



2020 Georgia Federal Candidate Questionnaire

Rod Mack

Background Information

Education: Morehouse

Where is home? Atlanta/Hapeville

Do you currently hold a public office? If so, how long have you held your current office? Yes Member: Appeals Board City of Hapeville

Past public offices held: Elected State Committee Member

Additional background information you'd like to share: Former 2018 Gubernatorial Candidate

Georgia in General

Briefly share your qualifications for the office.

Certification from The Atlanta Regional Commission, BA Political Science, Ga/DHR
Statewide Medical Contractor

Please indicate the reasons you are seeking election and your priorities, overarching policy interests, and any solutions for district-specific challenges.

I am seeking election for Justice, Equality in Farming, and Fairness protecting farming families getting their products to the marketplace...



Farm Bill

With commodity prices still hovering at historically low levels and so much uncertainty in the agriculture industry, the farm bill – and the safety net it provides – is as vital as it has ever been for Georgia farmers. While the current farm bill runs through 2023, what do you see as the biggest priorities for Georgia in the next reauthorization? Are there specific programs or policies that you believe should be improved?

The Farm Bill should be amended and extended into major programs for income support, food and nutrition, land conservation trade promotion, rural development research forestry, horticulture and other programs and extended time up to \$300 billion...

Trade



It is no secret that farmers have been negatively impacted by the recent trade disputes with many of our closest trading partners, though trade mitigation efforts like the Market Facilitation Program have helped many weather the tough times. With the finalization of several new trade deals, many Georgia farmers are breathing a sigh of relief. However, the deals must be enforced and our trading partners must be held accountable for the promises they've made. How do you plan to play a role going forward in ensuring that countries like China and Japan follow through with their free trade and agricultural purchases commitments?

Trade is essential to agriculture, and the export of goods like tobacco and cotton. The US has the lowest tariffs and trade protections on goods of any nation. The USA ship stable commodities to the most needy, which serves diplomatic humanitarian and market development purposes.

The USMCA agreement was welcome news for many Georgia farmers. However, as you know, certain Georgia growers remain concerned about the lack of an enforceable remedy in the deal for seasonal and perishable products in antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings. We know that the Georgia congressional delegation worked very hard to extract a commitment from the Trump Administration to address the issue, and we are grateful for those efforts. But work remains on this issue. What is your goal moving forward to deal with the dumping of fresh fruits and vegetables during Georgia growing seasons?

The USMCA is not a magic bullet for all the challenges facing agriculture however. Studies show Mexico gaining ground in imports of produce like tomatoes, strawberries and bell peppers. The USMCA will not alter the rules in the USA supporting this action...

Ag Labor

Agriculture jobs are difficult and undesired by many. The working conditions and seasonality of the jobs are not what most Georgians prefer, and agriculture relies heavily on a reliable migrant labor workforce, such as H-2A. How do you intend to balance the enforcement of immigration laws while helping provide access to the workers agriculture needs?



1. Tap the Georgia market to prove we are displacing job seekers.
2. Pursue certification through Georgia Department of labor.
3. Get Certified.
4. Petition requested visas and immigration documents.