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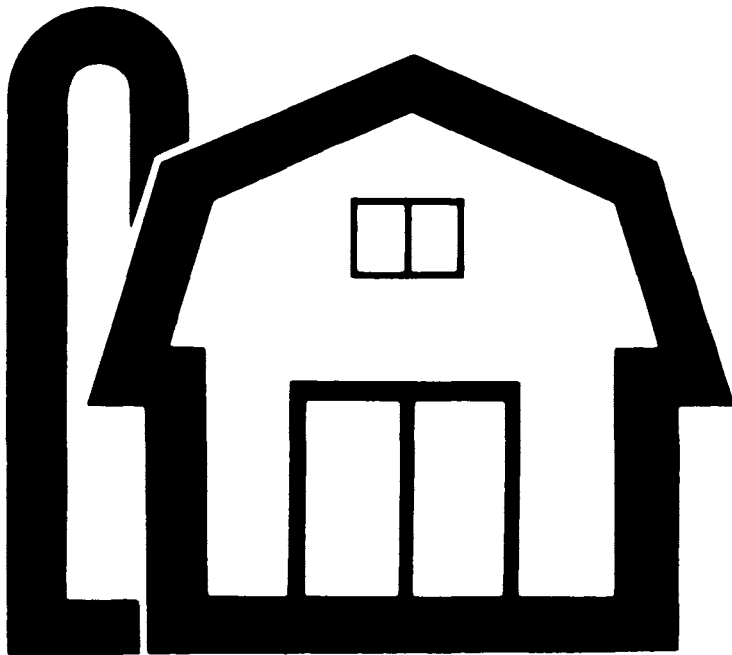
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HISTORY

The census of agriculture provides a periodic statistical picture of the Nation's farming, ranching, and related activities. The 1982 Census of Agriculture is the 22d taken by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

The first agriculture census was taken in 1840 as part of the sixth decennial census of population. From 1840 to 1950, an agriculture census was taken as part of the decennial census. A separate mid-decade census of agriculture was conducted in 1925, 1935, and 1945. From 1954 to 1974, a census of agriculture was taken for the years ending in 4 and 9. In 1976, Congress authorized the census of agriculture to be taken for 1978 and 1982 to adjust the data reference year to coincide with the 1982 Economic Censuses covering manufacturing, mining, construction, retail trade, wholesale trade, service industries, and selected transportation activities. After 1982, the agriculture census will revert to a 5-year cycle and be taken covering years ending in 2 and 7.

USES OF THE CENSUS

The census of agriculture is the leading source of statistics about the Nation's agriculture and the only source of consistent, comparable data about agriculture at the county, State, and national levels. Census statistics are used by Congress in developing and changing farm programs and for determining the effects of these programs. Many national and State programs affecting agriculture are designed or allocated on the basis of census data, such as funds for extension services, research, and soil conservation projects. Private industry uses census statistics to provide a more effective production and distribution system for the farm community.

AUTHORITY AND AREA COVERED

The census of agriculture is required by law under title 13, United States Code, sections 142(a) and 191, which directs that the census be taken in 1979, in 1983, and in every fifth year after 1983 covering the prior year. The 1982 census includes each State, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

FARM DEFINITION

Since 1850, when minimum criteria defining a farm for census purposes were first established, the farm definition has been changed nine times. The current definition, first used for the 1974 final reports, is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or normally would have been sold during the census year. The previous definition (used for the 1959, 1964, and 1969 censuses, and for the 1974 preliminary reports) was any place with less than 10 acres from which \$250 or more of agricultural products were sold or normally would have been sold during the census year, or any place of 10 acres or more from which \$50 or more of agricultural products were sold or normally would have been sold during the census year.

COMPARABILITY OF DATA

All censuses since 1969 were conducted primarily by mail. To improve the coverage of the 1978 census, especially in counting the number of small farms, the mailout/mailback enumeration was supplemented by the direct enumeration of all households in approximately 6,400 sample segments in rural areas in all States, except Alaska and Hawaii. Due to budget reductions, the direct enumeration area sample was eliminated for 1982.

The U.S., region, and State data for 1978 shown in the 1978 Census of Agriculture publications included data for farms represented on the mail list plus estimates from the area sample for farms not on the mail list. The 1978 county data included only farms represented on the mail list as the sample was not large enough to provide reliable estimates for each county.

To provide comparable data for 1982 and 1978, estimates from the 1978 area sample have been subtracted from the 1978 data. Thus, the 1978 data in this report include only farms represented on the mail list. Appendix B includes a detailed discussion of the effect of the area sample on census comparability.

