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Pork Month

Pork Facts

- The average American will eat the equivalent of 28 pigs in their lifetime.
- Pork tenderloin cuts are almost as lean as skinless chicken breasts.
- Pork is by far the most widely consumed meat, in the world.
- During the War of 1812, a packer named Uncle Sam Wilson sent off several hundred barrels of pork for the troops. Each package was labeled 'U.S.' and it didn't take long for 'Uncle Sam' to be a household name for the government.
- Ham is the number one sandwich eaten in U.S. households.
- Pigs were the first domesticated animal.
- Pigs exist on every continent except for Antarctica.
- A pig can run a mile in seven minutes.
- Pigs have more taste buds than humans. A pig has 15,000 taste buds while humans only have 9,000.
- Pigs can drink up to 14 gallons of water every day.
- Insulin and more than 40 other medicines are made from pigs.
- Biological (tissue) valves are taken from pigs to replace damaged human heart valves.
- Pigs are third in line of intelligence, behind apes and dolphins.
- Sow pregnancy typically lasts 114 days, 3 months-3 weeks-3 days.



Journeyman Farmer

Across the United States and in Georgia, the number of small and medium-sized farms is declining and the average age of farmers is on the rise.

Although we need new farmers, the barriers would-be farmers face when trying to grow new agricultural businesses from the ground up can be formidable.

UGA Extension and partners

has developed a new Journeyman Farmer Certificate Program to provide a comprehensive training program for beginning farmers.

This project is funded by USDA, NIFA, Beginning Farmer Rancher Development Program and includes Small Farm Business Planning and Small Ruminants Production.

We will be holding this pro-

gram in November in Crawford County.

The Small Business Program will be held on 11/9/2018 and the Small Ruminants Production Program will be held on 11/15-17/2018.

Contact Crawford County Extension with any questions:

(478)836-3121



"Think P.I.G. - that's my motto. P stands for Persistence, I stands for Integrity, and G stands for Guts. These are the ingredients for a successful business and a successful life."

- LINDA CHANDLER



Ag Hero Spotlight

The largest pork producer in the United States is **Smithfield Foods, Inc.**

Smithfield is a meat-processing company, founded in 1936. It started in Smithfield, Virginia, where Joseph W. Luther and his son created a small family owned company.

The company is now the largest pig and pork producer in the world.

Smithfield's claim to fame was their "Genuine Smith-

field Ham" that had a unique curing process and handcrafted approach. It won world wide acclaim as the centerpiece of holiday meals and other special occasions.

They now have many pork products including: bacon, pork loins, pork chops, ham steaks, ground pork, sausage, lunchmeat and more. They have even recently created anytime favorites like, frozen

breakfast sausage and pre-marinated pork tenderloin.

In 2016, Smithfield had 50,200 individuals employed by the company. Those jobs ranged from hog farmers to meat fabrication specialists.

The company alone owns 500 hog facilities and contracts with another 2,000 independent farms. It is also reported to have the worlds largest pork processing facility , harvesting 32,000 pigs per day.

Upcoming Events

The **Georgia National Fair** kicks-off on October 4, 2018. This year both Upson and Lamar have kids participating in the Heifer Show, Lamb Show, Hog Show and Working the Baby Barn Exhibit. You can find information about the fair on their website.

www.georgianationalfair.com

We will be having another **Lunch 'N Learn** at the Barnesville-Lamar Library on October 15, 2018 from 10:30am-12:30pm. Be on the lookout for information about the lesson on our website, Facebook page, in the newspapers and through our email listserv.

RSVP by October 12, 2018

The Sunbelt Expo will be October 16th through 17th, in Moultrie, GA. It will be a

great event with lots to see. If you have any questions on the event you can call the County Extension Office or visit their website.

<http://sunbeltexpo.com>

The Towaliga Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting another **Beef Cattle Field Day** in Butts County on October 23, 2018. The event will discuss many topics including heifer development, breeding development, conservation practices, etc. One hour of pesticide credit will available. You must register by October 16th, as there are only 75 seats. Register by email or phone:

sharon.burns@gacd.us
or
(770)358-0787 ex. 3

Both Upson and Lamar are having a **pecan fundraiser**. All proceeds go to the 4H program. If you are interested contact the offices.

The Upson Extension Office will have **Extension Holiday DIY** (craft days) on November 2nd and 30th. Be on the lookout for information on price of materials and what we will be crafting. You must RSVP by the designated date for each event to ensure a spot. Watch on our website, Facebook page, in the newspapers and through our email listserv.

*****If you are not already on our email listserv in either office, contact the secretary and she will get you put on it.**

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 LNL 10:30a-12:30p (Lamar)	16	17	18	19	20 Spook-tacular Thomaston Square 12p-8p
21	22	23 Cattle Field Day (Butts)	24	25 Pecan Fundraiser Sales Due	26	27
28	29	30	31			

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Extension Holiday DIY 3PM (Upson)	3
4	5	6	7	8 MGCA Ladies Night (Upson)	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Journeyman Farmer (Small Ruminant) Crawford County	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Extension Holiday DIY 3PM (Upson)	

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AG Comic of the Month

