



## Coastal Georgia Small Farmer's Cooperative

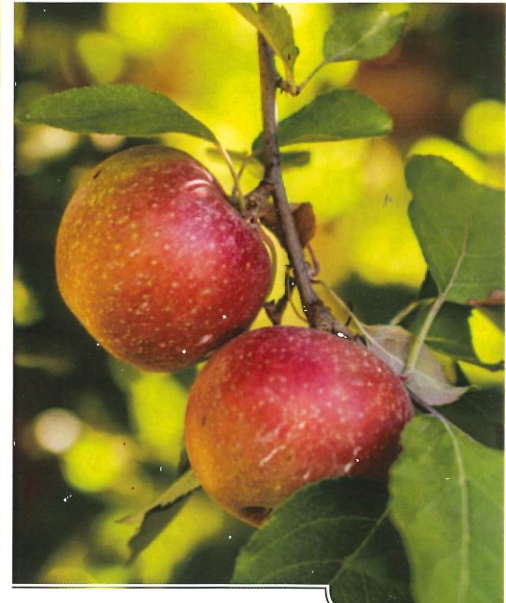
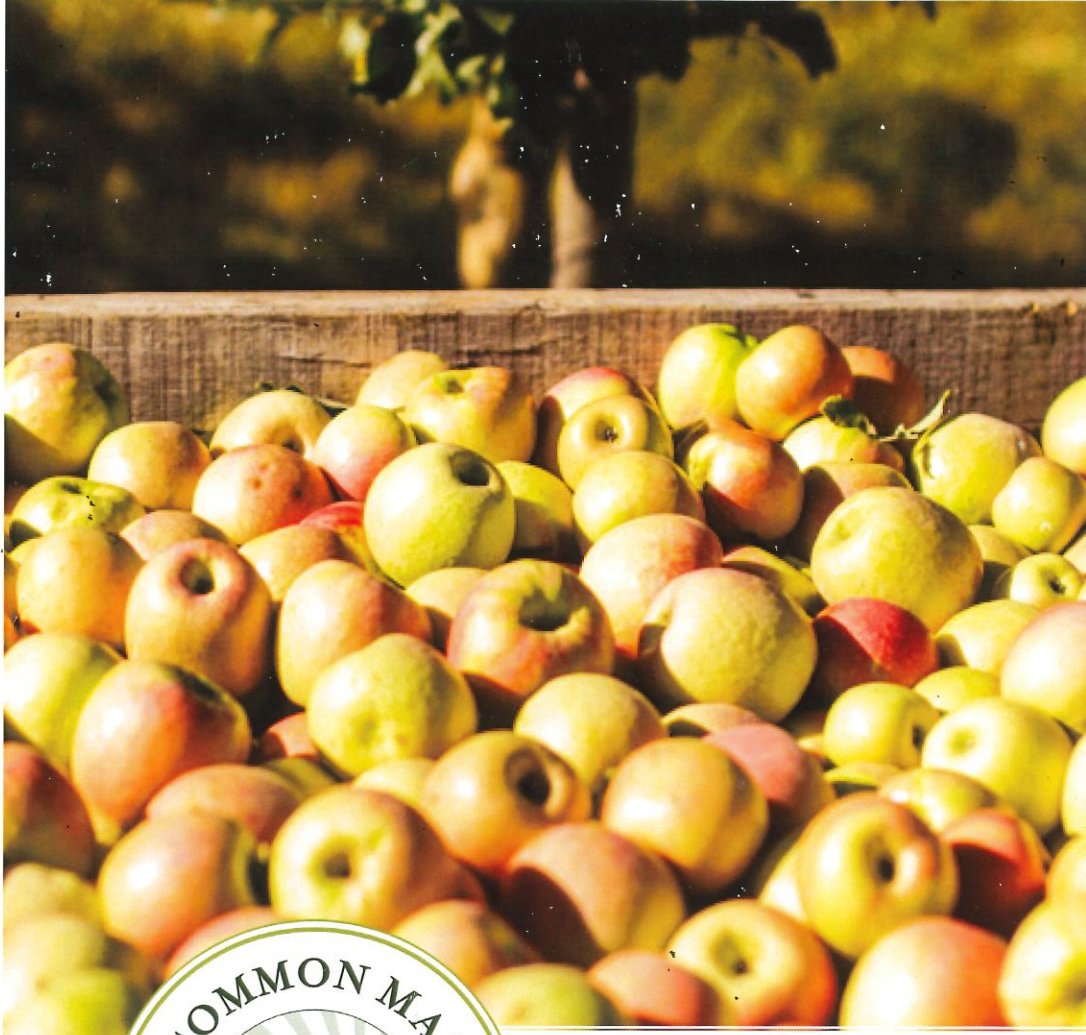
GLENNVILLE, GA

