

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



OGLETHORPE GEORGIA

Land in farms

Increased 13 percent from 55,310 acres in 1992 to 62,583 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 183 acres in 1992 to 196 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 138 farms in 1992 to 135 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

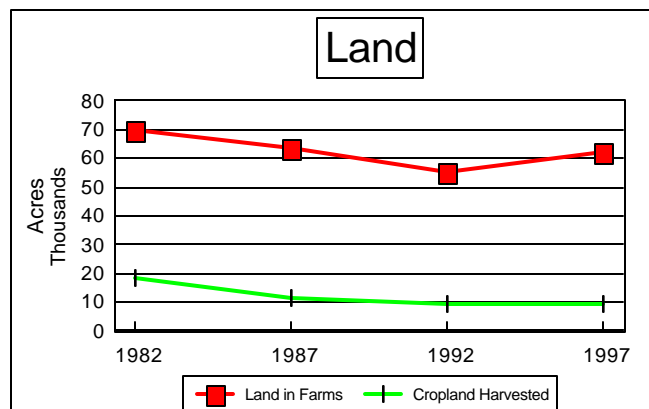
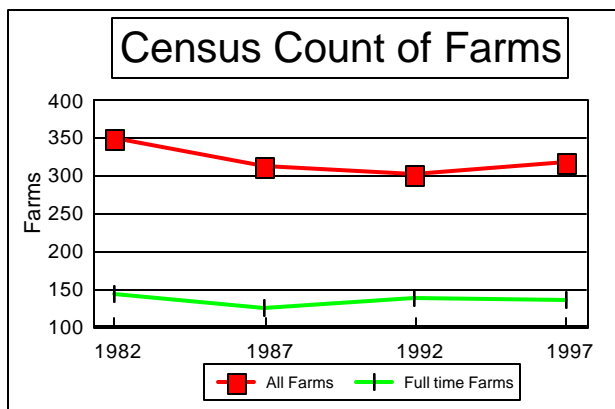
Increased 52 percent to \$56,802,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 44 percent from \$123,305 in 1992 to \$178,063 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	56,802	24	159	1,051	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	55,424	16	159	442	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,378	107	159	2,627	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	39,868	24	142	162	2,901
Hogs and pigs	7,930	1	149	394	2,976
Dairy products	4,571	12	117	675	2,563
Cattle and calves	2,993	15	159	1,851	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	49	149	1,009	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	20,766,923	15	101	91	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	102,564	1	149	326	2,976
Turkeys sold	(D)	1	16	282	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	61	101	649	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	7,501	21	159	1,842	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	3,139,260	14	117	102	2,620
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	31	93	275	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	34,161	1	155	418	3,005
All turkeys inventory	(D)	1	60	257	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	16,684	12	159	1,713	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	7,551	16	159	1,959	3,061
Wheat-acres	635	82	135	1,814	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	280	96	123	1,823	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	99	153	2,206	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	34	102	1,728	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	207	187	11
\$10,000 or more	112	116	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	45,151	30,869	46
Average per farmdollars..	139,788	101,543	38
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,591	5,695	68
Average per farmdollars..	29,694	18,735	58
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	290	278	4
Partnership or corporation	25	24	4
Other	4	1	300
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	135	138	-2
Other	184	165	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	295	277	6
Female	24	26	-8
Operators by race:			
White	315	295	7
Black and other races	4	8	-50
Average age of operator	54.7	53.3	3

(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.