In general, data for 1982, 1978, and 1974 are not fully comparable with data for 1969 and earlier censuses due to changes in the farm definition. Data on acreages and inventories for 1982 and 1978 are generally comparable. Dollar figures shown for expenses and agricultural product sales have not been adjusted for changes in price levels between census years.

TABULAR PRESENTATION

State data—In chapter 1, State tables 1 through 43 show detailed State level data usually accompanied by historical data for one or more past censuses. Tables 44 through 50 provide 1982 State data cross-tabulated by various farm classifications.

County data—Selected data items are presented by county in chapter 2. Tables 1 through 16 include general data for all counties. The counties are listed in alphabetical order in the

column headings. In tables 17 through 36, only counties reporting the data item are included in the table stub. Counties not having the item, or with a limited number of farms reporting the item, are not listed separately. Data for these counties are combined and presented as "all other counties."

PRELIMINARY REPORTS

Preliminary reports have been published separately for each county with 10 farms or more in 1982, each State, and the United States. This series provided, at the earliest possible date, information on major data items together with comparable final data from the 1978 census. The data items were standard except in tables 4 and 5 where the selected crops varied by State according to their relative importance.

For farms, land in farms, livestock inventories, and other major items at the county level, differences between the preliminary and final figures are generally less than 5 percent. At the State level, differences are significantly less.

MICROFICHE AND COMPUTER TAPES

The data in this report and final data for individual counties are available on microfiche. The final microfiche county tables have the same format as the county preliminary report. Also, computer tapes are available for the same summary statistics that are found in the preliminary and volume 1 reports. Microfiche reports are sold by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Computer tapes are sold by the Customer Services Branch, Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

UNPUBLISHED DATA

Copies of computer printouts of the following unpublished county summary tables are available:

Land in Farms With Cropland Harvested and Land in Farms and Cropland Harvested on Irrigated Farms, by Size of Farm: 1982

Owned and Rented Land—Farms, Land in Farms, and Value of Land and Buildings: 1982

Farms With Grazing Permits: 1982

Other special unpublished tables and summaries on computer tape can be developed to individual user specifications.

Inquiries about the availability and cost of unpublished tabulations should be directed to the Chief, Agriculture Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

CENSUS DISCLOSURE RULES

In keeping with the provisions of title 13, United States Code, no data are published that would disclose the operations of an individual farm. However, the number of farms in a given size category or other classification is not considered a disclosure, so this information may be given even though other information is withheld.

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Appendix A includes definitions and explanations of selected terms used in the tables.

"SEE TEXT" REFERENCE

Items in the tables which are followed by the reference "see text" are explained or defined in appendix A.

