



House Rural Development Council

Georgia Farm Bureau



The Voice of Georgia Farmers

Our Purpose:

To provide leadership and assistance to the agricultural sector, to promote farm products, to aid in ag-related procurement, to be a spokesman for the farmer in the legislative arena, to be a leader in the development and expansion of farm markets, to strive for more agricultural research and educational funds and facilities

- **158** County Offices and Boards
- Members In Every Legislative District
- Lead By **Volunteers**
- Policies & Programs Directed By Members
- The Largest Farm Organization In GA
- **We Are Truly Grassroots**



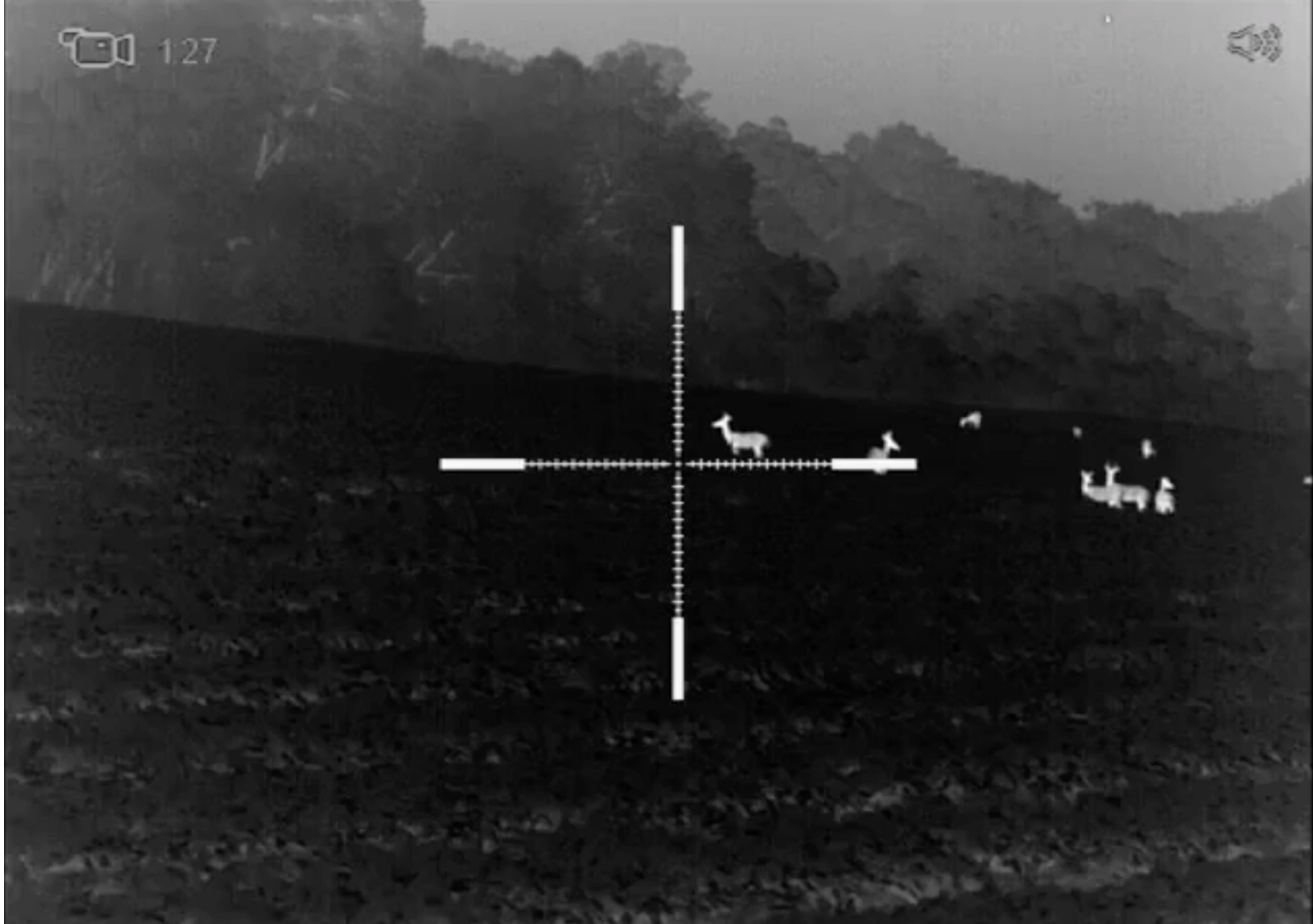
Wildlife Nuisance

- **Whitetail Deer Nuisance**

- Issue that has seen exponential growth year after year.
- Inflict significant damages to agricultural producers across many commodities.
- Incentive to maintain healthy populations due to recreational interest.
- Highly regulated species due to desire to rebuild populations over the past 50 years.



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Farmer Testament



“That's an entire 38 acre field of toothpicks where we had near perfect stand.”



“Second trip across. Nothing left.”



“Definitely the worst I've had in last 5 years.”

“Lost 50% of a 9 acre field In town, can't afford to put a electric fence around 40 different fields...”

Deer Nuisance

- **GFB Action on the Issue**
 - Facilitating farmers' input and reports of deer impact across the state.
 - Working with DNR to make Deer Depredation Permits more efficient for farmers.
 - Funding research and collaborating with UGA to understand research needs.



Deer Nuisance

- **Research**
 - Quantify the economic burden deer place on agricultural producers.
- **Wildlife Depredation Permits**
 - Increase the effectiveness of current programs to address deer nuisance.
- **Legislative Intervention**
 - Explore ways the General Assembly can help alleviate the impact of deer on the agriculture industry.



“The edges of this entire farm get eaten each year, at least a booms width (100 ft), and in the very back it’s worse.”

Questions?

