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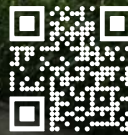
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LAKE LIVING

STORY BY KRISTEN TRAUGH



As South Georgians, we are privileged to live in places that have as many stories attached to the land as Cypress knees in the marshes. Lake Seminole is one big story that has affected the lives of locals for generations. From the Red Bluff pines just north of Bainbridge that helped form the Brooklyn Bridge to the ghost tales of flooded cabins told around campfires, this region is steeped in tradition and the stories of those before us.

Lake Seminole, named for the Seminole Native Americans pushed into Florida by Andrew Jackson, is a 37,500-acre reservoir that boasts 376 miles of shoreline. It's a haven for sportsmen, families who enjoy watersports, and anyone with an affinity for laid-back living and the outdoors.

But Lake Seminole hasn't always been the thriving lakefront community with top-class hunting and fishing as we know it today. In fact, there hasn't always been a lake. For many years, this area was an almost uninhabited marshland frequented only by wildlife.

But out here on this ageless land, that is only recent history. On the banks of the Chattahoochee, out on a place called the West Bank Overlook, a village from 1400 AD was excavated. Below that, the explorers discovered artifacts from 300 to 100 BC, and below that, pottery and tools from 1200 BC. Even more layers of human history led them to items dated to about 6,000 years ago.

In the early 1800s, the United States Army constructed Fort Scott on the banks of the Flint River near the modern-day Wingate's Lunker Lodge as an added protection for settlers unnerved by the local Creek Native Americans. It became

a mainstay in the First Seminole War and was the site of the Scott Massacre. But just as mosquitoes plagued the British before them, the Fort Scott residents were forced to decamp to Camp Recovery, located on higher ground, to survive malaria and other illnesses.

Time marched on and, with it, the river water was harnessed. The historic Spring Creek Powerhouse and Dam were constructed. Later, the Jim Woodruff Dam was built as part of a series of dams. It is located where the Flint and Chattahoochee waters connected with Spring Creek to form the Apalachicola River. Spanish explorer Hernando DeSoto once visited the bluffs made by the massive amount of water flowing through here. After World War II, citizens needed more electricity, and the Woodruff Dam was outfitted to produce hydroelectric power through pumps nestled under the waters of Lake Seminole.

In 1958, with the construction of the Jim Woodruff Dam, the US Army Corps of Engineers flooded the land.

The water swept over the remains of Fort Scott and flooded the timber that was part of the Sealy Plantation, a modern Tara from *Gone with the Wind*, whose owner opposed the



Lake Seminole Estate Listed by Jon Kohler and Associates



flooding in court. The water rushed over the excavated Native American burial mounds and pooled against the ancient cypress trees. And, finally, Lake Seminole was born.

"I've been here since 1977," says local Steve Dickman. "I love the fishing and just the primordial aspect of it. We've got nearly 38,000 acres of water and flooded timber and wildlife. It's just a great place to bring the family."

A property owner on the lake for 41 years, Steve is the backbone behind the Stewards of Lake Seminole group, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

"We saw a real need to do something different...and we need to manage resources better for the stakeholders here," explains Steve. "We are an active organization, focused on making improvements for everyone — owners, fishermen, everyone. The lake is a precious resource...and we want to preserve and enhance the lake for everyone."

Some of the management concerns include hydrilla, Cuban bulrush grass, and other invasive species. While most people have heard of the hydrilla problem, the Cuban bulrush, populated with seeds brought by Hurricane Michael, is also a major hindrance to lake accessibility. But there's a plan.

"The Stewards of Lake Seminole work in harmony with the Corps of Engineers. We don't take problems without solutions. Property owners and businesses also have skin in the game

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Steve Dickman
*Founder & President of
Stewards of Lake Seminole*

with sponsorships. This reflects the importance to the Corps, state and federal governments. When their constituents put money in, they're more likely to give funding."

Representative Gerald Greene and Senator Sam Watson have also been instrumental in accessing this funding. After positive results from sending mailers and accepting sponsorships, the Stewards of Lake Seminole have more projects to improve the lake community underway. This includes retrieving

fallen trees from waterways and eradicating harmful grasses.

"When you look at our logo," says Steve, "it's a father and son or grandfather and grandson, however, you want to perceive it, it shows us that the future is really in our hands."

With another funding goal in sight, the Stewards of Lake Seminole is a true benefit to the community.

Another group protecting the lake for everyone on it is the Department of Natural Resources. Game Warden Seth May is a true advocate for the area.

"The locals come here to fish and we have people travel from all over the country to come here. Just two weeks ago, I met a guy from Texas who came to fish," he says.

Besides the usual bass, crappie, and bluegill, Lake Seminole is home to the Redhorse Suckerfish, a Georgia native



freshwater bottom feeder. The lake is the only body of water where you can legally fish for them using a gill net and this requires a commercial fishing license. But filleted, cut thin and fried, the Redhorse is worth the experience.

Crystal Hines, Executive Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Bainbridge, knows firsthand how fish can bring people together. She is the local point of contact for fishing tournament directors and the BASS Masters staff and she is responsible for coordinating additional events with the tournaments.

"[Lake Seminole] is one of their top lakes to fish!" Crystal reports. "They will tell you that Seminole is difficult to fish but so worth it. Many asked for Seminole to become an annual stop of the Elite Tour...There is a lot of energy in the crowd and it's cool to see anglers you have watched on TV in person."

These tournaments attract spectators and competitors from all over as well, adding to the lake economy.

"By hosting a tournament as large as the BASS Masters, we see the direct local return of sales and hotel tax revenue. The field of anglers and their staff both supported our local economy by shopping, dining, and staying in our area." Crystal says.

Hunting is also a boost to local businesses and a big part of life on the lake.

"This is the place to hunt every season," Seth May notes. "There are people who come from Louisiana, Mississippi, and the Carolinas for deer season on the public land. Not everyone can afford to go to Arkansas for duck hunting, and we have people visiting from as far off as Maryland for that. Lake Seminole is sometimes called the Duck Hunting Capital of Georgia. It's part of the Atlantic Flyway. This is where migrating birds come down from Canada or even the Arctic Circle. There are about five different patterns and we are a major stopover in the South for many duck species."

The 2022 early teal season came in September for two weeks, followed by a 2-week season at the end of November and then a season from December 10 to January 29.

"We have Redheads, Canvasbacks, Blue and Green Teals, and Ringnecks. There's even a Muscovy duck resident at the Bainbridge boat basin. Lake Seminole is attractive to ducks because it's a shallow lake. The food ducks eat, like grass, crustaceans, snails, they're all very accessible to the ducks." Seth continues.

If you're up for an intense hunting experience, Lake Seminole is popular for alligator hunting. Out of about 600 tags offered for Georgia alligators, Seth estimates about 220 were for Lake Seminole.

"We were just out there the other day and saw a bunch of gators, probably about 15. I'd say there were 12 over 8 feet and 3 or 4 over 11 feet." Seth says.

Many people are still also rightly concerned about the lingering effects of Hurricane Michael on the lake. On

October 10, 2018, Hurricane Michael hit the Florida panhandle and traveled north toward Georgia. Unfortunately, Lake Seminole took a direct hit from this Category 5 storm. Widespread power outages, wind and tornado damage, localized flooding, and fallen trees made life and travel on the lake difficult. The high winds also pushed up piles of hydrilla on the lake, adding to the problem of accessibility. At the time, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Affairs Specialist Lance Davis estimated that over 70 percent of the timber and habitat was destroyed. Many long-time Lake Seminole residents also mourned the loss of the large oak trees.

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Seth May
Game Warden for the
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

But, according to Seth, the best is still yet to come.