INVENTORIES, PRODUCTION, AND SALES DATA

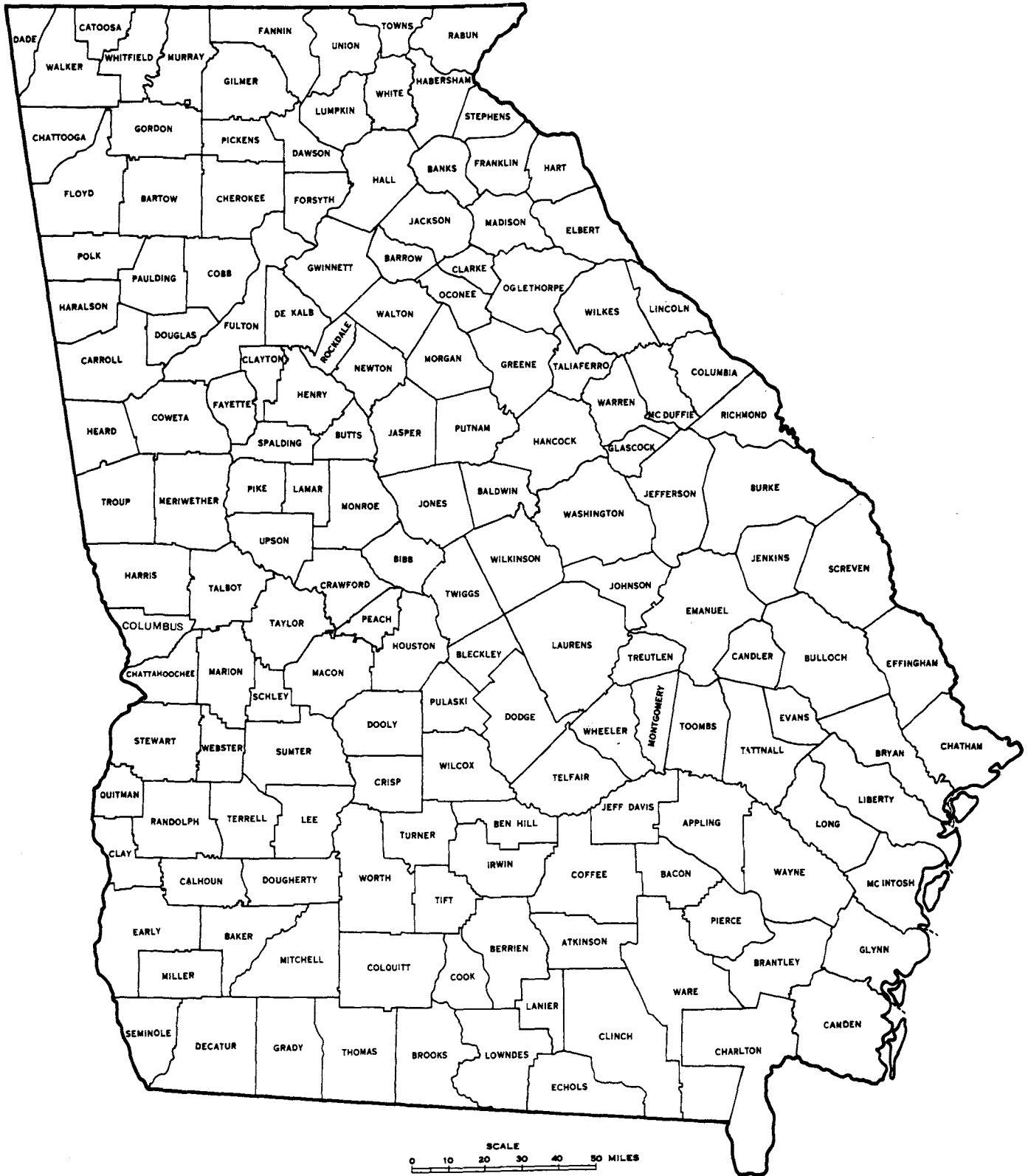
Inventories of livestock, poultry, and machinery and equipment are as of December 31 of the census year. Crop and livestock production, sales, and expense data are for the calendar year, except for a few crops (such as citrus) for which the production year overlaps the calendar year.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are used throughout the tables:

—	Represents zero.
(D)	Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
(X)	Not applicable.
(Z)	Less than half of the unit shown.
(NA)	Not available.
(IC)	Independent city.
cwt.	Hundredweight.
sq. ft.	Square feet.

GEORGIA



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Highlights of the State's Agriculture: 1982 and 1978

