

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



MURRAY GEORGIA

Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 32,950 acres in 1992 to 34,802 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 153 acres in 1992 to 146 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 11 percent from 72 farms in 1992 to 80 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

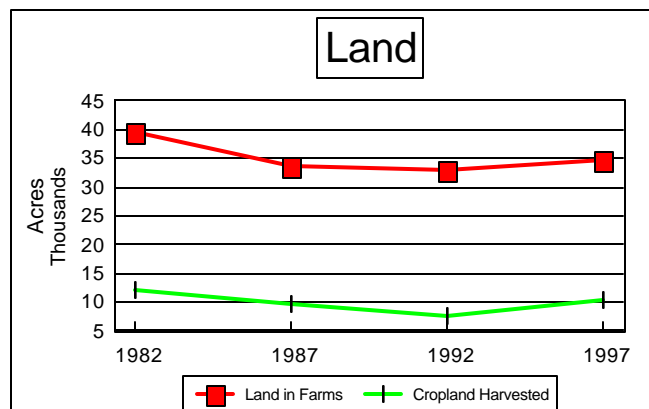
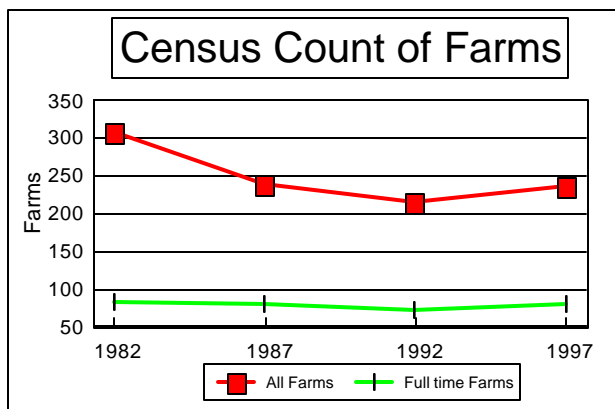
Increased 333 percent to \$43,704,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 3 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 97 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 293 percent from \$46,759 in 1992 to \$183,629 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	43,704	39	159	1,340	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	42,335	24	159	628	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,369	108	159	2,628	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	40,080	23	142	160	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,532	62	159	2,327	3,063
Dairy products	(D)	61	117	1,621	2,563
Corn for grain	430	50	146	1,608	2,582
Nursery and greenhouse crops	358	76	149	1,482	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	20,052,162	18	101	97	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	319,482	25	101	251	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	4,022	65	159	2,313	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	15	84	2,049	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	116	149	2,620	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	1,766,000	27	117	172	2,620
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	112,532	15	93	130	2,549
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	96,442	34	148	435	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	24	64	271	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	7,364	73	159	2,374	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	5,405	30	159	2,218	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,351	45	123	1,375	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	1,707	57	153	1,695	2,691
Wheat-acres	916	74	135	1,692	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	40	102	1,810	2,473

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	155	161	-4
\$10,000 or more	83	55	51
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	35,001	7,667	357
Average per farmdollars..	147,062	35,493	314
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,932	1,346	341
Average per farmdollars..	24,923	6,232	300
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	211	202	4
Partnership or corporation	26	13	100
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	80	72	11
Other	158	144	10
Operators by sex:			
Male	213	195	9
Female	25	21	19
Operators by race:			
White	238	216	10
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	54.1	54.9	-1

(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.