

**NAME: Tyler Harper**  
**PARTY: Republican**  
**SEEKING: Commissioner of Agriculture**

**1. Why are you seeking your office?**

I'm a proud seventh-generation farmer, small business owner, and State Senator running for Agriculture Commissioner to fight for our farmers, producers, and consumers and champion our state's number one industry. Agriculture is vital to our state, and the next commissioner must understand the industry and how best to address issues facing our #1 economic engine, and I have the background, experience, and record of results to do just that. For me, being a farmer and being involved in agriculture is more than a job— it's a way of life. I'm running for Agriculture Commissioner because sometimes, it takes a farmer.

**2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?**

As Georgia's next Agriculture Commissioner, I will help lower costs on food, fuel, and fertilizer, champion our family and local farmers, expand on the GEORGIA GROWN program, increase access to capital, invest in the next generation of farmers as well as invest in new technology, strengthen our food safety and food security programs here in Georgia, and advance our state's number one industry for generations to come. Simply put, we will work every day to ensure that all aspects of the Georgia Department of Agriculture are working for families, farmers, and producers all across our state.

**3. What distinguishes your candidacy?**

I am the only candidate with the background, experience, and record of results to address the challenges and opportunities facing our state's #1 industry. As a seventh-generation farmer, agriculture is who I am, what I am, and what I'm about. As a State Senator and Natural Resources Committee Chairman, I have a proven record of delivering results for farmers, producers, and consumers. Additionally, I'm past president of the Georgia Young Farmers Association, graduate of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and currently serve as the Southern Legislative Conference Agriculture Committee Chairman.

**4. Pick any one issue. Expand on how you will address it.**

As Agriculture Commissioner, I will work to expand the GEORGIA GROWN program to empower our farmers as well as lower costs on groceries for Georgia families. By investing in our supply chains, fertilizer production, and lowering input costs, connecting producers with consumers, and increasing our marketing efforts, we can bring more fresh, high quality, Georgia Grown products from the farm to the table, which not only puts more money back into the pockets of our farmers and expanding opportunities for them, but also cuts down on transportation costs, which ultimately are savings that can be passed onto the consumer.

**5. What are your ideas on curbing all the many area-wide shooting?**

In the State Senate, I served as the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee and currently serve as the committee Vice-Chair, which has allowed me to deliver for our law enforcement and public safety community and ensure they have the resources they need to succeed. Unfortunately, we've seen crime skyrocket in Metro Atlanta due to soft on crime policies. As Agriculture Commissioner, I will continue

working with the law enforcement and public safety community to protect Georgia consumers, keep Georgia families safe, crack down on violent crime and bad actors, and advance Georgia's number one industry.

**6. Please give a 100-word summary of your background**

Growing up on the family farm, I have continued the tradition of being involved in agriculture as the seventh-generation to till the soil with a peanut, cotton, timber, and beef cattle operation. From being involved in 4-H and FFA, leading the Georgia Young Farmers Association, two college degrees in agriculture, a lifetime member of Georgia Farm Bureau and member of numerous other agriculture trade organizations, small business owner, and State Senator for the last ten years, I have the background, experience, and record of results to go to work on day one to fight for our state's number one industry.