### **Stephens County**

Agriculture is our driving economic force in Stephens County, with poultry production as the top contributor (\$68M). Agritourism is our fastest growing sector. We provide unbiased, research-based information to agricultural producers, residents and businesses related to water management, home gardening, vegetable production, native plants, wildlife and pasture and livestock management. This year, Stephens County 4-H focused on Healthy Living, one of National 4-H mission mandates, addressing youth tobacco, alcohol, vaping and drug usage through a 4-H Health Rocks Mini Day Camp. The classes focused on helping youth make healthy decisions, set goals, stress reduction, and nutrition. Keeping 4-H youth on a healthy pathway is critical in preventing youth substance abuse.

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County economic output:

\$232,989,180

County farm gate value:

\$85,201,873

County jobs in agriculture:

565

Top commodities:

Broilers, Beef Cows, Layers- Table Egg Production

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## 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 1,808,305 face-to-face contacts in 2023. Of these, 170,771 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 173,505 youths across the state during the 2022-23 school year.



#### Get the facts.

UGA Extension publications are the go-to source for unbiased, research-based information in the state of Georgia.





# 2024 **FAST FACTS**

**UGA** Extension translates the science of everyday living for families, farmers and communities to foster a healthy and prosperous Georgia.

agents across 159 counties 0,009 trained volunteers







Working in local communities for a better Georgia from the ground up

1,808,305

FACE-TO-FACE **CONTACTS WITH GEORGIANS** MADE IN FISCAL **YEAR 2023** 

26,917

**PROGRAMS** TEACH, LEAD AND HELP **GEORGIANS LIVE BETTER LIVES** 

1337

**PUBLICATIONS BASED ON LEADING** RESEARCH

2,361,297 visits to publication webpages

195,575 publication downloads

487,584 visits to CAES Newswire

**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES** 



141 agents



424,050 face-to-face contacts



40,961 on-site consultations



123,525 diagnostic tests by agricultural & environmental services labs



4,840 programs



Master Gardener **Extension Volunteers**  4-H YOUTH



129 agents



1,183,125 face-to-face contacts



173,505



19,245 programs



92,733 visitors to 4-H centers



6,255 teen and adult volunteers

**FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES** 



61 agents



170,771 face-to-face contacts



3,298 programs



648 ServSafe® certificates issued



22,912 nutrition education program participants



1.792 volunteers

All data from FY2023