### — meet your farmer —

Coastal Georgia Small Farmer's Cooperative was established in 1988 by five African American veteran farmers looking to maintain and sustain their farming heritage and passion for growing high-quality, Georgia-grown vegetables. Presently led and managed by Lonnie J. Johnson, Jessie L. Rhodes, Roosevelt Clark, David Richardson, and John Little, the co-op collectively holds 80 years of farming experience. They take pride in growing beautiful, GAP certified produce, including a southern favorite Collard Greens, for school districts, grocery stores, and your community!

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# BJ Reece Orchards

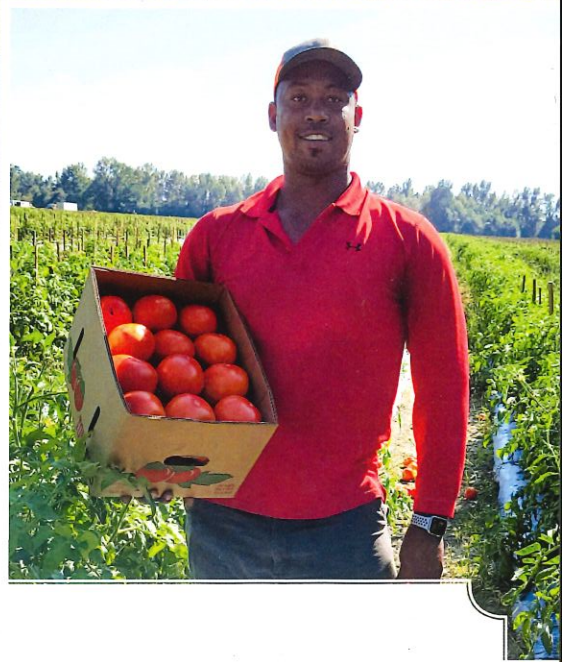
ELLIJAY, GA

## meet your farmer

Located in the beautiful mountains of northern Georgia, BJ Reece Orchards has been growing apples and cultivating a family-friendly atmosphere for more than 50 years. BJ Reece prides itself in its rich history of being solely family owned and operated, something that is evident once you step into the orchards. Run by second generation family farmers, John and wife Rachel Reece have helped to expand their business to include over eight varieties of apples, a U-Pick orchard, and much more. Their crisp and juicy apples have a unique taste and are incomparable to other southeast orchards' offerings.

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## Farms 2U

AUGUSTA, GA

### meet your farmer

Johnny and Ryan Pressley are third and fourth generation farmers, and the dynamic duo behind Farms 2U. They work hand in hand, cultivating not just crops, but a strong family legacy rooted in the soil. Their farms are based in Wilcox County, GA, as well as Aiken and Bamberg, South Carolina. They process, pack, ship and shell multiple crops out of their Augusta, GA distribution center, including lima beans, broccoli, tomatoes, squash, peas and sweet corn.