"The Corps of Engineers has been working really hard to get the logs off the lake. We are really seeing the landscape returning to an early successional stage, which is normal after any large weather event. A lot of land is getting back to being conducive for hunting and that usually takes three to four years after a hurricane. This was a natural weather event; it would have happened whether we were here or not. But the key is that the land is managed properly afterward."

Seminole State Park in Donalsonville, Georgia is another place with management goals in place to provide a fun-filled camping experience or a day on the water. There is a lagoon and sandy beach with picnic sites, camper spots, cottages, and shelters to reserve for a visit. Canoes and kayaks can also be rented.

Hiking trails like the Gopher Tortoise Trail are also a major attraction. Signs of the long-ago turpentine industry can be seen by the "cat's faces," or notches, carved into some of the older trees on the property. Visitors also come to admire the especially vivid sunsets this state park is known for.

Some people even, just simply, want to stay.

Mills Brock, the owner of 3 Rivers Realty, has been in the forest industry and real estate business since 1995. In his



career, he has seen how the high quality of life, Southern hospitality, and outdoor activities bring people to Lake Seminole.

"The lake area has seen quite a bit more new construction in the last two years than in the previous decade," he says. "Areas fronting on the main body of the lake- Spring Creek Drive, Seminole Shore, Booster Club Road, Sealy Point- have always been popular with new buyers, as you can imagine. The 'miles wide' views are hard to compete with. However, most of the new construction has taken place in areas that are on bodies of water that are off the main lake- Hickory, Turkey Pond, Ray's Lake- but they do have boat access to the lake."

Mills mentions that updated homes in move-in-ready condition typically don't stay on the market very long here.

Richard Hinnens of Lake Seminole Realty lives on the lake and has seen a similar boom here. He notes that the selling points of Lake Seminole are the fact that the lake doesn't flood and the water level is consistent due to the three rivers and the dam. It's also in a prime location with close access to the towns of Donalsonville, Chattahoochee, Bainbridge, and Quincy.

Another positive of lake living is the relaxed atmosphere.

"The lake is 80 percent dedicated to wildlife management areas and bird sanctuaries. This translates into only 20 percent of the shoreline that can be developed for residential purposes. It is not your typical 'recreational' lake that is round, noisy, and busy." Richard says.



Jordan Gilbert's family definitely knows the benefits of life on the lake. She has been a Farm Credit team member for six years and is now a Residential Loan Officer.

"My parents purchased our lake house in 1999," Jordan explains. "They wanted a place for us to get away as a family, but still close enough to our primary residence as my two brothers and I were very involved in sports and other activities. My parents knew if they purchased a vacation home further away, we'd likely not get to enjoy it as often. We spend almost every weekend of the summer at the lake. And I now have two boys who get to enjoy it too. Over almost 25 years, we have made lots of memories and had lots of fun times enjoying our lake house. It even has its own name 'Poitevint Point of View.' My family enjoys boating and fishing during the summertime and duck hunting in the winter. We spend most of our days out on 'the big lake,' floating and swimming."

Jordan recommends Seminole State Park for family activities and driving your car (or boat) to Big Jim's Oyster Bar for a meal.

"It's our little getaway, it's a place to make memories and a place we call our home away from home!" Jordan concludes.

There are many stories just like Jordan's and, undoubtedly, there will be many more to come. Lake Seminole and its land have had a fascinating past with its own stories, from the Spanish explorers to the once-thriving turpentine industry to a great recovery from Hurricane Michael. But the future of the lake is as bright as the sunsets on the big water and there are many more stories yet to be made.



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RAISING WATERFOWL

STORY BY ANNA KINCHEN


Fowl Play

A hail call breaks the morning quiet, followed by a whisper of distant wings. The boy sharply inhales and then turns a discerning eye and the barrel of his gun upwards to match the gaze of his sidekick. His dog whimpers in excitement. Water ripples around the dog's body as he trembles in anticipation to retrieve.

True to a southern upbringing, a passionate teen explored hunting opportunities and pursued field trial gold with his loyal shadow, an eager black Labrador retriever named... of course, Scout. The two were thick as cattail thieves, always training for the ideal feather forecast, desperate to a fault for a next adventure. Their undeniable bond and partnership were forged in muddy cypress bottoms and on the water's edge where the fowl play.

You may have spotted the duo at a field trial or twenty, both fit with such drive and energy they teetered on the possibility of spontaneous combustion. Watching these two in their youthful intensity likely made most veteran dog trainers ache deep in their tired bones, yet envious to a degree.

Imagining the limits that were likely tested in those formative years by this boy and his dog begs to question, who really trained who? May we all recall a moment in our childhoods when a good dog, the right dog, made a lasting impact on our lives and shaped a story such as that of Mitch and Scout. Asking these two to chart a different course would have been the equivalent of pouring water on a duck's back.



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Greenheads

Exceptional waterfowlers and retrievers are in a category all their own. However, his experience training and competing with Scout at a professional level, along with many other dogs, gave Mitch Easom a keen understanding of what was needed for a successful field trial or desirable hunt test — quality Mallard ducks! And a drive to be the best meant raising the best. Neither Mitch nor Scout would settle for less.

“Good quality ducks make a difference! Nobody, within 6 hours of Americus, Georgia, could get them.”

According to the Ducks Unlimited organization, the highest wild Mallard densities occur in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and North and South Dakota. Populations have benefited greatly from the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and other grassland restoration efforts in the northern Prairies of the United States, where populations have continued to increase. They feed on seeds, rootlets, and tubers of aquatic plants in forested wetlands, ponds, lakes, and swamp and river bottoms.

Birds of a Feather

Starting a duck farm operation is no easy feat. There is little information and fewer resources available to those getting started. “You can find anything you want to find and more on a chicken, the same does not apply for ducks. The learning curve was steep,” said Easom. “God led each step of the way.”

Mitch realized early in his business venture that the missing piece to his operation was an expert, a scientist. From there, the social media universe hatched its own plan. A friend suggestion on Facebook led Mitch to make introductions with a graduate of the University of Georgia’s Poultry Science program. She had just finished Veterinary School at Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee. She didn’t live far, and she was quick to address some of Mitch’s concerns about his ducks. The questions about his operation turned into a date, which later segwayed into a question to marry him. Tanzy had been the missing piece in more ways than one.

Mitch and Tanzy married in 2021. Outside of working at a local veterinarian clinic in Americus, Tanzy consults on the

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— Tanzy Easom

Although the Mallard is a popular game bird, it remains the most numerous and successful duck species in North America. It can readily adapt to human disturbance, and it thrives in suburban and even urban areas, also making Mallards the most harvested duck in North America. The male Mallard duck, called a drake or greenhead, sports a glossy green head, a white ring around its neck and a rich, chestnut-brown breast. The mottled brown female mallard dills in comparison next to the male’s showy feathers.

Mitch, along with his father, Rennie Easom, built a small pen in 2016 and purchased their first 1,200 mallard ducklings from a hatchery in California. This experiment marked the beginning of Easom Farms. Mitch, still in high school, was just seventeen years old.

“We raised those 1,200. We sold em’. Purchased 2,500 ducklings next. Sold those. We just kept building additional pens, doubling our chick order each time. We went to 30,000 ducklings in just four years,” Easom said casually, undermining the labors he most certainly put in.

farm, lends an extra hand, and helps raise their daughter, a 3-month-old named Billie. “We think her first word is going to be “Quack,” chuckled Mitch. “Duck calls soothe her to sleep. She goes where we go.”

