

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile



United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service

BERRIEN GEORGIA

Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 129,216 acres in 1992 to 130,928 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 296 acres in 1992 to 328 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 260 farms in 1992 to 227 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

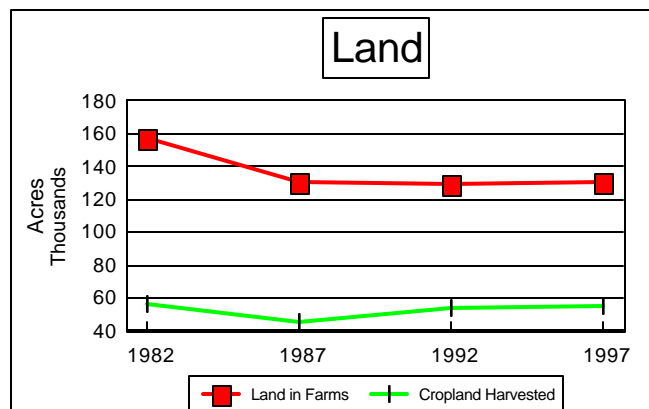
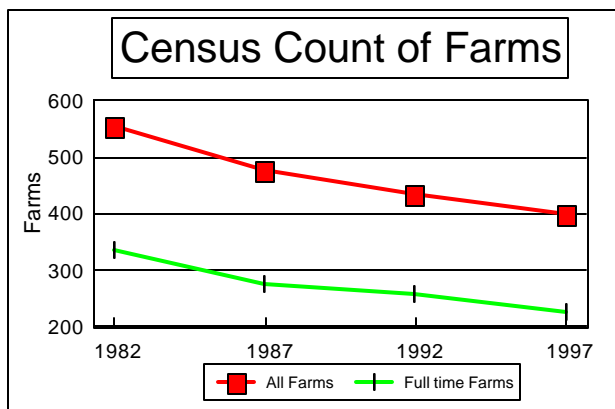
Increased 14 percent to \$39,358,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 25 percent from \$78,937 in 1992 to \$98,642 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	39,358	47	159	1,453	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	30,785	21	159	919	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8,574	73	159	1,985	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	11,604	19	99	133	709
Tobacco	7,533	6	56	117	580
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	4,510	28	111	245	2,237
Fruits, nuts, berries	2,671	12	153	202	2,547
Hogs and pigs	2,521	12	149	740	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	84	101	489	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	65	101	698	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	25,283	13	149	751	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	6,248	27	159	1,970	3,063
All goats sold	320	10	145	310	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	81	117	473	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	56	148	658	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	36	93	359	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	15,978	8	155	663	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	10,798	43	159	2,074	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	25,364	20	99	142	713
Corn for grain-acres	8,053	17	153	1,149	2,691
Peanuts-acres	7,436	26	81	61	466
Soybeans for beans-acres	4,504	26	123	1,227	2,144
Land in orchards-acres	3,590	14	156	150	2,693

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	178	178	
\$10,000 or more	221	258	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	29,496	24,756	19
Average per farmdollars..	73,925	56,911	30
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,494	7,311	-25
Average per farmdollars..	13,769	16,808	-18
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	362	397	-9
Partnership or corporation	36	38	-5
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	227	260	-13
Other	172	176	-2
Operators by sex:			
Male	364	410	-11
Female	35	26	35
Operators by race:			
White	391	436	-10
Black and other races	8	-	
Average age of operator	53.6	51.7	4

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.