



## **Georgia Peanuts and Soy Production Up and USDA's Bird Flu** Funding

The model uses a YOLO variant to inspect and classify the appearance of peanut pods. It is suitable for embedded computing platforms.

\*\*Georgia's peanut and soybean crops both increased production in 2024, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The state's peanut production, at 3.21 billion pounds in 2024, was up 2% from 23, while peanut yield was 3,800 pounds per acre, down from 4,080 pounds in 23. Georgia soybean production, at 7.61 million bushels, was up 14% from 2023. Georgia growers planted 170,000 acres in 2024, up from 160,000.

\*\*Ag Secretary Brooke Rollins announced a \$1 billion comprehensive strategy to curb bird flu, protect the U.S. poultry industry, and lower egg prices. As the Secretary outlined in a Wall Street Journal op-ed piece, she has a five-pronged strategy that includes an additional \$500 million for biosecurity measures, \$400 million in financial relief for affected farmers, and \$100 million for vaccine research, action to reduce regulatory burdens and explore temporary import options.

\*\*A lot is happening at the Environmental Protection Agency, including Endangered Species Act changes that will impact farmers everywhere. Trump's EPA Administrator, Lee Zeldin says it's unclear yet how funding cuts will affect the agency but look for plenty of movement within the agency. Aside from a physical move of EPA's headquarters out of Washington, D.C. and cutting of existing regulations when new ones are added, he says expect to see budget cuts.

