

Youth Cattlemen Council Tours Joe Kennedy Farm

In January, Farm Services hosted a tour of Joe Kennedy Farm for the Youth Cattlemen Council. The students also attended a short presentation facilitated by State Livestock Advisor, Brent Galloway.

The tour group consisted of nearly 40 students. The tour was for young cattlemen who are in the cattle business or have an interest in starting a herd of cattle. The Youth Cattlemen spent the day touring other farms throughout southeast Georgia.



NCIA Audit at Phillips and Smith

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The National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA) conducted a PIE Assessment on Arrendale Package Program, Phillips Print Plant, and Smith Sign Plant March 26th and 27th. The purpose of annual PIE assessments is to assure that all programs are in full compliance with federal law and regulations.

GCI team members Janine Robinson, Dan Sumner, and Amy Pataluna accompanied NCIA Auditor Steve Smith, retired Colorado CI Director, during the assessment. Mr. Smith received a tour of the plants and interviewed up to 10 offenders at each location. Pre-assessment documentation was submitted in January which included DOL-approved training wage plans, 10th percentile wages, monthly payroll reports and deductions, as well as payment vouchers to the GA Crime Victim's Fund.

Under the PIE program, offenders receive wages starting at \$7.25/hour for jobs performed for the private sector. Mandatory deductions include 20% to room & board, 20% to mandatory savings, 10% to Crime Victim's Fund, and 10% to restitution. Participation in the PIE program is voluntary and offenders must agree to wages and deductions.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) administers the PIE program and NCIA assists in administration, technical assistance, and compliance assessments. BJA will make the final compliance determination within 30 days of assessment.