Food Bank of Northeast Georgia

Food Banks as Food Hubs
14 County Service Area from Oconee to Towns
11,636,907 lbs. distributed in 2014 through 225 partner agencies
Two Distribution Centers in Athens, GA and Clayton, GA
New 38,000 sq. ft. facility in Clayton that includes:
- Fruit/Vegetable Processing Line
- 30,000 cu. ft refrigerated storage
- IQF Tunnel
- 100,000 cu. ft. Freezer
- Teaching Kitchen
- Planned Commercial Kitchen (2017)
By leasing time from the Food Bank, our hub goes beyond aggregating fresh
- Individually Quick Frozen (IQF)
- processing lines
- commercial kitchen (2017)
Food Hub Programs

- Small Farm Business Planning Classes
- Farm Planning Services
- Fruit and Vegetable Growing Workshops
- Farm Food Safety Training
Small Farm Business Planning

Always wanted to know how to put together a strong farm plan but not really sure where to start? Attend our workshop and we'll get you going in the right direction!

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15**
North Georgia Technical College
1500 GA-197 | Clarkesville, Ga.
9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Lunch is provided at no cost.

**TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:**
- Balance Sheets
- Income Statement
- Family Finance & Family Budgeting
- Risk Management
- Accrual Income
- Applying for Financing
- Preparing a Business Plan
- Technology & Record Keeping
- Marketing with the Dept. of Ag
- FSA/SBA and Other Programs
Farm Planning Services

- Market Specific
  - watching trends
  - meeting need

- Optimized Growth
  - weather considerations
  - seasonal rotations
Growing Workshops

- Improving Farmer Knowledge
  - regional growing plans
  - diverse growing strategies

- Building Community
  - creating a network of hub farmers
  - strengthening relationships between agencies

Small Fruit and Vegetable Production Training

The Small Fruit and Vegetable Production training provides the basics you need to start farming or improve your operation. The schedule includes seven evening sessions. It is open to farmers who have successfully completed either the Small Farmer Business Planning training or the AgAware training.

Training Topics:
- Soil health and fertility
- Soil amendments and fertilizers
- Cover crops and ground covers
- Crop rotation
- Pest management—weeds, insects, and diseases
- Seasonality, and crop selection
- Irrigation; Equipment; Tillage
- Post-harvest handling
- Food safety
- Marketing

Beginning Farmer Rancher Development Program
Developing the Next Generation of Sustainable Farmers in Georgia
In partnership with:

Journeyman Farmer Certificate Program

When:
Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m. from March 1–April 12, 2016

Where:
Habersham County Extension Office
600 Monroe St
Clarksville, GA, 30523

Cost:
No Cost

To register:
Contact the Habun County Extension office
706-752-3115
searing@uga.edu
Register by Tuesday, February 26th
Supported by:
Farm Food Safety

- Ensuring Hub Quality
  - GAP Certification
  - FSMA Guidelines

- Improving Farmer Knowledge
  - workshops
  - on-site visits
Growing Local Farms
Thank You!

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