



## **GEORGIA AGRICULTURE COMMODITY COMMISSION FOR BEEF**

In the past year the Georgia Beef Commission put to work the funds received from Georgia Beef assessment of one dollar per head. They put their focus on the three areas allowed under the market order approved by growers – research, education, and promotion. The members of the commission work hard to make sure the funds used are on projects that will be of benefit to the producers of beef in Georgia.

This past year the commissions received \$472,141 in assessments the commission has committed \$311,000 for research with the University of Georgia. Some of these projects include studies on antimicrobial resistance, study to eradicate *E. coli* in beef, Seed management in forages, Performance of dairy beef cross steers with enhanced feeding during pre-weaning, and others. Also funded was support to the UGA livestock judging team and UGA Extension Beef Team.

There was funding for scholarships each for two UGA animal science students and two ABAC students planning to pursue a career in the food animal industry. The Georgia Beef Board was granted \$100,000 for support of activities of promoting beef at events in Georgia. Many of these events are cooking demonstrations, education activities and media promotions. The commission also provided support to the Georgia Farm Bureau Farm Monitor weekly tv show and support of the Georgia Grown Baby Barn at the Georgia National Fair in October.

The members of the commission have project request for more than twice the amount of money that is received each year. They take time to evaluate each of the projects and try to make decisions on funding of projects which will be of the most value to Georgia beef producers.

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