“Mitch’s determination matches his love for the outdoors,” says Tanzy Easom. “This operation is more than a passion project for him. He truly strives to grow quality birds and make customers happy. Mitch puts in hard work and long hours himself, but the farm wouldn’t be where it is today without family, especially without his dad.”

Mitch’s mother, Leisa Easom, also plays a vital role in the financial success of their family business as a “weekend warrior.” Leisa helps guide Mitch’s business decisions as a bookkeeper, gathers eggs, counts ducks, and provides childcare for her granddaughter.

As the saying goes, birds of a feather, flock together. Two more dedicated employees round out operations on Easom Farms and create a support system to keep things running year-round.





Eggs In a Basket

Easom Farms wanted to control the entire process from egg to flight and ensure customers get “the most bang for their buck.” To scale their business, the Easoms incorporated a hatchery. When larger numbers of duck eggs are to be hatched, large commercial incubators (setters) and hatcher are normally used.

Female Mallards lay an average of 1 egg per day. Once duck eggs are collected from the hens on the farm, they rest in an air-conditioned room until enough eggs are collected for an incubator cycle. The eggs are then washed and placed in a Nature Form I 14, a large drum that can hold up to 14,040 eggs on trays, at one time. The incubator gently rotates eggs every hour at a temperature of 99.5 degrees for 23 days. The rotation keeps the yolk in the middle of the eggs, resulting in a better hatch rate.

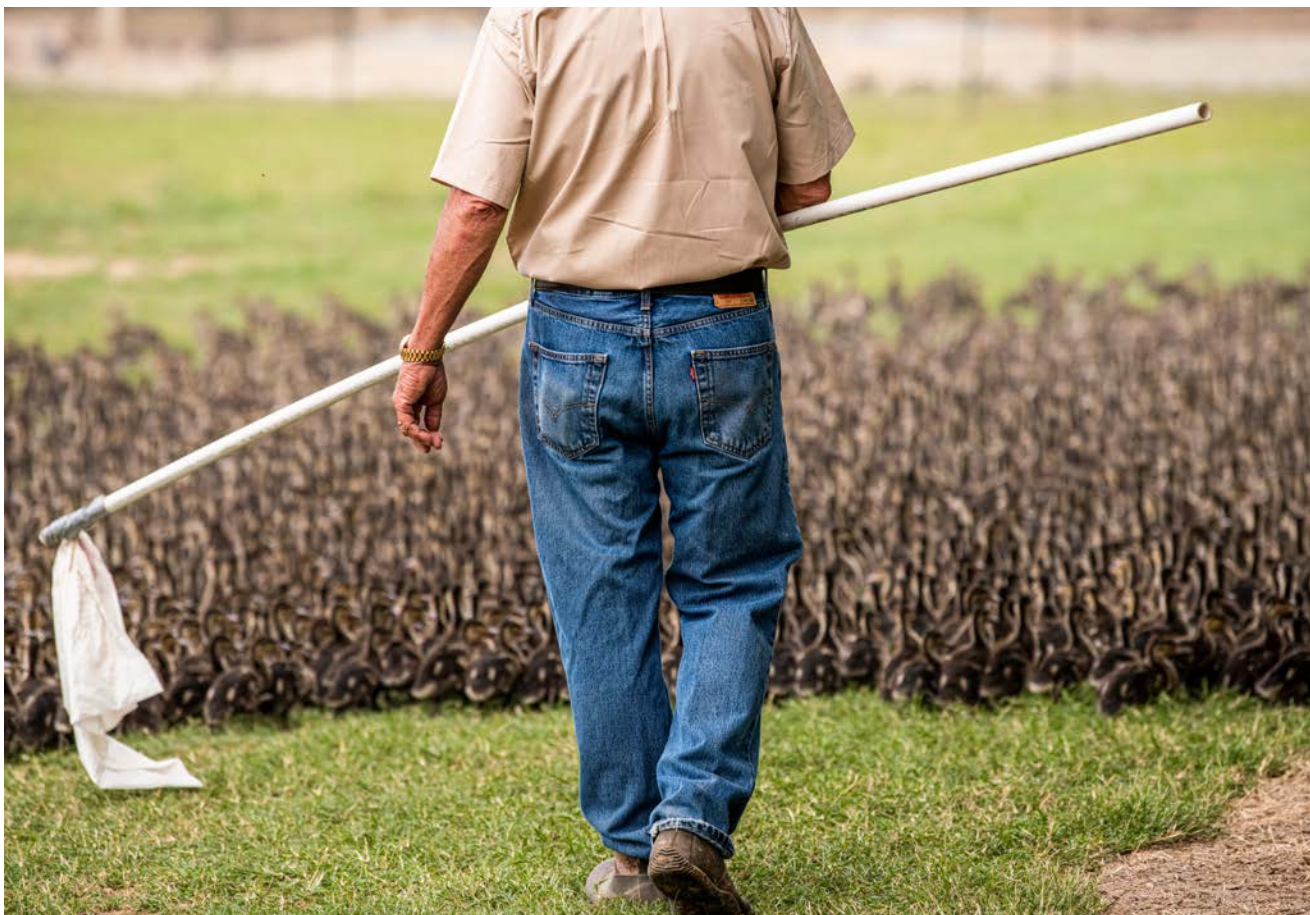
On day 23, the eggs are “candled” where each egg is handled by hand and placed to a light source. Light only passes through a bad egg that does not contain a growing chick. Only the healthy eggs are lifted, 30 at a time, via an egg lifter (vacuum) that places them carefully on flat baskets, prime positioning for hatching. From there, the baskets are placed in the hatcher at a temperature of 98.6 degrees

with a 72 percent humidity setting for four days or when the ducklings finally emerge from their shells. Humidity plays a vital role in the hatching process. Too dry, and the shells harden and stick to the new ducklings.

Fresh Birds

Once ducklings have hatched and trays are pulled, the team quietly counts each duck as they place them in a brooder. “Talking arouses the ducklings and can cause piling.” Piling is a term used to describe frantic ducklings who rush to a central location and begin piling on top of each other, causing harm and possible suffocation. But once in the brooder, they are free to eat, drink, and socialize for 10 days. “At this point, noise is beneficial. “I pop my head in there several times a day stimulating them to be active and turn to water and food.” The brooder is an insulated, heated room with slated floors. Each duckling has one dew clipped, marking them for domestication.

Following the brooder, the ducks are led to a large young bird pen with fresh shavings, nipple line drinking systems, a run yard, shade, and chicken wire fencing. Platforms are built in the pen so water and waste can pass through for easier cleaning.





From the brooder, the fresh birds are then led to larger, free-range holding pens until they're considered fully grown and sold at around 4 weeks of age. A percentage of these are pulled for the flight-ready pens.

Approximately 1,500 layers (females) and 400 drakes are pulled and kept on the farm, isolated from each other until breeding time. After time, they are transitioned from the breeding pens and blended in with the ducks in the flight-ready pens.

This process repeats each breeding-hatching cycle.

Wing Beat

Easom Farms currently has four, one-acre pens exclusively for flight-ready birds. Each one-acre pen includes its own pond. Every pond has a food supply on a steep embankment that encourages ducks to fly down to the water as opposed to walking. This exercise develops their wings and helps the ducks grow stronger.

These free-range pens are partially open, so it is not unusual to see a group of ducks fly above the pens several times a day. But luckily for the Easoms, ducks have a strong flock instinct and don't like to be alone.

These ducks are kept in these open pens until they are



5 months old and then sold. A new group of flight-ready ducks is rotated in every 2 months.

Predation from local wildlife is minimal with protection consisting of chicken wire, shade barns, and the family's Pyrenees dog, Bear, who roams freely throughout the night.

