

Get your popsicles!

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Marigold Market is a small farmers market at the heart of Winterville, settled in a park underneath a canopy of trees. We REEU Fellows at UGA, had the opportunity to volunteer at this market and experience first hand what “from the field to the table” means, by working alongside the farmers that helped service the community. We have to admit that leading up to the event we were a bit apprehensive about the whole thing, not really knowing what to expect. But what we discovered was a very peaceful and welcoming community. This trip was one of the highlights of our program. Not only did we get to experience a new side of Georgia, but we were also able to see a new possibility of what our futures could be.



After being in a research lab for three weeks it was nice to be able to get out and help the community. There was nothing more fulfilling than serving fresh-made popsicles in the heat. We were paired with Athens Orchards, a small family-owned farm that grows many different kinds of berries. With those berries, they could be turned into fresh and simple blackberry and blueberry popsicles. We were able to talk to the owner of Athens Orchards to get some more information on how and why he got started. He shared that he used to work for a tech company working on a computer all day. He and his family decided they wanted to do something more fulfilling, so they

moved, bought land, and worked away to get his farm up and running. Now he goes to different farmers' markets selling many different kinds of fruits and of course berry popsicles.

To be a part of a community that benefits everyone and the planet, leaves such a heartwarming feeling.

