### DIGITAL MAGAZINE



## **Clarke County School District**

Teaching Kids About Georgia Agriculture - Food, Farmers & Fun!



ENRICHMENT



"The Clarke County School Nutrition Program is a partner in education, contributing to students' academic success by encouraging a lifetime of healthy eating through our breakfast and lunch meal programs." - Clarke County School Nutrition Program



A special thank you to **Holland Produce** who has been providing fresh produce to Clarke County School District since the **1980's**.





Clarke County School District School Nutrition Services is proud to be participating in **Farmers Market Fridays** serving Georgia crops and celebrating local farmers.



Yellow Squash





Cabbage



Sweet Potatoes

# Squash

In Georgia, both summer and winter squash is **available nearly year-round**.

Georgia is the **3<sup>rd</sup> largest** squash producing state.

#### TWO Types of Squash: WINTER & SUMMER

Examples of winter squash are **pumpkins, acorn & butternut**.



Winter squash has much **harder** skin than summer squash.

#### Squash are a **fruit**!

Georgia



Examples of summer squash are **zucchini, yellow & scallop**.

> Summer squash grows **faster** than winter squash.

> > Squash are related to **melons**!



l acre of land could grow around **11,000** squash!

Winter squash takes 80 - 120 days to mature after being planted.



# **Osage Farms**

Osage Farms is a **family owned** and **operated** fruit and vegetable farm.

Osage Farms is currently run by 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> generation farmers **Ricky** and **Clint James**.

Osage Farms has been around for over 40 years.

Osage Farms grows a **wide variety** of fruits & vegetables.

Located in **Rabun County** - the **"Farm to Table"** capital of Georgia!

5030 US-441 Dillard, GA 30537 OSAGE FARMS INC. RABUN GAP, GEORGIA

Osage Farms vegetable market is open EVERDAY May - Oct.

ARMERS



Sweet corn is grown in **EVERY county** throughout Georgia.

Georgia is the **3<sup>rd</sup> largest** sweet corn producing state in the U.S.

In many other countries, corn is called **"maize**."

Only **1%** of the corn grown in the U.S. is sweet corn.

## Corn is considered a grain, fruit & vegetable.



Georgia is home to over **27,000 acres** of sweet corn.

An ear of corn ALWAYS has an even number of rows.

> Sweet corn is in *peak* season from **May – Sept**.



Around **800** kernels on each ear of corn.

Sweet corn is the **ONLY** corn grown for **human** consumption.

Sweet corn is pollinated by the **wind**.

Each stalk produces 1 - 3 ears of corn.

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Georgia is home to around **30,000 acres** of cabbage.

Cabbage grows best in a lot of **sunlight**.



**Types of** 

Cabbage:

1. Early

2. Late

Cabbage is a "**cold**weather veggie."

Cabbage is one of the **OLDEST** vegetables in existence...has been harvested for over **6,000** years!



Average plant is **4** -**6 feet** tall.



Early cabbage takes **45 days** to mature, and late cabbage takes **87 days**.

#### **400+** varieties of cabbage.

The most **popular** varieties of cabbage:

1. Green Cabbage

- 2. Red Cabbage
- 3. Savoy Cabbage

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Georgia's **warm climate** is perfect for growing sweet potatoes.

Sweet potatoes are a popular **Thanksgiving** side dish.



Sweet potato roots are harvested **90-120** days after planting.

A root vegetable.

Georgia is home to around **5,000 acres** of commercially grown sweet potatoes.

**Covington** is the most popular variety of sweet potato grown in Georgia.



**FEBRUARY** National Sweet Potato Month



**Jewel** is the most popular variety of sweet potato.





Sweet potatoes can be **IIIII IIIII** orange, yellow, red, white or purple.

# Legacy Farm

## Legacy Farm is a **family-owned farm** specializing in **sustainably grown produce**.

Legacy Farm is where farming Legacy & community **thrive** together. Farm offers

Sustainability is a top priority at Legacy Farm.



"A Legacy of Unparalleled Quality from Georgia's Finest Farm." services that provide **advice** to other farmers on **best practices for growing crops & managing their land**.

Legacy Farm grows a **wide variety** of crops.



9 Copeland Road Lake Park, GA 31636



Georgia produces around **235 MILLION gallons** of milk per year. Nearly **98%** of U.S. dairy farms are family owned & operated.

Georgia is home to **92,000** dairy cows & **89** dairy farms.



#### Dairy Farmers of America

MILK

"We work to

preserve the

ability to pass

down the farm

to the next

generation."

DFA is a

group of

6,000 dairy

farms.

Diary Farmers of America is a group of nearly **11,000 dairy farmers** across the U.S.

**ALL** DFA dairy farms are family owned & operated.



Clarke County School District serves PET milk.



is provided by DFA dairy farms.

## Two family farms supply milk for PET – **Eberly Family Farm & Windcrest Holsteins**

Eberly Family Farm is located in Waynesboro, Georgia.





Sweet Corn



Vidalia Onion

**Watermelon** 

