Supporting Rural Communities

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University of Georgia Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant provides applied research, education, training and outreach to help coastal communities address challenges and identify opportunities.
Our work has a significant economic impact on the state

$115 MILLION in economic impact through education and outreach programs

250% ROI

250 percent return on investment in research projects from 2005–2015
Economic impact of Georgia's seafood industry

9,616 Jobs
$1.4B Sales
$320M Income
2017 Landings:
7.7 million pounds

2017 Dockside Value:
$16.8 million

Seafood values
UGA supports the seafood industry:

- Thorough seafood safety training
- Marketing and promotion of GA products
- Raising consumer awareness
UGA helps coastal communities:

- Prepare for weather events, such as hurricanes
- Mitigate potential damage caused by flooding
- Protect water quality from stormwater runoff
UGA helps coastal property owners save money on flood insurance

2016 | COASTAL GEORGIA COMMUNITIES
Participating in CRS

- **City of Savannah**
  - Rating: 5
  - Savings: $640K
  - *Effective May 1, 2016*

- **City of Tybee Island**
  - Rating: 5
  - Savings: $978K

- **Chatham County**
  - Rating: 5
  - Savings: $3M

- **Glynn County**
  - Rating: 7
  - Savings: $2M

- **Jekyll Island State Authority**
  - Rating: 6
  - Savings: $2M

- **St. Marys**
  - Rating: 7
  - Savings: $87,740
  - *Effective May 1, 2016*
  - Newest Participating

- **Camden County**
  - Rating: 7
  - Savings: $87,740
  - Created Georgia’s first program for public information with St. Marys

*Estimates based on 2015 premiums using 2015 CRF ratings.*

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Sea Grant
UGA helps fishermen:

- Address challenges
- Understand and follow state and federal regulations
- Introduce new industry opportunities
UGA helps fishermen adapt to changes by diversifying their businesses
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