



**Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia
AgTrack Partner Application
Gold Level**



**Section A.
Operation Information**

Name: _____

Name of Operation: _____

Is this a family farm? Yes _____ No _____ Number of Years in Farming: _____

Family Members participating in farming operation: _____

Farm Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Street Address (if different from Farm Address): _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Soil and Water Conservation District: _____

1. Would you prefer to receive information and correspondence from the program by e-mail, hard copy, or both? (please check)

_____ E-mail _____ Hard Copy _____ Both

Have you previously been enrolled as a Bronze or Silver Level Partner?

Yes No

(If yes, please proceed to Section B)

2. Briefly describe your farming operation, including major crops produced and livestock raised.

Total Acres: _____

Cropland _____ Pasture _____ Timber _____ Other _____ (Please specify use)

Please specify crops grown and acreage:

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| <input type="text"/> Cotton | <input type="text"/> Peanuts |
| <input type="text"/> Corn | <input type="text"/> Soybeans |
| <input type="text"/> Millet | <input type="text"/> Wheat |
| <input type="text"/> Hay | <input type="text"/> Turfgrass/Nursery/Greenhouse Crops |
| <input type="text"/> Timber | <input type="text"/> Other (please specify) |

Please indicate the number of livestock raised:

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| <input type="text"/> Beef Cattle | <input type="text"/> Dairy Cattle |
| <input type="text"/> Sheep | <input type="text"/> Goats |
| <input type="text"/> Horses | <input type="text"/> Poultry (please specify number of houses
and type of production) |
| <input type="text"/> Other (please specify) | |

Briefly describe your operation's history and family involvement in the operation. (100 words or less)

Is there anything else you would like to share with us about your farm? (150 words or less)

Please list any association memberships, level of involvement and years of service with any of the following activities/organizations.

Local Boards/Elected Positions

Agriculture Organizations

Community Involvement/Outreach

3. Please check any of the listed conservation practices you have implemented on your farm.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Heavy Use Area Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nutrient Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Manure Storage Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pest Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Animal Mortality Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> | Watering Ramp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Conservation Buffer Strips | <input type="checkbox"/> | Stream Crossing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Filter Strips | <input type="checkbox"/> | Streamside Management Zone (SMZ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Irrigation Water Management | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recycle and Recapture Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Use Exclusion | <input type="checkbox"/> | Riparian Buffer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Alternative Water Management | <input type="checkbox"/> | Conservation Tillage |

Other: _____

Please tell us about any innovative conservation practices or systems that you have installed on your farm (150 words or less)

Does your operation have any of the following?

	Yes	No	N/A
A current, written nutrient management plan (NMP)			
A current, written conservation plan			
A current, written integrated pest management plan (IPM)			
Soil and manure testing records			
Any required, current permits on-site and available			

Please indicate any conservation/industry programs you have participated in that provided you with educational opportunities and/or funding for implementing best management practices on your farm.

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| ___ EQIP (<i>Environmental Quality Incentives Program</i>) | ___ SPB (<i>Southern Pine Beetle Initiative</i>) |
| ___ WHIP (<i>Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program</i>) | ___ GROWS (<i>Georgia Recognizes Our Woodland Stewards</i>) |
| ___ CRP (<i>Conservation Reserve Program</i>) | ___ TAG (<i>Team Agriculture Georgia</i>) |
| ___ CSP (<i>Conservation Security Program</i>) | ___ FPP (<i>Farmland Protection Program</i>) |
| ___ FLEP (<i>Forestland Enhancement Program</i>) | ___ WRP (<i>Wetland Protection Program</i>) |
| ___ FLP (<i>Forest Legacy Program</i>) | ___ Other: _____ |
| ___ FSP (<i>Forest Stewardship Program</i>) | |

4. List any awards/recognition for your conservation efforts.

Describe any future plans you may have to continue your conservation efforts on your farm (150 words or less).

5. Would you like your information forward in consideration of the Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award?

Yes No

6. How did you hear about the Partnership Program?

Section B.

Partner Commitments

At the Gold Level, commitments last over a three year period.

1. Have you previously been enrolled as a **Bronze** or **Silver** Level Partner?
 Yes No

Prerequisites for entry into the Gold Level of Partnership require:

- 1) A written environmental management system (EMS) plan or other conservation plan for your operation.
- 2) Records of natural resource uses (water, energy, waste production) from the previous year.
- 3) Record of at least two major accomplishments towards previous environmental commitments.

Other Commitments:

- **Develop an action plan** to address **at least three environmental concerns** on your operation.
- Provide an **annual performance report (APR)** on progress towards goals and provide **quantifiable results** that help to **promote your efforts** as an environmental leader.
- Participate in, or host, **at least four community outreach events.**
- Complete **eight hours** of continuing education. *(Begins at start of year 2)*
- Submit Annual Performance Reports (APR) documenting commitments and environmental efforts.

Section C.
Application and Participation Statement

On behalf of _____ (my operation)

I certify that:

- I have read and agree to the terms and conditions for application and participation in the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia, as specified in the application instructions.
- I believe the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- My operation is, to the best of my knowledge, currently in compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local environmental requirements, or has a corrective action program in place to attain compliance.

I understand that the Sustainability Division’s decision whether to accept, deny or remove me from the Program is wholly discretionary.

I understand that the information provided in this application will be public record.
I am the highest-ranking operation manager or I have been fully authorized by a manager to represent this farm or nursery.

Signature/Date

Printed Name

Title

Phone Number

Name of Farm/Nursery

The Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia is a program of the Sustainability Division of the GA Department of Natural Resources.

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