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NANCEMEDE FARMS

— *One of the area's largest agricultural offerings in Mitchell County, Georgia* —

What started out as an annual quail hunting trip to the Mitchell County, Georgia area in the 1980s grew into a real estate dynasty that includes one of the area's most productive farms. Edward Fogg, a frequent guest at Riverview Plantation, fell in love with the South Georgia lifestyle and particularly the expansive views of the Flint River. A successful entrepreneur who cut his teeth in the dairy business and later in the acquisition and sales of citrus groves in south Florida, Fogg was no stranger to farming and land buying. He quickly recognized the value associated with the area's fertile soils and water resources.

In 1989, Edward, along with his wife Lisbeth, commissioned the noted architect Frank McCall to design a classic, Georgian style plantation home on a high bluff overlooking the Flint River. Nancemedede Farms was born. Over the next two decades, Fogg assimilated a portfolio of properties consisting of 3,593 acres.

Nancemedede is a unique property in that it has such a high concentration of quality, irrigated farmland. Of the 3,600+/- acres, there are over 2,100+ acres of land under pivot. The property and pivots have been very well maintained over the years and leased as part of a large sweet corn operation. In addition to quality farmland, the Foggs intensively managed the dry corners and wooded portion of the property to establish an impressive amount of mixed age class pine timber. With more than 1.5 miles of high bluff river frontage and

native woodland habitat, Nancemedede served as the Foggs' playground and an incredibly diverse recreational property. Large paddocks, barns, and kennels accommodated their horses, mules, and bird dogs for traditional quail hunts, while the heavily wooded forest provided excellent cover for the impressive deer and turkey population. The dramatic Flint River, with its numerous shoals, was not only visually stunning, but offered boating and fishing for their private enjoyment and the entertainment of guests.

With the passing of Edward and more recently, Lisbeth Fogg, a new chapter is about to be written for the property. With no children to carry on their legacy, Nancemedede is going to be sold to the highest bidder in an exclusive sealed bid format. The Wright Group, a privately held real estate consulting and brokerage firm, has been selected to conduct the sale of the property. "Nancemedede is an exceptionally rare south Georgia farm in that it offers such quality irrigated farmland alongside significant timber reserves," stated Ben McCollum, Broker for The Wright Group. "This is the ultimate income producing property for individuals or institutional investors, and a once in a lifetime opportunity for area farmers."

With 17 separate pivot systems serviced by 14 deep wells across numerous parcels, the property has many logical divisions. Accordingly, Nancemedede is going to be offered in multiple tracts ranging in size from 41 acres to the entire 3,593 acres.



“Offering the property divided in smaller tracts gives everyone the opportunity and ability to own a high quality, investment grade farm,” said McCollum. The plantation home, along with 656+/- acres of land along the Flint River, will be offered as a separate tract and included in the sale. “This is the first time in recent history that an agricultural property of this magnitude has been offered for sale in southwest Georgia, and it is certainly garnering a tremendous amount of attention from farmers and investors, McCollum said. “It’s an exciting opportunity and The Wright Group is pleased to be a part of it.” ❖

This landmark sealed bid sale is scheduled for November 20th, 2015. For more details regarding Nancemedo Farms, contact Ben or Eric McCollum of The Wright Group in Thomasville, Georgia.

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