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GA Must Do More for Farmers

An April 3–11 survey by the American Farm Bureau Federation found that soaring fertilizer and fuel costs are putting tremendous pressure on Southern farmers. In Georgia, nearly three-quarters of respondents said they can't afford all the fertilizer they need, and 95.5% reported that their financial situation has either worsened or failed to improve since early 2025.

Only 9% of Georgia farmers were able to pre-purchase fertilizer, citing high prices, uncertainty, limited storage, and tight cash flow. Diesel prices have risen 46% since February, while fertilizer costs continue to climb, making it even harder for family farms to stay profitable.

Georgia already works with the federal government to provide commodity support, disaster relief, grants, and low-interest loans. But that support is transactional, and doesn't provide assistance fast enough, frequently enough, or substantially enough. As fertilizer, fuel, and operating costs continue to rise, we need to do more to protect family farms.

I support expanding targeted assistance specifically for Georgia farmers. It's time to put more of our state resources behind strengthening farm assistance.

It's time for Georgia to stop subsidizing AI companies that feed us online garbage and start subsidizing the farmers who simply feed us.