[Dollar figures are in current dollars with no adjustment for price changes. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	All farms			Farms with sales of \$10,000 or more		
	1982	1978	Percent change from 1978 to 1982	1982	1978	Percent change from 1978 to 1982
Farms.....number.....	49 630	51 405	-3.5	21 322	22 992	-7.3
Land in farms.....acres.....	12 291 885	13 416 833	-8.4	9 260 557	9 970 234	-7.1
Average size of farm.....acres.....	248	261	-5.0	434	434	-
Value of land and buildings ¹ :						
Average per farm.....dollars.....	225 092	200 201	12.4	390 480	333 345	17.1
Average per acre.....dollars.....	929	768	21.0	914	774	18.1
Farms by size:						
1 to 9 acres.....	3 189	2 936	8.6	941	1 053	-10.6
10 to 49 acres.....	12 179	10 768	13.1	2 450	2 386	2.7
50 to 179 acres.....	18 112	19 688	-8.0	5 894	6 428	-8.3
180 to 499 acres.....	10 197	11 632	-12.3	6 700	7 523	-10.9
500 to 999 acres.....	3 657	3 979	-8.1	3 201	3 398	-5.8
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 833	1 688	-3.3	1 521	1 543	-1.4
2,000 acres or more.....	663	714	-7.1	615	661	-7.0
Harvested cropland.....farms.....	35 650	39 312	-9.3	17 683	19 300	-8.4
.....acres.....	4 761 260	4 687 895	1.6	4 369 587	4 181 568	4.5
Irrigated land.....farms.....	4 443	4 568	-2.7	3 727	3 934	-5.3
.....acres.....	575 306	462 850	24.3	568 013	455 085	24.8
Market value of agricultural products sold.....\$1,000.....	2 767 679	2 340 505	18.3	2 682 593	2 246 205	19.4
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products.....farms.....	24 654	27 781	-11.3	14 905	16 060	-7.2
.....\$1,000.....	1 180 988	913 046	29.3	1 151 843	879 368	31.0
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....farms.....	35 804	38 518	-7.0	15 823	18 022	-12.2
.....\$1,000.....	1 586 691	1 427 458	11.2	1 530 750	1 366 837	12.0
Farms by standard industrial classification:						
Cash grains (011).....	8 425	7 613	10.7	4 394	2 872	53.0
Field crops, except cash grains (013).....	5 631	8 008	-29.7	3 975	5 755	-30.9
Vegetables and melons (016).....	1 080	985	9.6	286	224	27.7
Fruits and tree nuts (017).....	1 513	1 437	5.3	327	346	-5.5
Horticultural specialties (018).....	537	510	5.3	271	238	13.9
General farms, primarily crop (019).....	2 731	2 921	-6.5	2 077	2 137	-2.8
Livestock, except dairy, poultry, and animal specialties (021).....	22 512	23 041	-2.3	4 436	5 498	-19.3
Dairy farms (024).....	1 001	1 001	-	965	924	4.4
Poultry and eggs (025).....	4 496	4 927	-8.7	4 317	4 759	-9.3
Animal specialties (027).....	1 209	594	103.5	213	148	43.9
General farms, primarily livestock (029).....	495	368	34.5	61	91	-33.0
Farms by type of organization:						
Individual or family.....	44 207	45 381	-2.6	17 796	19 009	-6.4
Partnership.....	4 170	4 761	-12.4	2 641	2 926	-9.7
Corporation.....	954	1 059	-9.9	769	979	-21.5
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.....	299	204	46.6	116	78	48.7
Tenure of operator:						
Full owners.....	33 192	32 385	2.5	10 833	10 964	-1.2
Part owners.....	12 708	14 381	-11.6	8 360	9 511	-12.1
Tenants.....	3 730	4 639	-19.6	2 129	2 517	-15.4
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming.....	23 075	25 373	-9.1	15 353	16 837	-8.8
Other.....	26 555	26 032	2.0	5 969	6 155	-3.0
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :						
Feed for livestock and poultry.....\$1,000.....	660 526	635 109	4.0	644 506	616 674	4.5
Commercial fertilizer.....\$1,000.....	199 916	200 367	-2	184 663	179 809	2.7
Other agricultural chemicals ²\$1,000.....	111 558	87 940	26.9	108 475	81 335	33.4
Energy and petroleum products.....\$1,000.....	188 261	124 138	51.7	173 707	112 044	55.0
Hired farm labor.....\$1,000.....	149 524	138 769	7.8	143 420	131 968	8.7
Livestock and poultry inventory:						
Cattle and calves.....farms.....	30 440	29 591	2.9	11 360	12 550	-9.5
.....number.....	1 578 250	1 559 994	1.2	1 122 923	1 157 561	-3.0
Milk cows.....farms.....	2 623	3 100	-15.4	1 408	1 621	-13.1
.....number.....	130 542	126 902	2.9	127 196	121 845	4.4
Hogs and pigs.....farms.....	8 911	14 602	-39.0	5 224	7 766	-32.7
.....number.....	1 317 396	1 642 059	-19.8	1 237 822	1 459 370	-15.2
Chickens 3 months old or older.....farms.....	4 145	4 894	-15.3	1 637	2 177	-24.8
.....number.....	27 490 051	29 841 367	-7.9	27 399 313	29 707 302	-7.8
Crops harvested:						
Corn for grain or seed.....farms.....	13 793	21 468	-35.8	8 395	12 489	-32.8
.....acres.....	788 306	1 497 159	-47.3	723 496	1 321 097	-45.2
Wheat for grain.....farms.....	7 874	2 034	287.1	6 396	1 570	307.4
.....acres.....	995 962	109 364	810.7	956 009	101 944	837.8
Cotton.....farms.....	770	851	-9.5	731	746	-2.0
.....acres.....	131 300	113 461	15.7	130 601	111 653	17.0
Tobacco.....farms.....	3 005	4 264	-29.5	2 722	3 725	-26.9
.....acres.....	44 749	54 930	-18.5	44 227	53 752	-17.7
Soybeans for beans.....farms.....	12 683	12 147	4.4	9 809	8 756	12.0
.....acres.....	2 023 705	1 579 370	28.1	1 933 563	1 463 661	32.1
Peanuts for nuts.....farms.....	7 973	9 462	-15.7	7 185	8 069	-11.0
.....acres.....	440 403	501 819	-12.2	435 563	493 230	-11.7
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text).....farms.....	16 205	16 197	(Z)	7 160	7 622	-6.1
.....acres.....	482 438	470 224	2.6	318 837	311 178	2.5

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

²Data for 1978 include the cost of lime which was not collected in 1982.