

Survey seeks input from Georgia farmers on economic conditions

The Georgia Foundation for Agriculture (GFA), Georgia Farm Bureau (GFB), and the University of Georgia College of Public Health have partnered to launch the Georgia Farm Profitability Survey, a statewide effort to measure the economic challenges facing Georgia farmers. The survey is designed to collect Georgia-specific data directly from farmers to better understand the factors affecting profitability and identify opportunities to strengthen agriculture statewide. Findings will help inform future communications, grassroots engagement, and policy discussions while providing credible, research-backed data to support advocacy efforts on behalf of Georgia agriculture. "We know Georgia farmers are facing significant challenges, and we want to hear directly from them," said Georgia Farm Bureau President Tom McCall. "This survey will help us better understand the issues affecting profitability so we can focus our efforts where they will make the greatest impact for Georgia's farm families." The anonymous survey will be open to all Georgia farmers from July 1 through July 31. It takes about 10 minutes to complete. Visit <https://www.gafoundation.org/ga-farm-profitability-survey> to take the survey. The project is funded by the GFA. Research oversight and analysis are being led collaboratively by Dr. Christina Proctor, researcher with the University of Georgia College of Public Health, and Dr. Stephanie Basey, founder of The Hive Research Collective and a research consultant working with the GFA. GFB is coordinating statewide promotion and survey distribution with support from agricultural industry partners to encourage participation from farmers across Georgia. Following the survey period, the data will be analyzed. GFA and GFB will develop a report highlighting key results, which will help inform future agricultural initiatives, communication efforts, and advocacy priorities, including the ongoing Strong Farms Strong Georgia campaign. Visit www.gfb.org/strong-farms-strong-georgia-initiative to learn more about the campaign and to access resources farmers and agribusinesses can use to educate consumers.

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“Be still, and know that I am God.”
Psalm 46:10 (NIV)

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—James Stone

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