

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



NEWTON GEORGIA

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 45,845 acres in 1992 to 45,579 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 180 acres in 1992 to 175 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 30 percent from 74 farms in 1992 to 96 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

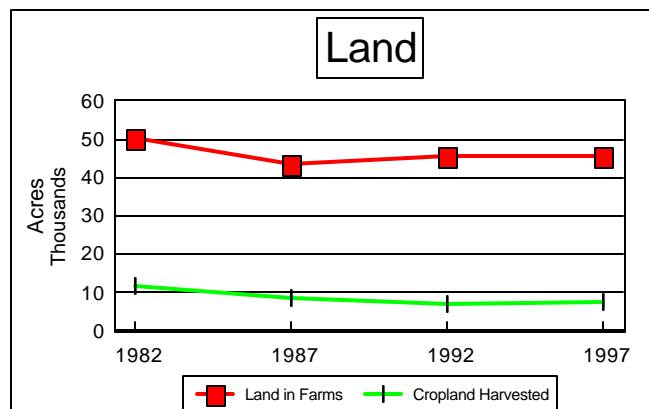
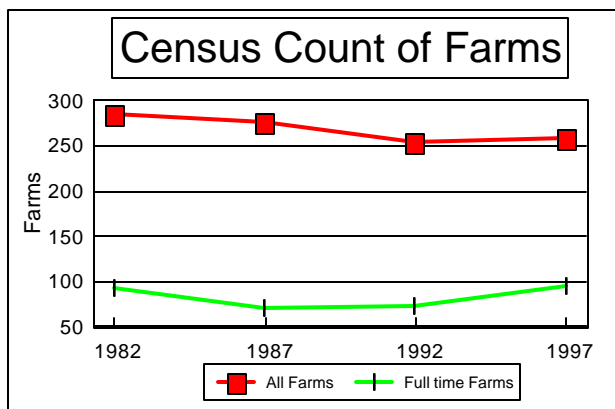
Decreased 9 percent to \$9,730,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 11 percent from \$41,991 in 1992 to \$37,424 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	9,730	108	159	2,515	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	8,783	71	159	1,962	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	947	121	159	2,741	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	7,100	60	142	513	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,434	69	159	2,366	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	306	78	149	1,543	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	295	14	159	2,082	3,043
Wheat	214	46	134	1,502	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	850,000	83	101	470	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	10	79	153	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	73	101	771	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	4,027	64	159	2,311	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	215	4	84	1,688	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	110,000	84	117	495	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	61	148	691	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	8	126	67	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	8,785	62	159	2,256	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	385	24	159	1,926	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	6,265	24	159	2,122	3,061
Wheat-acres	1,609	47	135	1,510	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	417	91	123	1,752	2,144
All nursery-acres	78	47	146	1,323	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	70	99	156	1,229	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	196	187	5
\$10,000 or more	64	68	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,925	9,770	-9
Average per farmdollars..	34,065	38,313	-11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	160	785	-80
Average per farmdollars..	610	3,080	-80
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	228	222	3
Partnership or corporation	31	30	3
Other	1	3	-67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	96	74	30
Other	164	181	-9
Operators by sex:			
Male	225	229	-2
Female	35	26	35
Operators by race:			
White	251	255	-2
Black and other races	9	-	
Average age of operator	58.0	54.8	6

(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.