



Message from the Commissioner



Thank you for your interest in the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA). The GDA is the oldest department of Agriculture in the U.S. Established in 1874, the GDA was originally founded to promote agriculture, gather information on crop acreage, markets and prices, and to inspect oil and fertilizer sold in Georgia.

Since that time, however, the GDA has grown tremendously and now administers a wide variety of programs; all with the goal of maintaining Georgia's most vital industry while protecting the public. The GDA administers over 25 programs, including licensing and inspecting all food sales establishments, pet stores, stables, gasoline pumps, pesticide dealers, structural pest control operators, dairies, and slaughter houses.

Currently the GDA has over 600 employees and constantly strives to provide a positive and supportive environment. We appreciate all backgrounds, values and skills that our employees bring to the GDA. The GDA has jobs ranging from administrative support personnel to field inspectors, chemists and scientists, in areas varying from marketing, communications, plant protection, meat inspection, information technology, animal industry, animal health, livestock and poultry, food safety, pest control, and agriculture inputs.

Agriculture remains Georgia's largest industry, generating more than \$70 billion per year. Although society is ever-changing, farming still remains the foundation of the state's economic well-being. I invite you to apply for a job with the GDA and become involved in Georgia's number one industry.

Best regards,


Gary W. Black
Commissioner

Office Locations



Internships

Internships are available in all divisions of the Department. To apply for an internship, please submit a cover letter, resume and a 1-3 page writing sample and the division you are interested in to internships@agr.georgia.gov. Additional internship information can be found on our website at agr.georgia.gov

The State Benefits Package

Retirement:

For new employees, the Georgia State Employee's Pension & Savings Plan is made up of a defined benefit pension plan and a 401(K) plan with a matching employer contribution.

You can elect to participate in the following:

Health Insurance:

The Georgia Department of Community Health is the state's administrator of health insurance coverage for state employees. This coverage is known as the "State Health Benefit Plan."

Flexible Benefits:

The State of Georgia provides the option to enroll in many different types of benefits, including: Dental Insurance, Vision Coverage, Health Care Spending Account, Dependent Child Care Spending Account, Employee/Spouse/Child Life Insurance, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, Specified Illness Coverage, Short Term Disability, Long Term Disability, Legal Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance.

How to Apply for a Job

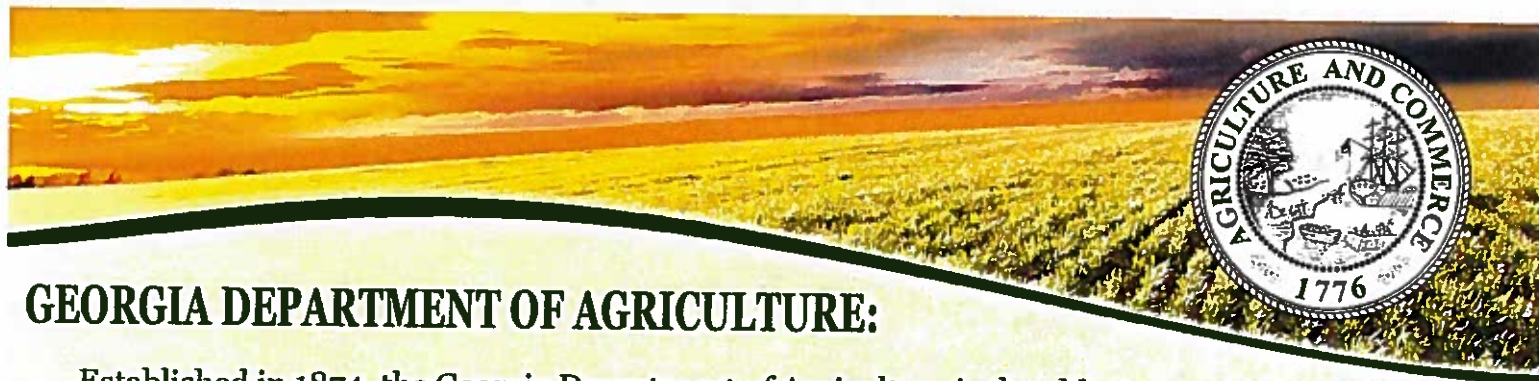
You may apply for a position with the Georgia Department of Agriculture by:

- Applying online: <http://www.careers.ga.gov>
- Mailing a completed State of Georgia application and resume to
Georgia Department of Agriculture
Personnel Office, Room 300
19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
- Faxing or emailing a completed State of Georgia application and resume to (404) 463-8196; or GDAPersonnel@agr.georgia.gov.

Please reference the job title and position number when applying. For more information, contact the Personnel Section at (404) 656-3615.

All qualified applicants will be considered, but may not necessarily receive an interview. No notification will be sent to applicants except those who are selected for interviews.

The Georgia Department of Agriculture is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:

Established in 1874, the Georgia Department of Agriculture is the oldest agriculture department in the nation. The Department originally was founded to promote agriculture, gather information on crop acreage, markets and prices and inspect oil and fertilizer sold in Georgia. Today, the Department does that and so much more.

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Our Divisions:

Food Safety

The Food Safety Division ensures the safety of the food supply in Georgia. The Food Safety Division is divided into: retail food, manufactured food, regulatory affairs, compliance and enforcement, including recall and epidemiological support, as well as poultry grading.

Fuel and Measures

Through regulatory inspections, the Fuel and Measures Division protects consumers by verifying the accuracy of weights and measures used in commercial transactions and the quality and quantity of motor fuels.

Animal Industry

The Animal Industry Division controls and prevents animal disease in Georgia. This division consists of veterinarians, field inspectors, program managers and support staff, and includes animal health, livestock poultry field forces, companion animal, meat inspection, and livestock poultry news.

Constituent Services

The Constituent Services Division is responsible for public affairs, public relations, the press office, outreach, policy, and the Farmers and Consumer Market Bulletin, which is a bi-monthly resource for all things related to Georgia agriculture.

Administration & Inspector General

The Administration Division handles all administrative functions for the Department including consumer services, information technology, licensing, facilities, mail, courier services and finance, which includes accounting, budgeting, procurement and vehicle fleet management. The Inspector General oversees the emergency management program, internal investigations, grants, legal services and the personnel office.

Plant Industry

The Plant Industry Division oversees the Agriculture Inputs and Plant Protection sections which consists of pesticide, seed, feed and fertilizer, structural pest control, plant protection and the organic certification program.

Marketing

The Marketing Division promotes the sale of Georgia's agricultural commodities in the United States and abroad via the operation of several programs, nine State Farmers Markets and the Georgia Grown Program.

Laboratories

The Laboratory section provides analytical services to support the regulatory activities of the Department including: Food Microbiology and Dairy, Food Chemistry and Pesticide Residue, Feed and Fertilizer and Pesticide Formulation, Soil Termiticide, Treated Wood, Use/Misuse, and Groundwater.

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