Feeder Chatter

The family relies heavily on FRM (Flint River Mills) chick starter for their ducklings. Brooder birds are fed 21 percent protein until 12 days of age and then graduate to 18 percent protein until 28 days of age. They are then fed a 15 percent protein pellet. Gradually they begin mixing grain into the feed with a 60 percent grain and 40 percent pellet mixture.

The farm's litter pile is a valuable part of the production. The litter pile consists of shavings, duck waste, and unhealthy eggs – an effective fertilizer for their fields that grow feed for their ducks. The Easoms grow wheat and sorghum, which they harvest themselves to mix with the pellets.

Flyway

Easom Farm offers various product options for consumers which diversifies the business and ensures success. "This is a year-round business with year-round sales and overlapping seasons."

One percent of sales are for Mallard duck eggs. These are mostly purchased by schools and universities doing research.

Another one percent of sales are for quality taxidermy Mallards. These are full-grown ducks (mostly drakes), that are hand-selected based on optimal appearance. These are sold to taxidermists looking to replace a damaged trophy mallard or for taxidermy competitions. "I choose the ones that have two to three curls on their tale."

Twenty percent of sales are attributed to ducklings. The majority of these ducklings are sold to plantations that pen them and create a brooder setup. They are trained for duck hunts.

Forty percent of sales are for four-week olds (drakes and hens). These are sold to a few plantations; however, most go to regional and national field trial events (Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, and Tennessee).

Ten percent of sales are for frozen ducks to be used by dog trainers.

And approximately thirty percent of sales are for flight-ready ducks.

With a warehouse equipped with six commercial freezers, the Easoms can ship to 49 states (via commercial airline). The warehouse is also equipped with Co2 – a euthanasia form approved by the Veterinary Medical Association for Poultry Practices.

Mallard ducklings are sold in boxes of 100. The boxes are designed with ventilated quadrants and cups for grow gel (nutrition for travel). The farm can also personally deliver up to 20,000 ducklings each trip by ventilated cattle trailers.

Full-grown and flight-ready ducks are only available for pickup and delivery only. The farm can deliver up to 5,000

minors and 2,500 full-grown ducks at a time. They have monthly routes that they frequently travel which allows them the flexibility to plan for new stops.

None of the ducks raised on or sold from Easom Farms are meant for human consumption.

Field Trials

Easom Farms proudly provides birds for the following organizations and has been a game steward of the following events (just to name a few) and many others throughout the southeastern U.S.

Organizations

Southwest Georgia AKC Retriever Club
Southwest Georgia UKC Hunting Retriever Club
Tall Pines Retriever Club
Fox Hollow Kennels

Field Trials

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Thomasville, GA & Boston, GA
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Wiley Creek Hunting Preserve – Waleska, GA
Oak Grove Plantation – Bascom, FL
Southwind Plantation – Attapulgus, GA
Brannan & Brannan Hunts – Lucedale, Mississippi





*In 2022, Easom Farms hatched 95,000 eggs.
In 2023, they are projected to hatch 125,000 – 130,000 eggs.
Each year, they sell out.*

Ducks In a Row

Like most businesses, the Easoms match their production to demand. They plan their hatching schedule by talking to buyers (plantations and field trial facilitators) in March. They also discuss demand out West and pay close attention to disruptions with other duck farms.

“We have a great team that has allowed us to double production each year. However, we are currently experiencing growing pains. We have maxed out capacity and need to build additional pens. We also need to develop more automated systems that are less labor-intensive, like adding a different wash system and easier vaccinations. Right now, we distribute medicated feed to ducklings instead of running medication through water lines and dispense other vaccinations through foggers.”

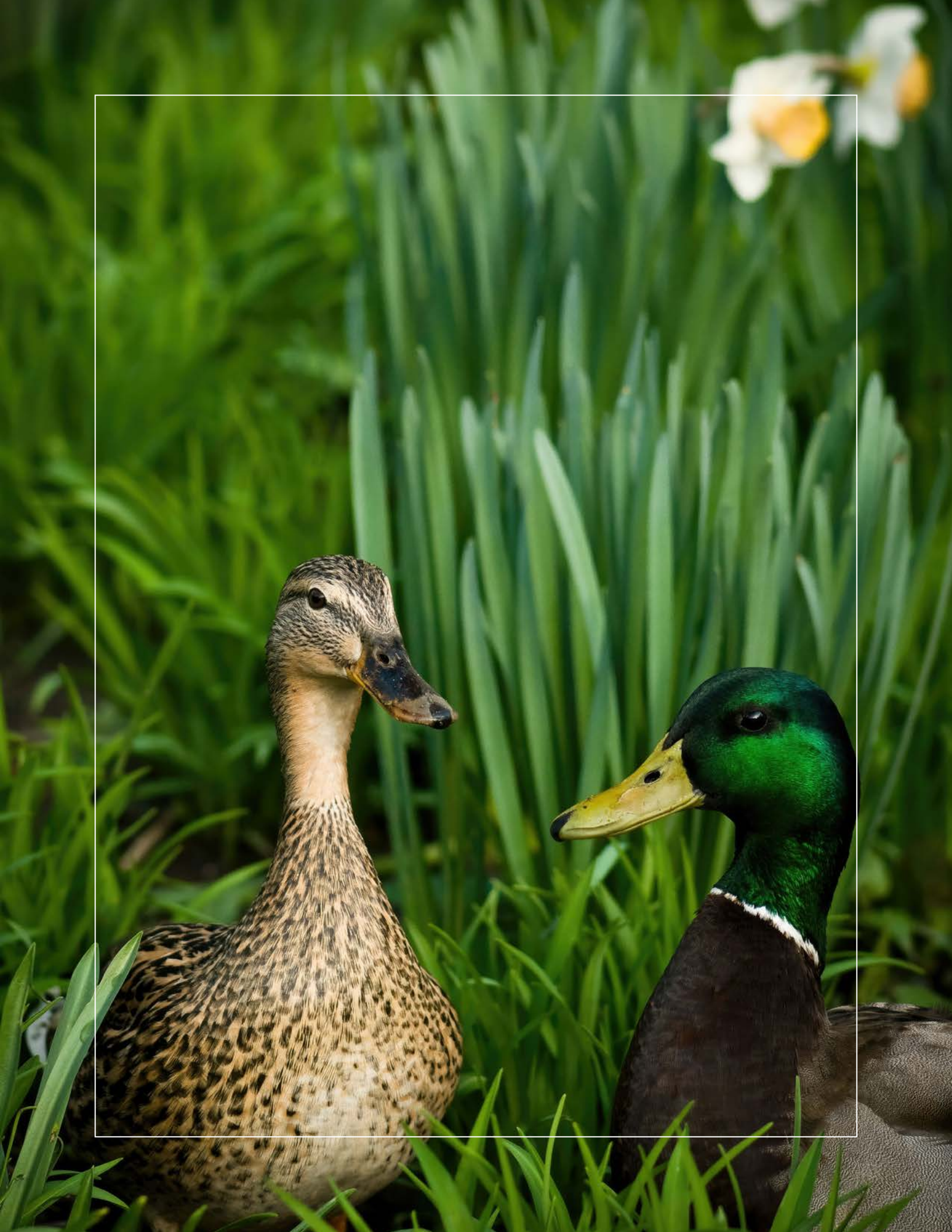
Other challenges include stubborn hens. “Later in the season, the hen’s desire to breed plummets. Therefore, hatchability goes down.”

In 2022, Easom Farms hatched 95,000 eggs. In 2023, they are projected to hatch 125,000 – 130,000 eggs. Each year, they sell out.

Mitch Easom’s ultimate goal is set on hatching 200,000 ducks and is making plans to get there as early as 2024.

