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Peanut production was again encouraged during the second World War to help alleviate the United States' shortage of vegetable oils. In 1942, acreage devoted to peanuts peaked to over 1,500,000 acres. By the 1950's, peanuts had taken the

place of tobacco as Georgia's second most important crop.

Georgia currently leads the nation in peanut production. Peanuts also have been the state's number one cash row crop almost every year since 1965.