

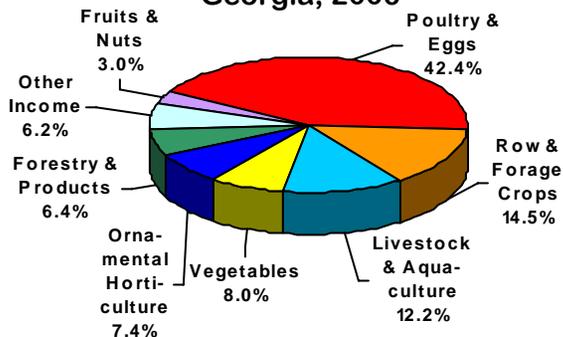
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Food and Fiber Production Value Georgia, 2006



Total Farm Gate Value = \$10.4 billion
Source: 2006 Georgia Farm Gate Value Survey



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Economic Importance of Livestock and Aquaculture in Georgia

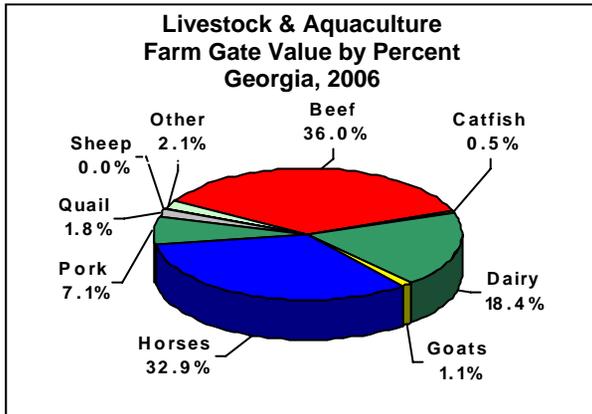


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“Adding Value to Georgia’s Agricultural Economy Through Research and Extension”

Georgia's Livestock & Aquaculture Industry

The livestock and aquaculture industry is dynamic in Georgia. Livestock has long been an important component of Georgia's agricultural economy. Though beef, dairy and pork remain the top livestock commodities, raising and breeding horses has become a significant industry. Additionally, there has been increased interest in goat, quail, and catfish production.

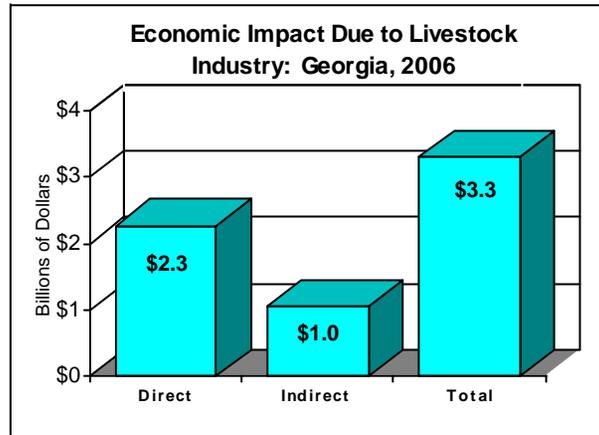


GEORGIA LIVESTOCK FACTS:

- The livestock & aquaculture commodity group had a total farm gate value of \$1.3 billion in 2006.
- Beef, horse, and dairy production all rank in the Top Ten for farm gate value among all agricultural commodities in the state.
- Half of all Georgia farms have cattle and calves and are located throughout all regions of the state. (2002 U.S. Census of Agriculture)
- The farm gate value of goat production has more than doubled since 1999.

OUTPUT IMPACT

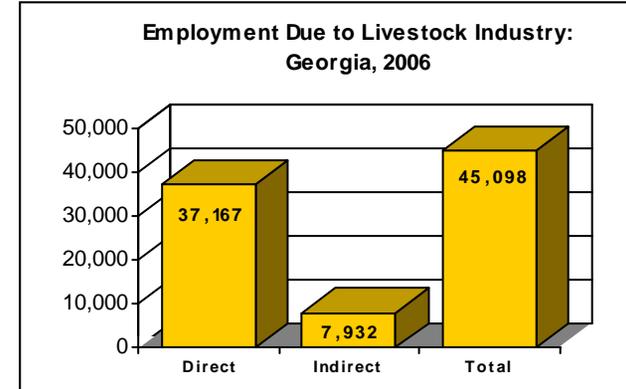
- ⇒ Livestock producers and processors create **direct** sales of \$2.3 billion.
- ⇒ These sales, in turn, generate additional sales in the state economy, creating another \$1 billion of **indirect** economic impact.



- ⇒ Livestock and aquaculture production generates a total economic impact of \$3.3 billion for the State of Georgia.

EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

- ⇒ Livestock industry producers and processors **directly** employ 37,167 workers in Georgia which include full-time and part-time jobs.
- ⇒ **Indirect** employment (those relying on the livestock industry) provides an additional 7,932 jobs. This group includes those who provide inputs to livestock such as feed and animal health supplies. Increased wage spending creates jobs in other sectors, such as retail sales and health services.



- ⇒ A **total** of 45,098 jobs are created due to the livestock and aquaculture industry in Georgia.

STUDY METHODOLOGY

- ⇒ This study used an input-output model called IMPLAN to determine the effects of the livestock industry in Georgia.
- ⇒ Data used came from IMPLAN as well as from the **2006 Farm Gate Value Report**. Production includes the major industrial sectors included in this series. Processing includes all industries which rely directly on the production of agricultural products in Georgia.



2006 Livestock & Aquaculture Farm Gate Value by County