Landing Zone

“One of the strengths of the Farm Credit System is the depth of resources available to provide capital, services or education throughout our member’s unique farm operations,” said Brian Wilson, Senior Relationship Manager with Southwest Georgia Farm Credit and neighbor to the Easom’s farm. “Farm Credit has been a reliable source of financing for land, real estate, equipment, operating, leases and education for member-owners and will continue to be a great resource for generations to come. I am proud to watch the Easom family grow their farm and plan for the future.”



ASSOCIATION NEWS

▼ New Employees



Jack Hittinger
Relationship
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Trainee
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Stacy Wiggins
Client
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Specialist
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▼ Stewards of Lake Seminole Donation

Southwest Georgia Farm Credit recently presented a \$5,000 check to Steve Dickman, founder and president of the Stewards of Lake Seminole, a group dedicated to preserving the health of the lake.

Southwest Georgia Farm Credit then applied for, and received, a matching grant from CoBank, through its 2023 Sharing Success Program. CoBank is part of the Farm Credit System – its program supports its customers by supporting Associations' contributions to non-profits that make a difference in the communities they serve. This matching grant of an additional \$5000 was presented to Mr. Dickman by Southwest Georgia Farm Credit employee and Stewards of Lake Seminole member, Mandy Johnson.



► Welcome our New Intern

We would like to welcome Ashton Aldridge to the Southwest Georgia Farm Credit team! Ashton will be an Intern in our Bainbridge office. Ashton just completed his freshman year at Auburn University majoring in Agricultural Science. He is very passionate about agriculture and received high honors for his participation in FFA. He is also passionate about volunteer work and spent his high school years, as well as his freshman year of college, working with several organizations.



Ashton Aldridge

Ashton believes those opportunities have shown him that his future lies within the field of agriculture; and he is looking to gain experience and knowledge of every aspect of Farm Credit including the role it plays in supporting agriculture.

► Fresh from the Farm Grant Winners

The Fresh from the Farm initiative gives grants each year to farmers who grow for or own qualifying produce stands. The program provides cash for grant recipients to enhance their operations or marketing and promotions, like buying ads or developing a website and social media presence. Grant winners also receive reusable shopping bags to give to customers. Southwest Georgia Farm Credit is committed to helping young, beginning, and small-scale producers by providing grants, outreach, training, and education in order to help the next generation of farmers grow their farm businesses.

This year's grant recipients include: Blackbird Farm in Buena Vista, Carter's Farm Fresh in Smithville, Cornwell Blueberry Farm in Americus, Lenny's Market in Americus, Johnson's Produce in Donalsonville, KGD Produce in Bainbridge, Randolph Collective in Cuthbert, Sprout Up Market in Albany, Good Hope Gardens in Jakin, and JoNina Farm in Ochlocknee.

▼ Promotion



Jena Tyler
*Promoted to
Relationship Manager
Americus Branch*



▲ Ribbon Cutting in Blakely

Southwest Georgia Farm Credit serves 21 counties, from the Georgia-Florida border to just south of Columbus. For more than a century, the Association has been providing loans for agricultural purposes, farm equipment, recreational properties, and home loans. All of these services will be available to borrowers in the Blakely office.

Matthew Burch, who is a fifth-generation farmer and Relationship Manager at Farm Credit, will staff the location. "Sometimes, it's nice to know that if you have a specific need—either a new financing request, or want to talk about a future project—your lender is nearby," Burch said. "When you think about agriculture, you think about Farm Credit. The advantages for a farmer to finance with Farm Credit are many—not the least of which is that as a cooperative, we return a portion of our profits to those who do business with us."



▼ Scholarship Winners

To help ensure a bright future for rural communities, as well as the agricultural industry, Southwest Georgia Farm Credit presents several scholarship opportunities each year. Recipients of the 2023 Southwest Georgia Farm Credit scholarships include Joan Tovar-Martinez from Americus, Hannah Glass of Camilla, Kenneth Murphree of Jakin, Kendal Allen of Blakely, and Taryn Powell of Bainbridge.

"This year's recipients have a spirit for learning, a strong dedication to their communities, and goals that will undoubtedly shape a successful future for rural Georgia," said Paxton Poitevint, CEO of Southwest Georgia Farm Credit. "Each of these students are accomplished in their academics and are active within their schools and communities. We are excited to see what the future holds for these bright scholars and together, we celebrate the class of 2023!"



**Joan
Tovar-Martinez**



Hannah Glass



**Kenneth
Murphree**



Kendal Allen



Taryn Powell

◀ AgFirst Farm Credit Visits Southwest Georgia

On Tuesday, May 16 and Wednesday, May 17, a few members of the AgFirst Farm Credit Marketing and Communications team came to visit our Association. Within those two days, we visited customers, farms and businesses.

All on Board

By Lee Hatcher



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The art of a southern charcuterie board. Get your boards out, go outside and enjoy the delicious taste of summer right at your fingertips.

What is on our board?

- 1 *Summer Sausage*
by Thompson Farms in Dixie, Georgia
- 2 *Green Hill Cheese*
by Sweet Grass Dairy in Thomasville, Georgia
- 3 *Sourdough Bread*
from KGD Produce in Bainbridge, Georgia
- 4 *Bread & Butter Pickles*
by Greenway Farms in Roberta, Georgia
- 5 *Smoked Pimento Cheese*
by Satisfied Food Company in Athens, Georgia
- 6 *Roadside Blackberries*
found in Bainbridge, Georgia
- 7 *Peach Bourbon Cardamom Preserves*
by Blackberry Patch in Thomasville, Georgia
- 8 *Thomasville Tomme*
by Sweet Grass Dairy in Thomasville, Georgia
- 9 *Salted Pecans*
by Goodson Pecans in Leesburg, Georgia
- 10 *Fresh Peaches*
from The Peach Depot in Iron City, Georgia

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BACON CO - GA

442 acres

\$5,500,000



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297 acres

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BAKER CO - GA

80 acres

\$4,975 per acre



LUNSFORD ROAD
LEARY, GA, GA / BAKER CO.

Located just north of Milford, Georgia on Ichawaynochaway Creek, this 80.57 acre tract has 0.25 miles of creek frontage. There is also a large slough on the property that provides excellent duck hunting. The property has mature pines (longleaf, shortleaf, slash, and loblolly). You will find abundant deer, turkey, and gopher tortoises on the property. Present owner has property in a Permanent Conservation Use Agreement.

Needmore Properties

BOB DUTTON
229-439-1837 / bdutton@needmoreproperties.com

BLECKLEY CO - GA

23 acres

\$7,500 per acre



MILES ROAD
COCHRAN, GA / BLECKLEY CO.

23.5 acre all wooded land tract. Great development potential. Good house site or recreational tract. Adjoins the Cochran city limits and close proximity to local schools and Middle Ga State University.

Coldwell Banker Free Realty
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JOE MEADOWS
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BLECKLEY CO - GA

342 acres

\$2,500,000



MAC THOMPSON ROAD
COCHRAN, GA / BLECKLEY CO.

Includes a 37 pad RV park and a former 27 hole golf course of which 9 holes and a driving range are being maintained for the campers use. Great for the potential expansion of the existing RV park with the 9 hole golf course being a huge draw. Gorgeous home sites exist with access to many ponds.

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87 acres

\$6,950 per acre



RED DOG FARM ROAD
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All open pastureland with a beautiful view, over 2,800 ft. of frontage on 2 roads, great location on the north side of Bleckley County, an easy commute to Warner Robins or Macon, and award winning Bleckley County Schools.

