



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA  
**EXTENSION**



# Wheeler County

Wheeler County Extension/4-H has grown at a steady rate over the past few years. The 4-H program offers students in grades 4-12 many in-school and after-school opportunities to serve their community, better themselves, and participate in new experiences. Public speaking is one of those opportunities; in the 4-H world, we call it District Project Achievement. There has been a noticeable growth in interest in public speaking, which will equip 4-H'ers with lifelong skills for their various careers and endeavors. Our shooting sports program has grown significantly with the addition of a BB team. With help from the Laurens County Handicapped Sportsman Association, we are excited to see what our shotgun team will accomplish in their second year!

[extension.uga.edu/Wheeler](https://extension.uga.edu/Wheeler)

County farm gate value:

**\$45,069,248**

Top commodities:

**Timber**  
**Cotton**  
**Watermelons**

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