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From Peaches to Beaches, and a Booming Film Industry, the Southeast Welcomes y'all With a Big Dose of Southern Hospitality.





# Georgia on My Mind

- Georgia's largest industry is agribusiness with over 42,500 farmers
- Top agricultural commodities: broilers, peanuts, pecans, chicken eggs, onions
- Processing operations poultry is #1 Georgia is the Poultry Capital of the World, then bakery, beverage, and sugar & confectionery
- Georgia is home of 1/2 of the nation's top 100 Food processing companies
- Food distribution centers take advantage of Georgia's location
- 80 percent of U.S. consumer markets is located within a two-day drive time of Atlanta
- 18 Fortune 500 companies headquarters in Atlanta & 30 Fortune 1000
- Major investment from Canada (F&B): Pure Flavors and the Earthfrest Farms both from Ontario





## Florida – the Sunshine State





- **Economic Superstate** home to 21+ million residents
- Top crop growers of grapefruit, citrus, sugarcane, strawberries, bell peppers, fresh market tomatoes, snap beans, squash and sweet corn.
- The state is #2 in the U.S. for production of greenhouse and nursery products.
- Major player in livestock production rank #10 for beef cows & #18 for cattle.
- The seafood industry is an indispensable cornerstone of the state's economy.
- 1,197 miles of coastline, 4,424 square miles in total water area, and over 80 species of fish.
- Florida is the top travel destination in the world with **126.1 million visitors**
- Major investment from Canada (F&B): JEFO, Village Farms International, Ice River Spring Water Co., Alta Genetic Inc., The Oppenheimer Group, Alimentation Couche-Tard.

## International Trade

Georgia: Super Hub of the Southeast with a substantial transportation, distribution and logistics industry focused on international trade.

Georgia imports \$4.6 billion in goods from Canada. Canada sells more to Georgia than it sells to South Korea.



Canada remains Florida's #1 global economic partner & the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest investor in the State. Major gateway for merchandise trade. Exportations from Canada to Florida valued at about \$5 billion annually.

#### Florida's Top Global Partners



- Geographic proximity – Florida's & Georgia's #1 export market,

- Workforce talent, Global access & logistics, Competitive Incentives,
- Duty free trade on most products under USMCA,
- Similar tastes and trends,
- The South is in season when Canada is not.

## Principal Distribution in the South



### Grocery Stores on the East Coast





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# **Opportunities in the South**

### **Food Processing**

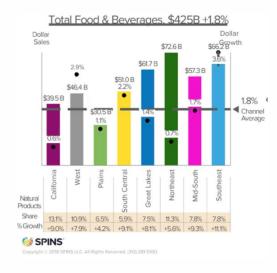
Demand for food products will increase significantly the food processor industry in GA => Ingredients

#### Foodservice

FL with 41,300 eating and drinking places in 2018 126.98 million visitors in FL and spent more than \$88 billion Miami stays the 2nd largest international retail market 75 million visitors in Orlando in 2018 Cruise line industry – 11 million cruise passengers in FL and spent onshore just over \$1 billion

#### Natural & Organic F&B

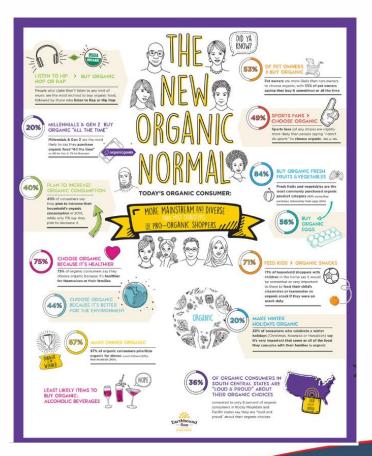
The fastest growth rate among all the regions w/ 11.1% (FL, GA, SC, AL, MS) Grocery chains: Walmart, Costco, Kroger, Target and Aldi Flexitarians: New growing segment





### U.S. Organic Sales Break Through \$50 billion Mark in 2018

- Organic products: sales rose 6.3% to \$52.5 billion in 2018.
- **5.7% of food** sold are **organic** = no longer a niche market.
- Fruits & Vegetables: 36.3% of all organic sales & totaled \$17.4 B
- Popular organic fresh products items : carrots, greens, apples, bananas
  - + increase sales growth: berries, avocados, Brussel sprouts & cauliflower
  - + organic frozen, canned, & dried vegetables & fruits products
- 2nd largest organic cat.: **dairy & eggs** but slower growth of 0.8%
- Turning to organic dairy for products free of antibiotics, synthetic hormones and chemicals
- Applies also to **non-food products**: napkins, food for pets, lotions
- Outlook for organic products: Innovation & Activism



### A New Wave of Organic Consumers Today's Millennial: Tomorrow's Organic Parent

- **Quality value** 80% of millennials are willing to pay more for quality products.
- Transparency More information on purchasing decisions: where the food is coming from and how it is sourced.
- Food labelling and ingredients Read label, concerned about food additives & growth hormones.
- Overall 7 in 10 millennials spent more money on food than on travel in 2018.

### Millennials parents are now the biggest group of organic buyers in the US & digital technology is an integral part of the millennials daily life.

- More millennials shop for groceries online than older parents.
- Attitudes regarding online grocery shopping point to a **bright future for organic**.
- **20% of shoppers** like the quality of organic products purchased online.
- Millennials use digital sources of information to learn about new products.
- 37% of millennials parents using online grocery shopping buy more meal kits.



More than 65% of millennials say *transparency in food sourcing is important*, especially for *meat and seafood*.



More than 65% of millennials say they prefer to buy from brands and products that use responsible sourcing practices.







Nearly 70% of millennials say they read labels more closely. In addition, food More than half additives and growth hormones are an increasing concern for about 60% of millennials.

Almost **70%** of millenials spend more on **food than travel**.



### Few Events Coming Up



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Education & Events September 23-26, 2020

#### Trade Show:

Hemp Pavilion: September 23-25, 2020 Main Hall: September 24-26, 2020 New Location! Pennsylvania Convention Center Philadelphia, PA, USA





17<sup>th</sup> EDITION NORTH AMERICA'S BIGGEST FOOD-INNOVATION TRADESHOW MONTREAL APPIL 15 TO 17, 2020 - PALAIS DES CONGRÈS

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