

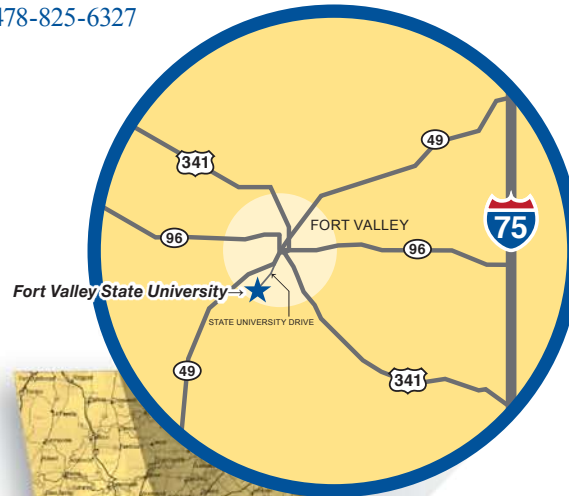
# What is the Georgia Small Ruminant Research and Extension Center?

It's a facility used for training, meat processing, researching and educating. Since small ruminants, such as sheep and goats, are important to the livelihood of farmers across the world, the Center was created to improve and facilitate practices involved in the production of these animals, which play an important role in the production of milk, meat and fiber.



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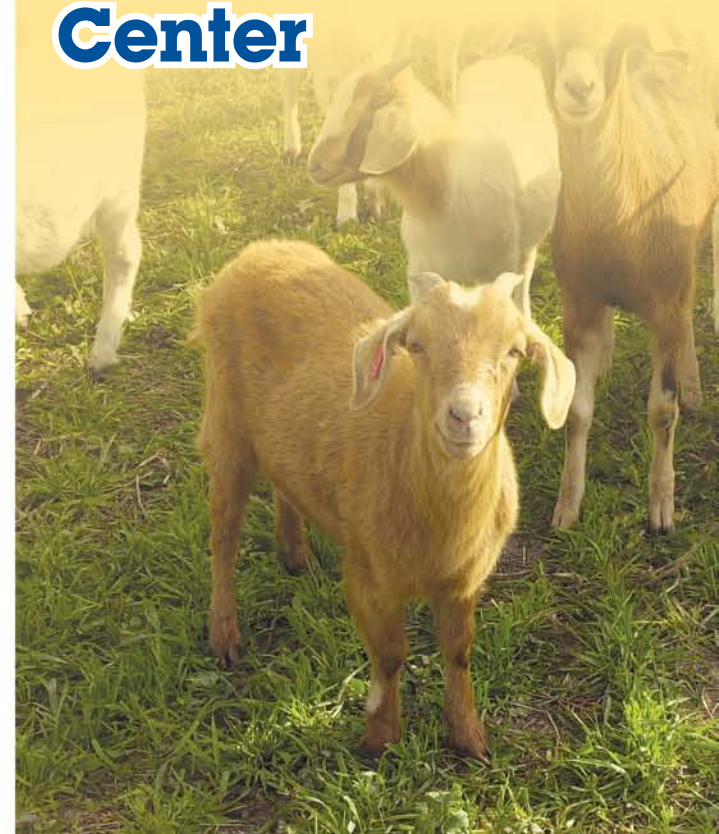
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# Georgia Small Ruminant Research and Extension Center



# ***The Georgia Small Ruminant Research and Extension Center (GSRREC) is the largest facility of its kind east of the Mississippi River, and it is recognized as a national leader in goat research.***

## **The Facility**

Sitting on 21 acres in Fort Valley, Ga., the Center is the largest of its kind east of the Mississippi River. Demonstrations, seminars and workshops are held here for animal producers, county extension agents and farmer advisors.

The facility has a Meat Technology Center where faculty and staff are developing products such as goat patties, goat jerky and goat sausage. There is also a Dairy Technology Center where goat milk is sold or processed into cheese, ice cream and soap.

## **Services Offered**

- Processing of goats, sheep, cattle and swine for small-production farmers and individuals.

Slaughtering must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance and all slaughtered animals are state and federally inspected. The processed meat cannot be sold in the Center's retail store and must be picked up promptly.

- Training seminars for the public.
- One-on-one advice from experts.
- Tours for the general public, students and those interested in getting information about goat and sheep production.
- Training programs about food safety and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP).

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### **Service Fees at the Meat Technology Center**



Cattle and Hogs     \$28/head

Sheep and Goats     \$10/head

Retail Cut Fees     \$.40/pound  
(all species)     or carcass weight

