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Georgians At Work

Did you ever bite into an onion? Maybe you'd rather not! You might enjoy biting into one of Georgia's Vidalia onions, though. People chomp into them as if they were apples!

Vidalia onions are one of nature's mysteries. Georgia farmers raise them around Vidalia and Glennville. Onions grown there taste sweet. Onions grown anywhere else taste hot!

Besides its onions, Georgia is famous for its three Ps — peanuts, pecans, and peaches. Georgia is the leading state for peanuts and pecans. Peanuts are sometimes called "goobers." So, Georgia is often called the Goober State. The Peach State is another name for Georgia. Peaches from Georgia are tasty and healthful.

Georgia is also first in broilers, or young chickens. They are the state's most valuable farm product. **Georgians** also produce cotton, tomatoes, and eggs.

Many Georgia farm products go to food factories. In fact, foods are Georgia's leading factory products. They include bakery goods, peanut butter, and soft drinks.

Textiles are the state's second-biggest factory product. Georgia's most important textile is carpet material. The carpet industry is centered in Dalton in extreme northwest Georgia. Only North Carolina makes more carpeting. Georgia's factories also make cars, airplane parts, and chemicals.

So far, we've looked **at** products that Georgia sells. Most Georgia workers sell services, however. Teachers, nurses, and airplane pilots are service workers. So are news reporters. Hundreds of reporters **work** for Cable News Network (CNN), based in Atlanta. Tourism is also an important industry, especially in Atlanta and Savannah. Clearly, service workers have special skills. They use these skills to help others.

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