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## Haynes and Sons

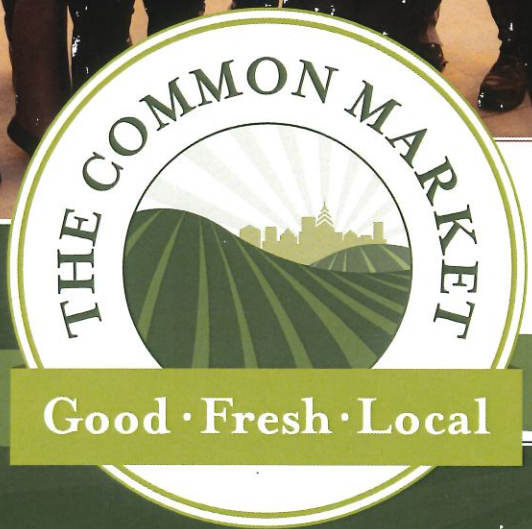
CULLMAN, AL

### — meet your farmer —

Haynes and Sons Farm is a third generation produce farm, which Clark Haynes has owned and operated since he took over the family business in 1994 after his father passed away. Their farm harvests a variety of vegetables including Covington, white, Murasaki, and purple sweet potatoes, watermelons, cucumbers, and bell peppers. Recently, they have become increasingly excited about the local food movement and the benefits that arise from the connections between farmers and consumers. They have partnered with local food banks in their area to bring local produce into the hands of Cullman natives.

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# PL Only Organics

DOUGLASVILLE, GA

## meet your farmer

PL Only Organics is a pioneering organic food company dedicated to promoting healthier lifestyles through sustainable farming practices. They specialize in producing a diverse range of organic products, including items like cherry tomatoes and various hydroponic lettuces, but are prepared to grow both their business and their product list based on community demand. Their mission extends beyond just delivering organic goods; they strive to educate consumers about the benefits of organic farming and its positive impact on both human health and the environment.

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## Byne Blueberry Farms

WAYNESBORO, GA

### Meet Your Farmer

Dick Byne and his family harvest 15 acres of delicious organic blueberries in Waynesboro, Georgia. Byne Blueberry Farms is one of the oldest organic blueberry farms in the United States. Originally created as a you-pick operation, Byne quickly realized the health benefits and demand for the delightful superfruit and has innovated ways to use the blueberry. The farm provides a unique line of organic blueberry products like blueberry powder, blueberry syrup, and chocolate covered blueberries.

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# Participating in Local Food for Schools?

*Make it simple to connect your school to local farms and food grown right here in Georgia with The Common Market.*

At The Common Market, we have over a decade of experience sourcing, aggregating, and distributing local food. We also pride ourselves on helping schools like yours tell the stories behind our local growers. Build new relationships with producers, generate excitement in your cafeterias, and utilize your school district's purchasing power to drive meaningful economic impact across the local food system.

**Support both family farmers and your student community with The Common Market Southeast today!**



*Pictured: Young Georgia school students enjoy a locally sourced apple.*

## *The Common Market offers:*

- Local, Georgia products, like fruits, vegetables, proteins, and more!
- Aggregation infrastructure that provides access to a large network of producers from across the state.
- Direct delivery services throughout Georgia from farm to loading dock.
- Dedicated outreach and support team.
- Streamlined invoicing processes.
- Marketing materials to help you tell the story of your local sourcing commitments.
- Transparency with every order! Invoices always include farm name and location.



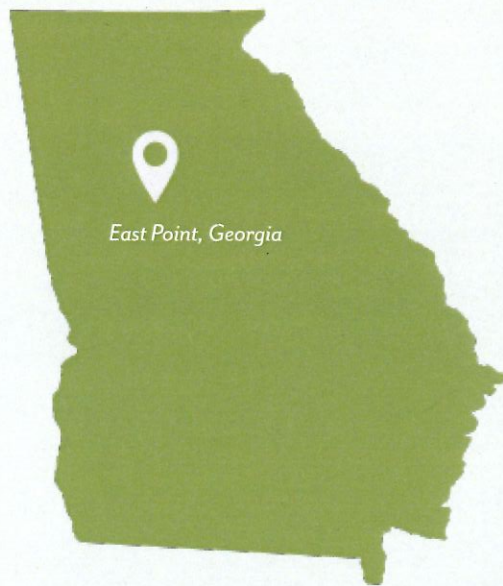


## Examples of Georgia products for your schools:

- Frozen blueberries for smoothies
- Harvest of the Month
- Hydroponic lettuces and cherry tomatoes, available year-round
- Hand fruits, available seasonally
- Grass-fed beef and pastured poultry
- Bulk grains such as polenta, cornmeal, grits
- *and more!*



Support farmers like collard growers Coastal Georgia Small Farmers Cooperative.



