**Agribusiness Development Lunch-and-Learn**

Hart County Archway and Hart County Cooperative Extension co-hosted a regional agribusiness development Lunch-and-Learn focusing on vegetable production and marketing. Guest speakers were George Boyhan, a vegetable specialist in UGA’s Department of Horticulture, and Matthew Kulinski with Georgia Grown/Georgia Department of Agriculture. The Lunch-and-Learn was the second in a series of agribusiness development workshops which are being tailored to address needs and interests identified by participants. The event was attended by 43 participants representing six counties in Northeast Georgia. The next Lunch-and-Learn in the series will focus on agritourism development and feature several guest speakers.

**Tourism Roundtable Group**

We’ve established a Tourism Roundtable group that meets monthly to brainstorm and coordinate existing tourism efforts. The group includes the Chamber Executive Director, DDA Director, Archway, Chamber Board Chair, and a member of TORCH (Transforming Opportunities to Revitalize the Communities of Hart – a new non-profit focused on the Hartwell Railroad Park). We’ve been meeting monthly since November and our focus is making connections between existing efforts/groups and identifying new tourism-related opportunities. Members of the group also represent a number of tourism-related committees locally, including the quilt trail committee, downtown signage committee, botanical garden marketing/promotion committee, Farm Fest planning group, and joint Chamber/DDA economic development committee.