

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



PICKENS GEORGIA

Land in farms

Decreased 13 percent from 18,254 acres in 1992 to 15,925 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 88 acres in 1992 to 82 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 91 farms in 1992 to 73 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

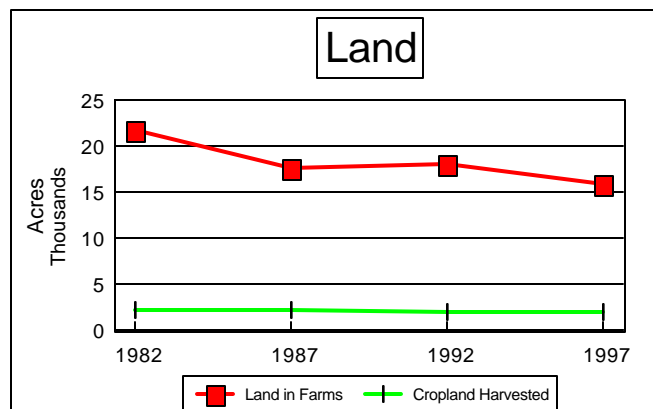
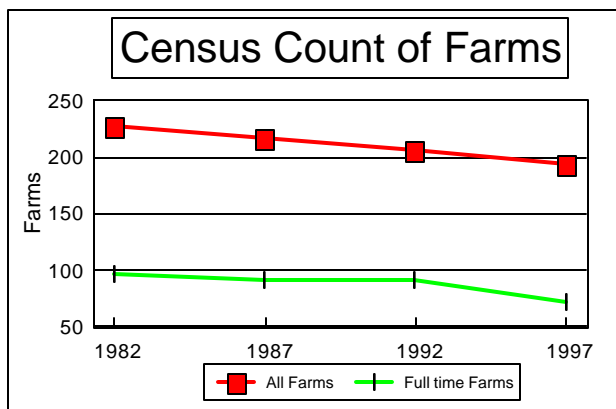
Increased 72 percent to \$54,012,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 0 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 100 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 83 percent from \$151,821 in 1992 to \$278,414 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	54,012	28	159	1,107	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	53,847	17	159	460	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	165	149	159	3,002	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	52,745	15	142	109	2,901
Cattle and calves	549	124	159	2,740	3,063
Hogs and pigs	(D)	48	149	1,218	2,976
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	116	149	2,050	2,790
Horses and ponies	42	67	145	2,091	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	16,890,933	22	101	120	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	252,084	29	101	287	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	53	149	1,280	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,690	118	159	2,701	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	52	79	1,562	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	2,677,200	19	117	123	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	136,207	27	148	358	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	58,000	25	93	228	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	21	64	246	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	3,699	112	159	2,684	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	1,865	112	159	2,734	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	99	122	153	2,377	2,691
All nursery-acres	(D)	96	146	1,969	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	12	134	156	2,084	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	121	144	2,215	2,741

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	121	123	-2
\$10,000 or more	73	84	-13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	40,671	25,628	59
Average per farmdollars..	210,730	124,406	69
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,377	4,827	136
Average per farmdollars..	58,949	23,433	152
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	170	178	-4
Partnership or corporation	22	25	-12
Other	2	4	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	73	91	-20
Other	121	116	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	166	178	-7
Female	28	29	-3
Operators by race:			
White	194	207	-6
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	54.2	54.6	-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.