



2011 Economic Impact Survey on Farms and Rural Communities

The Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association is asking for your assistance to provide crop production data related to your 2011 spring/ summer harvest. GFVGA has commissioned the University of Georgia - Center for Agribusiness Development to study the data we collect and analyze the economic impact of the 2011 spring/summer harvest on our farms and rural communities. In addition, the study will estimate the economic impact on local and state tax revenues from the purchase of goods and services during the harvest season.

No farms will be identified individually in the survey results. All data will be reported collectively.

We express our appreciation to you in advance for your help. This is critical information to evaluate the economic impact experienced by Georgia's fruit and vegetable industry in 2011. In this survey you will be asked to complete a set of 28 questions for each of the fruit and/or vegetable crops you grew during the spring/summer of 2011.

Thank you for your assistance.

Should you have questions, contact the GFVGA office at 1-877-99GFVGA. Please return the completed survey via fax to 706-883-8215 or mail to GFVGA, PO Box 2945, LaGrange, GA 30241

Completing the contact information below is voluntary and will be maintained as strictly confidential.

If you do not feel comfortable sharing this information, please provide at least a phone number so we may contact you if we have a question concerning your data.

Name: _____

Farm: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County of Residence: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Did you use H2A in the spring of 2011? YES NO

Have you used H2A in previous years? YES NO

If yes – please list the years you used H2A. _____

CROP (1): _____ County(ies) in which you grow Crop (1) : _____

___ YES ___ NO Did you have a problem securing adequate labor to harvest / pack this crop in the spring/summer of 2011?

Over the last 2-5 years (2007-2010) please provide an estimated average for each of the items so a historical basis can be established. If this crop is harvested in both the Spring and the Fall, use your Spring crop numbers.

The following 6 questions are historical and should report data prior to 2011 (for crops from 2007-2010)

- _____ 1. Number of years this crop has been planted on your farm: 1yr / 2 yrs./ 3 yrs./ 4 yrs./ 5 yrs or more.
- _____ 2. Average number of Acres of this crop in production each spring.
- \$ _____/A 3. Average input cost per acre of this crop prior to harvest/packing prior to 2011.
(this includes fertilizer, labor, pesticides, stakes, string, irrigation costs, etc)
- \$ _____/A 4. Average cost per acre of crop harvest/packing prior to 2011.
- _____/A 5. Average yield per acre of this crop in your standard measurement prior to 2011. (lbs/A, boxes/A, bins/A, etc)
- _____/A 6. Average price received for this crop based on standard measurement prior to 2011. (lbs/a, boxes/A, bins/A, etc)

The next questions are for the current production year (Spring/Summer 2011)

- _____ 7. Number of acres of this crop planted / available for harvest.
- \$ _____/A. 8. Input cost per acre of this crop prior to harvest/packing.
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- \$ _____/A 9. Estimated cost per acre of harvest/packing this crop had all of your acres been fully harvested.
- \$ _____/A 10. Actual cost per acre of harvest/packing this crop for those acres you were able to harvest.
- _____/A 11. Under normal circumstances, what were you expecting as a harvested yield per acre of this crop this year in your standard measurement? (lbs/A, boxes/A, bins/A, etc)
- _____/A 12. What was your actual yield per acre of the acres you harvested of this crop in your standard measurement?
(lbs/A, boxes/A, bins/A, etc)
- _____ 13. Under normal circumstances, what were you anticipating to receive as a price this year for this crop per your standard measurement. (\$0.00/box, \$0.00/lb., etc)
- _____ 14. Actual price (on average) for this crop you received in 2011 per your standard measurement (\$0.00/box, \$0.00/lb., etc)
- _____ acres 15. Number of Acres that you planted /had in production of this crop but were unable to harvest due to a lack of labor
_____ % **OR** Estimated percent of this crop not harvested due to a lack of labor.
- \$ _____ 16. If you lost revenue on this crop this spring due to lack of harvest / packing labor, how much do you estimate your financial loss was in terms of total revenue for your farm?
- _____ 17. In a normal year (at peak harvest), how many harvesters/packers would you have for the number of acres of this crop?
- _____ 18. How many harvesters / packers (at peak harvest) did you have for this crop in 2011?
- _____ % 19. **For Vegetable Growers** - Based on your labor situation, what are your plans for this crop in Fall 2011?
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Comments: _____

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CROP (2): _____ County(ies) in which you grow Crop (2) : _____

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- _____/A 6. Average price received for this crop based on standard measurement prior to 2011. (lbs/a, boxes/A, bins/A, etc)

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