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71 acres

\$4,500 per acre



71 ACRES HWY 26
COCHRAN, GA / BLECKLEY CO.

Great recreational tract for the sportsman or hunter. Property has some planted pine, some natural mature timber, and some powerlines for great food plots. Located right outside of Cochran on Hwy 26.

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CLAY CO - GA

319 acres

\$2,395 per acre



COTTONHILL ROAD
FORT GAINES, GA / CLAY CO.

The view from the top of the hill is beautiful! The growing long leaf pines are pleasing to the eye but also provide excellent bedding areas for deer. This section of Clay county has always supported great deer genetics and herd density and turkeys were here long before they populated the region. The camp ground has water and electricity. This tract is a home run for the ATV enthusiasts with trails all over!! This is a "must see" for outdoor fans! Call for a drive through!

South GA Land and Timber
www.landandtimber.net

JULIAN MORGAN
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CLAY CO - GA

268 acres

\$3,850 per acre



HIGHWAY 39
FORT GAINES, GA / CLAY CO.

This property is set up as a hunters paradise retreat. It consists 4 large food plots along with smaller plots throughout the property. This property has been extensively managed for several years with a protein feed regiment in place. This property has a great turkey population. Call for details.

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COLE BARFIELD
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139 acres

\$416,750



HIGHWAY 266
FORT GAINES, GA / CLAY CO.

138.91 ac planted pines on Hwy 266 just minutes from Lake Walter F George at Ft. Gaines, GA. and also fronts on a county maintained road on the East side. A clear stream traverses the property from North to South with a possible pond site. If its deer hunting that you want with growing trees, a stream and lots of frontage with electricity then you need to take a look at this one.

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DECATUR CO - GA

9 acres

\$40,500



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EARLY CO - GA

440 acres

\$2,197,000



OLD RIVER ROAD N
BLAKELY, GA / EARLY CO.

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DANIEL FOWLER
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GLYNN CO - GA

456 acres

\$2,416,800



HWY. 99
BRUNSWICK, GA / GLYNN CO.

Near Brunswick, St. Simons and Jekyll Island and the gorgeous beaches and marshes of the Golden Isles of SE Georgia. This area offers many choices of shopping and dining as well. The property has very good interior roads. Hardwood and Pine Timber with 2 ponds on the property. Long Highway Frontage.

Allied Land & Timber Company, Inc.
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GRADY CO - GA

24 acres

\$134,900



OLD EGG RD
CAIRO, GA / GRADY CO.

About 5 miles north from Cairo City Limits situated on the corner of Old Egg Rd and Richter Rd, this property is mostly wooded with a few acres having Pecan Trees. There is a utility easement on the property. This would make a great home place with room to hunt.

Cairo Realty Company

KERRY A COLEMAN
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67 acres

\$579,000



689 MOORE RD
CAIRO, GA / GRADY CO.

Good Turkey and Deer Area. Nice creek drain running through property that would make a humdinger of a pond. Consult with a pond builder. You could build a series of ponds on this tract. Longleaf, Loblolly, Slash. If you'd like to quantify your investment, bring your forester out here.

Crocker Realty, Inc.
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23 acres

\$265,900



592 20TH ST SE
CAIRO, GA / GRADY CO.

This 23.62 acres is within the city limits of Cairo- yet very private for country living. The land is fenced and cross fenced. Includes a Pond-stocked w/Catfish& Brim. This property has a lot to offer!

Cairo Realty Company

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GRADY CO - GA

32 acres

\$187,600



32.15 ACRES, HIGHWAY 84 WHIGHAM, GA / GRADY CO.

20 Acres of producing pecans. 7 year old pines. Great recreational tract with a small pecan orchard. It sits on Highway 84 a couple of miles west of Whigham.

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HOUSTON CO - GA

45 acres

\$16,000 per acre



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JONES CO - GA

151 acres

\$4,200 per acre



1629 HWY 22 HADDOCK, GA / JONES CO.

Beech Tree Hunting Club is located located 1 mile east of Haddock, 30 miles from Macon, 10 Miles from Milledgeville and 20 miles from beautiful Lake Sinclair. There is electricity already ran onto the property and county water is available. This property has been enjoyed as a hunting get-away and has several food plots mixed in the approximately 130 acres of loblolly pine trees. There is a rustic cabin on the property. The pines were cut within the last couple of years. Don't miss out on this excellent property.

National Land Realty
nationalland.com

STEVE CHAPMAN
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LOWNDES CO - GA

24 acres

\$240,000



4090 EZELLE RD VALDOSTA, GA / LOWNDES CO.

Fully stocked 13 acre lake with water control structure to maintain water levels. 1,000 SF rental house on the property. Situated in Lowndes County near Valdosta, GA.

Webb Properties, Inc.
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FRANK "BO" BIRD IV
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LOWNDES CO - GA

657 acres

\$6,570,000



657 ACRES, HIGHWAY 41 VALDOSTA, GA / LOWNDES CO.

This prime commercial acreage is a unique opportunity to own a recreational, timberland, development, and/or investment property. Located within a few miles of the Valdosta Airport. When it comes to diversity, this tract could be anything from residential development, recreational hunting, conservation easement land, timberland investment, etc. Currently there is a 5-acre sand mine with a second sand mine in the works. Easy access off of Highway 41 bypass.

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ERIC COHEN
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712 acres

\$2,600,479



712 ACRES, RIVERSIDE ROAD VALDOSTA, GA / LOWNDES CO.

Located only minutes from I-75 and Valdosta, GA, Hillfield Farm offers an incredible recreational and future development opportunity. This extremely diverse tract consists of multiple age classes of planted pines, beautiful hardwoods, and well-established wildlife food plots throughout. Hillfield Farm, named for the incredible dove field, has four newly developed ponds from 1 to 20 acres and almost 1.5 miles of Withlacoochee River frontage. Multiple utilities available.

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MACON CO - GA

115 acres

\$439,812



PINE LEVEL ROAD OGLETHORPE, GA / MACON CO.

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MARION CO - GA

34 acres

\$2,850 per acre



GA HWY. 41 S
BUENA VISTA, GA / MARION CO.

This beautiful property is in a great location south of Buena Vista would make a nice home site or small mini farm/hunting tract. Covered with natural pine and hardwood timber. The property is also convenient to the Columbus and Americus areas. Don't miss your opportunity to own a nice small tract.

Allied Land & Timber Company, Inc.
Alliedlandga.com

THOMAS TAYLOR
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80 acres

\$309,000



0 HWY 352
BUENA VISTA, GA / MARION CO.

Flowing creek, planted pines, grassy fields, mixed hardwoods with natural pine, beautiful home site, cabin, hunting, wildlife haven, joins large tracts.

Buena Vista Realty

CLAUDINE MORGAN
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MCINTOSH CO - GA

17 acres

\$625,000



DARIEN, GA / MCINTOSH CO.

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Jon Kohler & Associates
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MITCHELL CO - GA

67 acres

\$375,900



KIERCE ROAD
PELHAM, GA / MITCHELL CO.

This is a beautiful recreational tract in Mitchell County! Highlights include a 6+ acre pond stocked with fish and there is excellent deer and turkey hunting. Planted pines are throughout. There is paved road frontage & there is an established interior road system. Give Bobby Brown a call to see!

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PEACH CO - GA

57 acres

\$18,000 per acre



HIGHWAY 42
BYRON, GA / PEACH CO.

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QUITMAN CO - GA

122 acres

\$3,200 per acre



GA HWY 39
GEORGETOWN, GA / QUITMAN CO.

This property will not last long with its beautiful mature planted pines, hardwood timber, interior road system and large food plots. This makes this property the ideal weekend retreat. Loaded with deer, turkey, and small game, this makes it a hunters paradise. Call us for details!

