

Made in Georgia

From airplanes to zippers, there's a Peach State connection to many well-known products.

In honor of Manufacturing Day, which is recognized nationally on the first Friday in October, Walton Gas compiled a list of products you might not know are made right here in Georgia. Below are highlights from the list.

- **Gulfstream** luxury business jets are manufactured exclusively from the company's global headquarters in Savannah.
- For over 50 years, Dalton has been the exclusive manufacturing home for **HotHands Warmers**.
- Approximately 90% of the world's **golf carts** are made in Georgia, most near Augusta.
- More than 1 billion **golf balls** are made annually at the Bridgestone Golf USA plant in Covington.
- Many of the nation's iconic yellow **school buses** are manufactured in Fort Valley by the Blue Bird Bus Company.
- **Kia Motors'** West Point plant is the South Korean automaker's only U.S. manufacturing facility.
- Oakwood is home to the only **King's Hawaiian Rolls** bakery east of California.
- Textile manufacturer 1888 Mills in Griffin is one of the last remaining **towel** manufacturers in the U.S. and a major supplier to both the hospitality industry and retail sector.
- Claxton, home of two **fruitcake** bakeries, claims to be the Fruitcake Capital of the United States.
- Georgia companies situated in and near Dalton supply more than 45% of the world's **carpeting and rugs**.
- The Hostess bakery in Columbus produces the nation's supply of **Ding Dongs**.
- Georgia leads the nation in the production of paper and board products. Georgia-Pacific, which serves customers such as Amazon, is a major **corrugated box** maker.
- The largest **zipper** factory in the world, which makes YKK brand zippers, is located in Macon.



Read the entire list and some fun facts in this month's Walton Wise blog at waltongas.com/walton-wise.

Finding Fall FUN

Autumn in Georgia offers perfect days for getting outside to enjoy nature's wonders and participate in harvest-themed activities. Walton Gas shares these ideas for finding local fall fun this month.

- 1 Hit the trails.** Get up close with stunning autumn scenery in one of Georgia's state parks. Amicalola Falls State Park in Dawsonville is a fall favorite.
- 2 Fall into a festival.** From the Roswell Wine Festival on Oct. 1 to the Mountain Moonshine Festival in Dawsonville on Oct. 28-29, there are hundreds of weekend community events this month.
- 3 Go apple picking.** Orchards tucked away in the Northeast Georgia mountains offer apples and lots of farm-themed activities ideal for young families.
- 4 Celebrate Oktoberfest.** Visit the alpine-themed village of Helen for a German-style beer, brats and oom-pah music experience.
- 5 See a Halloween parade.** Outrageous costumes, over-the-top floats and Halloween-themed marching bands make Atlanta's Little Five Points Halloween Parade, Oct. 22, a spooktacular event not to be missed.

For more fall fun destinations and details for finding them, check the Walton Wise blog (walgongas.com/walton-wise).

gas up the stove

Country Grits & Sausage Casserole

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups water
- 1/2 cup quick-cooking grits, uncooked
- 3 1/2 cups shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese
- 4 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon whole thyme, optional
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 1/2 pounds mild bulk pork sausage, cooked & crumbled

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bring water to a boil; stir in grits. Return to a boil: reduce heat to low and cook for 4 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add cheese to grits, stirring until melted. Combine eggs, milk, Thyme and garlic powder, stir well. Gradually stir about one-fourth of the hot grits mixture into egg mixture; then add to remaining hot mixture, stirring constantly. Stir in sausage. Pour into a lightly greased 11x7x1 1/2 inch baking dish. Bake uncovered for 50 minutes or until set.

Submitted by Judith Allen of Carrollton. Featured recipes are not independently tested, so we must depend on the accuracy of the cooks sending them. Always use safe food handling, preparation and cooking procedures from the recognized experts.

Garnish with fresh parsley sprigs if desired



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