

HOMESTEADING IN GEORGIA

Your place. Your records. Your next decision.

FREE COMPANION WORKBOOK

A printable companion to Homesteading in Georgia. Keep the guide for explanations and reference; use these pages to record what is true on your own ground.

Start with the property profile, then print only the pages that fit your current decisions. Repeat a page for another property, enterprise, season, or review. Unknown is a useful answer: pair it with a way to verify it.

These pages are designed for handwriting after printing, not interactive PDF form entry. Chapter references point to the guide; the workbook does not replace its explanations or the current source documents.

Print at actual size on US Letter paper, in black and white. Keep dated observations and supporting documents with the relevant page.

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Property profile: location

Chapter 1 | Print another copy whenever you need one.

Place / enterprise: _____ Date / season: _____

County, nearest town, property identifier

Use an identifier you are comfortable keeping in your records.

Province, planting band, hardiness zone

Include the map edition and source; these tools answer different questions.

Weather station and freeze baseline

Record the station, source, date, and statistic used.

Elevation, slope, low spots, and sunlight

Describe where conditions differ from the regional baseline.

Property profile: capacity

Chapters 1 and 3 | Print another copy whenever you need one.

Place / enterprise: _____ Date / season: _____

Soil areas and test history

Separate beds, fields, and other management areas; include texture and test dates.

Water and existing infrastructure

Sources, failure points, fence, pasture, woods, structures, access, well, and septic.

Household goals and ordinary weekly hours

Food, resilience, enjoyment, income; include limits and competing commitments.

Unknowns and next observations

What needs verification? Which decision depends on that answer?

Property condition card

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Place / enterprise: _____ Date / season: _____

Climate evidence

Province, planting band, freeze pattern, zone: current answer, source/date, decision changed.

Ground evidence

Soil/tests, wet areas/drainage, sunny ground: answer, source/date, decision changed.

Infrastructure evidence

Water failures, access, utilities: answer, source/date, decision changed.

Labor evidence

Weekly labor limit, source/date of estimate, and what must change to fit it.

Property review

Chapter 2 | Print another copy whenever you need one.

Place / enterprise: _____ Date / season: _____

Property and intended use

Keep separate records for each property or proposed project.

Questions and supporting records

Access, animals, structures, water, septic, flood/drainage, insurance, customer visits.

Verified answers

Source or office, date, answer/document, and effect on the decision.

Open questions and correction budget

List what is still open. Sort each correction cost into make-safe, make-functional, or make-better, and note the reserve.

Enterprise readiness

Chapters 3 and 11 | Print another copy whenever you need one.

Place / enterprise: _____ Date / season: _____

Purpose, output destination, and end point

What will this activity provide? What would make you pause or stop?

Water, access, space, and inputs

Ready or not? Record evidence and fixes for backup water, routes, housing/beds, feed/fertility.

Storage, waste, weather, and support

Evidence and fixes for heat, storms, outages, storage, waste, and technical/health support.

Routine and backup operator

Who can complete the essential routine? What remains to fix before starting?

Seasonal observations

Chapter 6 and operations calendar | Print another copy whenever you need one.

Place / enterprise: _____ Date / season: _____

Place, season, and baseline

Identify the bed, field, or observation point and the published timing reference.

Observed dates and conditions

Soil warmth, rain, freezes, bloom, forage, honey flow; distinguish measurements from estimates.

Decision and actual result

What did you try, and what happened? Include delays, loss, or an early finish.

Next season adjustment

What evidence supports changing the timing? What still needs another season?

Garden and perennial plan

Chapters 5-10 | Print another copy whenever you need one.

Place / enterprise: _____ Date / season: _____

Household use and crop choices

Choose crops and quantities you can use, store, or give away.

Site and timing

Management area, sunlight, drainage, soil-test reference, local establishment/finish window.

Water, protection, and labor

Irrigation, weeds, scouting, wildlife, harvest routine, and support needed.

Trial and review

Small reversible test: crop and cultivar, seed or transplant, dates, conditions, useful harvest, success measure, next decision.

Animals and bees

Chapters 11-16 | Print another copy whenever you need one.

Place / enterprise: _____ Date / season: _____

Enterprise and purpose

Species, intended output, scale, and why it fits this household.

Daily dependencies

Water, feed/forage, housing, ventilation, containment, and handling access.

Support and backup care

Professional contacts, existing care-plan location, caregiver, and training still needed.

Observations and review

Labor, inputs, output, problems, professional follow-up, and continue/change/pause decision.

Water, weather, and outages

Chapter 4 | Print another copy whenever you need one.

Place / enterprise: _____ Date / season: _____

Essential needs and dependencies

Which tasks depend on water, power, access, or temperature control?

One-failure backup

What happens if one source, pump, route, or caregiver becomes unavailable?

Preparedness and qualified support

Supplies, service contacts, current official guidance, and work requiring qualified help.

Test or event record

Date, failure observed, result, repair priority, and next review date.

Harvest, storage, and household use

Chapters 17 and 18 | Print another copy whenever you need one.

Place / enterprise: _____ Date / season: _____

Planned harvest and destination

Fresh use, storage, preservation, sharing; match volume to capacity.

Current tested guidance

Record the authoritative source, revision/access date, and where the instructions are kept.

Inventory and routine

Item/batch, date, quantity, storage location, monitoring routine, and household use.

Loss, waste, and next adjustment

What went unused or exceeded capacity? What should change next season?

Weekly work and maintenance

Chapters 18, 19, and 21 | Print another copy whenever you need one.

Place / enterprise: _____ Date / season: _____

Essential recurring work

Tasks, frequency, responsible person, ordinary hours, and peak-season hours.

Tools, materials, and maintenance

Item, condition, service reference, repair/replacement need, and priority.

Backup handoff

Where are instructions, supplies, contacts, and the demonstration of the routine?

This review cycle

One repair, one simplification, and one activity to postpone or stop.

Annual enterprise review: inputs

Chapters 3, 20, and 21 | Print another copy whenever you need one.

Place / enterprise: _____ Date / season: _____

Enterprise and review period

Identify the activity and the period covered; keep receipts and supporting records separately.

Startup and recurring spending

For each: planned, actual, difference, and next decision.

Ordinary and peak weekly hours

For each: planned, actual, difference, and next decision.

Emergency events

Planned provision, actual event/cost/labor, and the change it calls for.

Annual enterprise review: outcomes

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Place / enterprise: _____ Date / season: _____

Household and preserved/stored use

For each: planned, actual, and next decision.

Saleable output, loss, and waste

For each: planned, actual, and next decision. Keep saleable output distinct from actual sales.

Enjoyment and learning

What did the activity give the household? What burden was not in the plan?

Continue, change, pause, or stop

Decision, reason, next step, and date to revisit it.

Current-information verification log

Chapters 2 and 20 | Print another copy whenever you need one.

Place / enterprise: _____ Date / season: _____

Question and exact activity/location

Describe the specific uncertainty without assuming the answer.

Authority or qualified professional

Office/person, contact route, and source/document title.

Answer and verification date

Keep the actual written response or source with this record. Mark unresolved items unknown.

Effect on decision and next check

What changes because of the answer? When or under what change should it be checked again?