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RANDOLPH CO - GA

319 acres

\$640,000



HIGHWAY 266 / COTTONHILL ROAD
CUTHBERT, GA / RANDOLPH CO.

Almost a mile and a half of Highway frontage, 57 +/- ac of beautiful hardwood forest, 57 +/- ac of 3-4 yr Planted pines and 69 +/- ac of 17 yr planted pines and a picturesque spring fed pond. This tract is just minutes from Cuthbert, GA yet still in the deer woods of Randolph County. It has miles of riding trails where you will see plenty of signs of deer, turkey and hogs! It has all that wildlife needs; feeding areas, bedding and cover areas while growing timber for future income. Give me a call and lets take a ride through it.

South GA Land and Timber
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JULIAN MORGAN
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152 acres

\$2,850 per acre



WADES ROAD
CUTHBERT, GA / RANDOLPH CO.

This property is the highly desired mix of pine timber and beautiful hardwoods spanning from rolling hilltops to bottoms. There is an expansive interior road system throughout the property, established food plots and feeding stations for deer. Do not miss this hunters paradise!

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SCHLEY CO - GA

102 acres

\$328,832 per acre



STATE HWY 228 (ROYAL RD)
ELLAVILLE, GA / SCHLEY CO.

This 102-acre property has excellent potential as a timber, hunting, recreational and investment property. There is paved road frontage along GA HWY 228, 3 miles east of Ellaville, GA. There are approximately 97 acres of newly planted loblolly pine seedlings. The remainder of the acreage is in hardwood drains that were left as streamside management zones during the recent timber harvest. The terrain is gently rolling and would have several good spots for food plots to enjoy watching the wildlife that abounds.

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SEMINOLE CO - GA

147 acres

\$3,250 per acre



147 ACRES, RIVER ROAD
BAIN, GA / SEMINOLE CO.

River Road is a 147.84 +/- acre recreational timberland property. This fertile, game rich region is known as the Lower Chattahoochee sub-basin of the ACF River Basin. River Road lies in close proximity to this incredible lake and Seminole State Park in the Spring Creek area. The property itself consists of multiple age classes of planted pines that is accessible by an internal road system and long paved highway frontage. Recreational opportunities include excellent deer, turkey, and wild quail hunting. This property has been owned and managed by the same family for multiple generations and is being offered as a whole.

The Wright Group
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ERIC MCCOLLUM
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888 acres

\$3,345 per acre



888 ACRES, STATE ROAD 253
BAINBRIDGE, GA / SEMINOLE CO.

Featherfield Farms is a recreational timberland property that is located in a very unique area of Seminole County in southwest Georgia. This fertile, game rich region is known as the Lower Chattahoochee sub-basin of the ACF River Basin. The property consists of multiple age classes of planted and natural timber accessible by paved and county road frontage. There is excellent deer, turkey, duck, dove, and wild quail hunting with multiple stocked ponds. Owned and managed by the same family for multiple generations and is being offered in its entirety as a whole, as well as in smaller parcels.

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ERIC MCCOLLUM
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331 acres

\$3,850 per acre



331 ACRES, STATE ROAD 253
BAINBRIDGE, GA / SEMINOLE CO.

Seminole Woods is a recreational timberland property located in a game rich region known as the Lower Chattahoochee sub-basin of the ACF River Basin. Seminole Woods lies adjacent to this incredible lake and Seminole State Park in the Spring Creek area. The property itself consists of multiple age classes of planted and natural timber that is accessible by extensive paved highway frontage. Additionally, multiple stocked ponds and established wildlife food plots are located throughout the property. This incredible property has been owned and managed by the same family for multiple generations and is being offered as a whole.

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SEMINOLE CO - GA

409 acres

\$2,970 per acre



409 ACRES, STATE ROAD 253
BAINBRIDGE, GA / SEMINOLE CO.

Trails End is a recreational timberland property located in a game rich region is known as the Lower Chattahoochee sub-basin of the ACF River Basin. Trails End lies in close proximity to this incredible lake and Seminole State Park. The property itself consists of multiple age classes of planted and natural timber that is accessible paved highway frontage. Additionally, multiple ponds and established wildlife food plots are located throughout the property. This incredible property has been owned and managed by the same family for multiple generations and is being offered in its entirety as a whole.

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297 acres

\$2,376,000



JOEL POOLE ROAD
DONALSONVILLE, GA / SEMINOLE CO.

This prime income producing farm located in the heart of Southwest Georgia is comprised of 296 +/- irrigated acres, for over a 99 percent water coverage on this property. This is consisting of all electric irrigation well, 5 Tower Valley Pivot and 9 Tower Valley Pivot. This is Prime Investment Property.

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1050 acres

\$3,700,000



TOM AND BRANDY TRAWICK RD
IRON CITY, GA / SEMINOLE CO.

1050 +/- Acres of fenced pasture, and a small wilderness of mixed pine, Oak Groves, and Cypress Heads. This unique, hard to find property was most recently used as a cattle operation and hunting operation. Formerly known as Hill Top Game and Fish. Near famous Lake Seminole.

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495 acres

\$3,100,000



GA HWY. 195
AMERICUS, GA / SUMTER CO.

Located in the heart of SW GA Plantation Country near the Lee/Sumter County line. This property has everything you need to hunt world class whitetail bucks, quail, doves, ducks and a large pond offers great fishing. Plenty of income from timber, cropland and pecans. HURRY NOW BEFORE IT'S GONE.

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SUMTER CO - GA

58 acres

\$320,000



2477 BRADY ROAD
LESLIE, GA / SUMTER CO.

Very seldom do we see a tract that has this much to offer; convenient to Albany, Americus and Cordele, yet right in the middle of a wildlife haven; deer, turkeys, doves, ducks, hogs and peace and quiet. It has the perfect mix of open fields, hardwood, pecans and pines. With the charm of old wood, the Cabin is small but packed with all the modern amenities necessary for a "place in the woods". If you are looking for "the best of everything" you must take a look at "Griffen's Get Away"!

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JULIAN MORGAN
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TERRELL CO - GA

390 acres

\$2,065,000



HWY 82
DAWSON, GA / TERRELL CO.

This is a one of a kind property and a rare opportunity to purchase a renowned property within the area. The property consists of a 50 +/- acre fully stocked pond, beautiful planted pines. There is an ideal house/cabin site overlooking the pond making it perfect for a family property/weekend retreat.

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665 acres

\$4,600,000



HIGHWAY 49
DAWSON, GA / TERRELL CO.

This one of a kind property has everything one could ask for. Perfectly setup for a private family getaway, corporate retreat or the ideal property for a wedding venue. Please visit our website and see what this property has to offer.

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THOMAS CO - GA

37 acres

\$345,000



US HWY 319
COOLIDGE, GA / THOMAS CO.

DESIREABLE VARIETY (22" +/- Diameter Trees) 4= well on timer. 1,100'+ Road Frontage on US Hwy 319. 6 +/- Acre Lake...Property Line to Center. Excellent Fishpond. Attractive Property. Some wooded area behind dam with some harvested areas. Good deer and turkey area.

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97 acres

\$965,000



2477 GA HWY 188
PAVO, GA / THOMAS CO.

70 +/- Acres in Pine Trees and about 20 to 30 Acres in on field/pasture areas and ponds. There are currently 4 ponds on the property. The property has an impressive amount of wildlife: Deer, Ducks, Turkey, and few other critters! Great recreation property for hunting or fishing.

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634 acres

\$7,900 per acre



THOMASVILLE, GA / THOMAS CO.

