

# GEORGIA AGRICULTURE WEEK



## 2026 Georgia Ag Week Photo Contest Guidelines

### OVERVIEW

Georgia Ag Week will be Monday, March 23, to Sunday, March 29, 2026. Join us in showcasing the many hard-working people who make up our agriculture community by submitting a photo showcasing the faces of farmers who provide the food and fiber in our daily lives.

### CONTEST TIMELINE

Photo submissions begin on March 16, 2026, and the deadline for submissions is March 30, 2026, at 5 PM.

### CATEGORIES

Category	Description
Faces of Agriculture	Capture the heart of Georgia agriculture through the people who make it thrive. Whether it's a seasoned farmer tending to their crops, a child experiencing their first harvest, or a multi-generational family working together, this category highlights the hardworking individuals behind our state's #1 industry.
Open Pastures & Growing Fields	We're convinced that Georgia's agricultural lands combined are the 8th wonder of the world! Show off Georgia's breathtaking agricultural landscapes, from rolling pastures dotted with grazing cattle to endless rows of peach orchards, pecan groves, cotton fields, and blueberry farms.
Urban Agriculture	This category celebrates agriculture in city and suburban environments, including but not limited to community gardens, rooftop farms, backyard livestock, raised beds, and city farmers markets. Photos should highlight how agriculture thrives in urban areas and/or the connection between urban communities and agriculture.
Youth Photography	This category is just for photographers ages 17 and under! Share your unique perspective on Georgia agriculture, whether it's a favorite farm animal, a hands-on experience at a school garden, or the simple joy of planting something new. Let your creativity shine!
Tools of the Trade	Agriculture wouldn't be possible without the hardworking hands and essential equipment that keep farms and agribusinesses running. Think weathered tractors, greenhouses, welding machines, gloves, wheelbarrows, and close-ups of hands at work. Capture the tools and technology that help produce the food, fiber, and goods we rely on every day.

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### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The contest is open to all residents of Georgia.
- LIMIT 5 entries per person.
- Photos must have been taken on or after March 25, 2025.
- No print or film is permitted.
- Each entry should contain the following information in the description:
  - Title of the photo
  - Date and location of photo
  - A brief (1-3 sentences) description of the photo.
- Recommended Sizing: minimum 1 MB
- Only high-resolution .jpeg, .jpg or .png file formats will be accepted for judging.
- A photo release waiver must be signed for any photograph chosen as a winner.
- Photos submitted will be added to a portfolio of pictures for departmental use. Photos may be used to celebrate and promote Georgia's agriculture. Not all images submitted will be used.
- Photos must be submitted by March 30, 2026, by 5 PM.

### JUDGING

Georgia Department of Agriculture staff members, including Commissioner Tyler J Harper, will review entries. Photographs will be judged on creativity, originality, and the quality of the image. The Georgia Department of Agriculture reserves the right to remove any entries which do not meet contest rules and criteria.

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Images will not be returned, and each photo submitted comes with full and exclusive rights to print the photo, without credit, in Georgia Department of Agriculture literature and electronic media and without further obligation to the photographer or those people who have their persons, property or items pictured.

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### CONTEST WINNERS

A winner will be selected from each category. Winners will be announced on Georgia Grown social media platforms in the weeks following the 2026 Georgia Ag Week. Winners will be notified via email.

For each photo chosen, the winning photographer will be asked to have a [Photo Release waiver](#) signed by any individuals in the photo authorizing the Georgia Department of Agriculture to use and/or reproduce the photo. In addition, winning photographers will be asked to have a [Photo Release waiver](#) signed by any private property owner (if not owned by photographer) to use the property image in the photo and authorizing the Georgia Department of Agriculture the right to use and/or reproduce the photo.