

Georgia Agribusiness Needs Assessment Survey

Welcome to the Study of the Workforce Training Needs for the Agribusiness Industry in Georgia!

Confidentiality

Confidentiality: Please be assured that the information provided by you will be held in the strictest confidence. No individually-identifiable information provided about you or your business/company will be shared with others without your written permission. Your identity will not be associated with your responses in any published format. The results of the study will be presented in summary form only as aggregate data to the University System of Georgia. Confidentiality is assured in the final report. Your participation is completely voluntary. You may skip any question you choose not to answer; you do not have to answer any questions before moving on to the next one. You have the right to change your mind and stop answering questions at any time without giving any reason and without penalty. You may withdraw at any time by simply choosing not to participate. However, we hope that you will participate fully so that we can obtain the most accurate picture of Georgia's agribusiness workforce needs. Be aware that, because of Internet security issues, confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. There is a very small risk that, although the survey is being run from a "secure" https server, responses could be viewed by unauthorized third parties (e.g., computer hackers). However, every effort will be made, to the extent possible, to secure the information provided electronically.

In some situations, and with the consent of the person being interviewed, parts of one-on-one interviews may be taped for the purpose of accurately report any quotes to be attributed (with consent) to the interviewee. Tapes will be stored securely in the Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development and will be accessible only to the research team. The tapes will not be publicly disseminated and will be erased no later than one year following the completion of the project. Retention is justified for that period to ensure satisfaction with the final report by the research sponsors. Project completion should occur at the end of FY 09.

As a subscriber to the professional version of SurveyMonkey, we will have the ability to export the data with a Custom Report feature. that would allow us to hide those questions that are to be excluded from the statistical analysis to be conducted. Only the questions visible on the Response Summary screen when a custom report is active will be included in the requested export. The original responses will be stored on the secure website in SurveyMonkey. Thus, the information entered in Questions 1 – 3 will not be part of the report.

Access to the on-line survey will be password protected by a password to be distributed to authorized participants only.

After reading this information, you may select the “**NEXT**” button at the bottom of each page to review the survey prior to completing the survey. Should you choose to continue, you are indicating your agreement to participate in this project.

More information about the Georgia Agribusiness Needs Assessment project is available on the [Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development](#)'s website. Additional information about the Georgia Agribusiness Council is available [here](#). To learn more about the University System of Georgia 's Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP), please click [here](#).