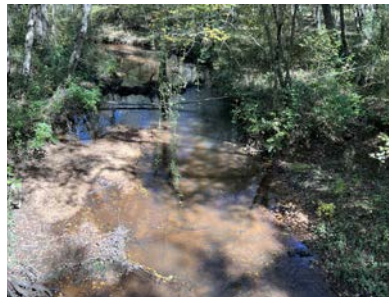
This unique 634 +/- acre family holding is not your average farm. Managed over the years as a working cattle operation, property has been fenced and cross fenced with 350 acres of open land. Three ponds, grain silos, barns, and multiple wells. Wildlife component to include quail, deer and turkey.

The Wright Group
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HUNTER DREW
229-224-6910 / hunter@wrightbroker.com

127 acres

\$2,550 per acre



WILSON POND ROAD
PRESTON, GA / WEBSTER CO.

Truly a hunters paradise, full of huge white oaks and hardwood along the scenic ridges with a beautiful creek that bounds the property along one property line. This tract is located in an area of the state that is known for enormous white-tail bucks, and great turkey hunting.

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WEBSTER CO - GA

163 acres

\$3,150 per acre



WILSON POND ROAD
PRESTON, GA / WEBSTER CO.

This 163 +- acres is stocked with an excellent stand of thinned merchantable pine plantation, approximately 18-20 years old that could be harvested with excellent merchantable value, interior roads and potential for food plots. Timber evaluation is available upon request. Great Hunting.

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BALDWIN CO - AL

1462 acres

\$10,087,800



MOBILE, AL / BALDWIN CO.

Fertile farmland in the heart of booming Baldwin County, Alabama just 30 minutes to Pensacola, FL & Gulf Shores, Alabama! Exceptional ag investment with significant higher and better use potential! Six figure hunt lease income, 450+/- acres under (4) irrigation pivots, and more.

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JEFFERSON CO - AL

80 acres

\$215,000



BIRMINGHAM, AL / JEFFERSON CO.

Beautiful 80 acres of mature hardwood timber located 10 miles from downtown Birmingham. Plenty of wildlife utilizing this urban timberland tract with rolling topography giving it a larger feel. Elevation ranges from 540' to 680'.

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LOWNDES CO - AL

254 acres

\$700,000



MONTGOMERY, AL / LOWNDES CO.

Exceptional Hunting Property in a highly desirable area of the Alabama blackbelt! Complete with large greenfields, mature timber, good water, large established food plots, a beautiful dove field and tons of game!

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CALHOUN CO - FL

1299 acres

\$2,840,535



BLOUNTSTOWN, FL / CALHOUN CO.

A recreational and working lands property - this property has multiple asset classes one. At \$2,200 per acre only a half hour from Tallahassee, it's hard to go wrong. A good portion of it is USDA grade farmland with strong timber. There is significant road frontage, platted for future home sites.

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GADSDEN CO - FL

3694 acres

\$19,500,000



HAVANA, FL / GADSDEN CO.

Sporting property located in the famed Red Hills Plantation Belt just 15 miles North of Tallahassee, FL. River Ridge West has pristine pine savannahs managed for quail for decades with prescribed fire, a plethora of rich water features such as 60 +/- acres in lakes, park-like hardwood creek bottoms, cypress sloughs, more than 3 miles of Ochlockonee River frontage, and 1 mile of both sides of Shaw Creek flowing through the property! Diverse and multi-faceted, this property is a shining example of great land stewardship, in a great location, with major "Higher and Better Usage" upside.

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WALTER HATCHETT & JON KOHLER
850-508-4564 / walter@jonkohler.com

825 acres

\$3,500 per acre



HIGHWAY 90
QUINCY, FL / GADSDEN CO.

This is an 823 acre timber/recreational tract situated less than 15 minutes west of Tallahassee in eastern Gadsden County FL. The property is comprised of a mixture of valuable upland mature pine plantation and gorgeous virgin hardwoods with over 3 miles of river frontage along the Little River.

Southern Land Realty
www.SouthernLandRealty.com

LUKE MURPHY
850-385-3000 / Luke@SouthernLandRealty.com

298 acres

\$2,950 per acre



HANNA MILL POND RD
QUINCY, FL / GADSDEN CO.

It is bordered by Telogia Creek and Hurricane Branch. The two creeks surround beautiful quail woods and deer habitat to create an incredibly beautiful pond. Nestled in between a high fenced game preserve and old tobacco farms Twin Creeks is the perfect recreational property. Call today.

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850-385-3000 / Rob@SouthernLandRealty.com

GILCHRIST CO - FL

86 acres

\$13,500 per acre



HWY 342
BELL, FL / GILCHRIST CO.

Great Development Property located in Gilchrist, Florida. This property is offered divided or as a whole and would make an ideal Home Site or for and investment. This property has Paved road frontage on Hwy 342 and dirt road frontage. Please call for more information!

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JEFFERSON CO - FL

368 acres

\$2,700,000



429 HAY POND RD
MONTICELLO, FL / JEFFERSON CO.

Hay Pond, one of the most noted gentleman's farms in the Red Hills Plantation belt. It has a 28-acre lake, duck ponds, pecan grove, dove field, quail woods, live oaks, a Grade A campsite with RV hookups, water, sewer and is extremely game rich.

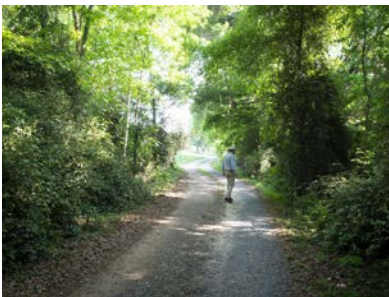
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LEON CO - FL

52 acres

\$517,400



TALLAHASSEE, FL / LEON CO.

Rare opportunity on acreage in Leon County. The property has .6 miles frontage on Mahan Drive and is located in a great neighborhood. A former a cattle operation, the property has been ditched and drained. Currently, the land is naturally wooded. Incredible potential with natural duck pond on site.

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MADISON CO - FL

435 acres

\$826,500



MADISON, FL / MADISON CO.

Flatwoods Timber is a recreational and timber property located in Madison County, Florida in the Suwannee Valley. This tract contains abundant wildlife and beautiful habitat. Flatwoods Timber offers an excellent place for a hunting camp, weekend getaway, or home site.

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WALTER HATCHETT
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80 acres

\$480,000



SE ROLLERCOASTER HILL RD.
MADISON, FL / MADISON CO.

Planted pines, majestic oaks, high flat ground, and gentle rolling hills down to a small pond, these 80 acres are full of North Florida Charm! Multiple opportunities for this land including planted slash pines, private estate or multi-family residence and prime hunting.

Southern Country Realty
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CHRISTI ANNETT
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TAYLOR CO - FL

855 acres

\$2,940,000



PERRY, FL / TAYLOR CO.

This high-quality timber property has been owned by the Moody family for well over 55 years - with decades of great stewardship, they have molded this property into the recreational, timber-rich tract that it is today. The property offers multiple income producing opportunities, as well as great deer, turkey and duck hunting.

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WAKULLA CO - FL

4052 acres

\$17,622,800



WAKULLA, FL / WAKULLA CO.

Rare Investment Opportunity - One of Florida's last best unprotected coastal properties. It encompasses two miles of deep-water river frontage on the St. Marks River, Gulf access, a 2nd magnitude spring, deep water sink, and is the epitome of "Old Florida." It has exceptional higher & better use.

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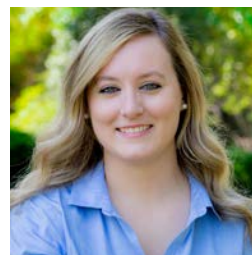
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