

# **Growing in Georgia**



Thousands of cooking appliances are shipped daily from our Roper Corporation manufacturing plant in LaFayette, GA.

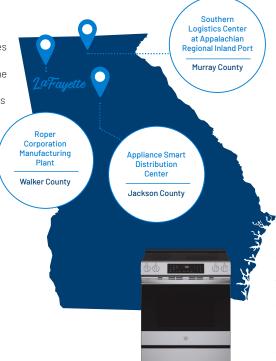
**GE Appliances continues to grow in Georgia** with continued expansion at our largest site in the state: Roper Corporation in Walker County. Since 2022, the plant has invested more than \$180 million, including an incremental \$60 million focused on additional equipment and new products, such as our latest affordable induction range.

#### Expansion and Innovation Timeline

In 2019, GE Appliances committed to being the first company to invest and build a facility—the GE Appliances Southern Logistics Center (SLC)—near the Georgia Port Authority's Appalachian Regional Inland Port, proving the viability of the far-west Georgia location and spurring further development in Murray County. The SLC supplies the company's 11 manufacturing plants and microfactories flowing critical materials and components throughout its supply chain.

In 2022, the company introduced a new fleet of electric freight vehicles in Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee to increase efficiency, reliability and lower the cost of moving manufacturing materials and components in critical segments of our supply chain. In Georgia, trucks are routed between the Georgia Port Authority's Appalachian Regional Inland Port, the nearby Southern Logistics Center in Crandall, and the Roper Corporation cooking products manufacturing plant in LaFayette. The electric freight vehicles have a range of 200 miles per charge, eliminating 210 tons of CO2 emissions annually.

**Fun Fact:** Every day Roper uses more than 72 miles of American steel—enough to stretch from LaFayette, GA to the outskirts of Atlanta!



#### Employment & Investment Impact

### \$3 Billion

contributed annually to Georgia's GDP

2,650 employees in Georgia

7,500

additional jobs created by the economic impact of GE Appliances, its employees and suppliers

\$115 Million

in generated state and local taxes

#### GE Appliances Supports Georgia Suppliers

\$235 Million

spent by GE Appliances annually

359 Georgia suppliers



Proudly made in LaFayette, GA, the new GE Profile™ ENERGY STAR® 30" Smart Slide-In Induction and Convection Range (700 Series) with No Preheat Air Fry and EasyWash™ Oven Tray delivers the speed, precision, responsiveness, easy cleanup, and energy efficiency of induction-at a price that makes it accessible to more American households.



## **Georgia:** Workforce Skills Development Initiatives



Scott Samples is one of the Robot Wranglers working at GE Appliances' manufacturing plants. Scott was featured in a 2024 article in The Wall Street Journal.



#### The Rise of the Robot Wrangler

Originating at Roper, the new Robot Wrangler role is crucial as the plant increases automation and robotics. Robot Wranglers implement new mobile robotics projects and ensure seamless robot operations using advanced camera vision and lidar technology on the plant floor. Automation projects aim to enhance plant efficiency, shift employees to high-value tasks by eliminating monotonous work and improve safety. Robot Wranglers realign robots when they encounter difficulties, keeping them on task. This role not only opens new career pathways but also offers opportunities for workforce upskilling, making Robot Wranglers integral to our Material Operations and Materials Engineering teams.

#### Expanded Focus on Education

New in 2025, Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) has awarded the first Roper Corporation Scholarships to students at its Walker County Campus. Recipients include Tammy Chandler, a student in the Computer

Support Specialist program, and Hayleigh Cochran, a student in the Business Management program.



#### CASE STUDY: Flexible Work Schedules Attract Untapped Talent

**The challenge:** To add needed jobs at Roper, the plant changed its thinking, found untapped talent pools, broke down barriers, and provided flexibility to attract workers.

**The solution:** Working with **MyWorkChoice**, an app where people can select to work as little as a single day every week, the plant successfully attracted working moms and retirees.

- Through the MyWorkChoice app, people can schedule as little as one shift a week, up to full time.
- Employees on MyWorkChoice are trained and pre-qualified before they sign up for shifts.
- The new program has given women and highly skilled retirees from other regional manufacturers the option for part-time work.
- This talent would be left out of the manufacturing workforce without a solution that meets their need for flexibility.
- Roper has 1,500 people using the MyWorkChoice app filling 200 full-time equivalents each day in Lafayette, GA.





**TOP:** Operators Michelle Bryson (left) and Aspen Underwood work on a range manufacturing line at Roper in LaFayette, GA

**BOTTOM:** Investments include new, fixed robotics that perform difficult tasks on the production line, rotating units to allow operators easier access during assembly.