## About The Common Market

The Common Market is a nonprofit wholesale food distributor with a mission to build vibrant and sustainable regional food systems that strengthen the health and wealth of all people. Founded in 2008, The Common Market has connected family farmers to institutions and the communities they serve for well over a decade. By 2016, our work expanded into the Southeast, where we are proud to call East Point, Georgia home. The Common Market Southeast is available to partner with your schools to create win-win-win opportunities for students, farms and local communities!

## Contact us today!

Join the 20+ Georgia school districts who have purchased local, nutritious foods from The Common Market.

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## Our Mission, Vision & Values

**Our mission** is to connect communities with good food from sustainable family farms. We strive to improve food security, farm viability, and community and ecological health.

**We envision** a nation composed of vibrant regional food systems where interdependent urban and rural communities thrive through relationships that build the health and wealth of all people.

**We value:**

**Community:** Rooted in community since our founding days, we believe in the potential to build collective power through collaboration across an interdependent food system.

**Diversity:** We believe that all environments thrive with greater cultural and biological diversity.

The Common Market embodies this value in our organization and all of our relationships throughout the food system.

**Local Investment:** We believe that by building the strength of regional economies, we can promote equitable health and well-being in urban and rural communities.

**Stewardship:** We believe that agriculture can be restorative to the environment. By developing markets for food that is grown with integrity and respect, we can help transform growing practices and heal communities.

**Transparency:** At every step from seed to table, we are dedicated to building trusting relationships that ensure food safety, foster accountability and maintain traceability.





## Employee Assistance Program

Everybody needs a little help sometimes.

Fayette County Public Schools employees, their spouses and children are all eligible to access the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). The EAP offers professional support for a range of issues – including mental health counseling (up to 4 sessions at no cost to you), financial & legal resources (free 30-minute phone consultation plus discounts for additional time/services), and work/life referral services. The EAP is available to help you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To learn more, follow the instructions at the bottom of this sheet.



### Mental Health Counseling

You have access to up to 4 counseling sessions at no cost. Call the EAP for confidential access to a highly-qualified counselor that can help you with:

- Job pressures
- Relationship/marital conflicts
- Work Disagreements
- Substance Abuse
- Stress, Anxiety & Depression
- Family & Parenting Problems



### Financial and Legal Resources

Legal and Financial experts are available for 30-minute consultations to help our employees with:

- Contractual Disputes
- Divorce and Child Custody
- Home Purchases and Closings
- Adoption
- Debt Management & Credit Report Issues
- Estate Planning
- And More!



### Work/Life Referral Services

EAP Work/Life Consultants can answer questions and help you find local resources for:

- Childcare and Parenting
- Elder Care
- Event and Travel Planning
- Home Repairs
- Moving or Relocation Services
- And More

## How To Access These Resources

**Acentra**  
HEALTH

Keetra is now Acentra Health  
New name, same great program!

Welcome to your Employee Assistance Program and Work-Life Website!

Enter your Company Code to access EAP HelpLink.

To login, simply enter your Company Code. If you do not know your Company Code, please contact your Employee Assistance Program or your company's Human Resources or Benefits Department.

Company Code:



By logging onto this site you will have access to information and resources to enhance your life and personal wellbeing. For information on personal growth, emotional wellness, parenting, managing change, self-assessments, online training modules, and financial calculators. This site is a comprehensive resource for you and your family.

1. Visit [www.EAPHelpLink.com](http://www.EAPHelpLink.com).
2. Use code **GADOE**.
3. Alternatively, you may call **1-866-279-5177** for access over the phone.

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