quality. At Reece Farm, Extension continued efforts to restore native plants, remove invasive species and stabilize Wolf Creek. A farmers market customer survey provided valuable data to guide county management decisions. The Master Gardener program also grew, welcoming 13 new members. Altogether, Master Gardeners contributed nearly 5,000 volunteer hours, supporting horticulture education and community initiatives across Union County.

Union County 4-H was busy at work with tons of fun activities and educational events. During the summer, youth participated in events like the Len Foote Hike Inn hike, sewing club, pickleball camp and a variety of residential camps for fourth through 12th graders. With over 700 students served in Union County's in-school programming, fourth through sixth graders participated in a variety of hands-on learning activities from elephant toothpaste to DIY flashlights! Union County 4-H's competition teams, such as Poultry Judging and Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging performed well, with some students placing top in the competitions. The SAFE shooting sports have demonstrated excellence through their various competitions, including BB, modified trap, and trap, skeet, and sporting clays.

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