

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



PIERCE GEORGIA

Land in farms

Increased 24 percent from 80,905 acres in 1992 to 100,463 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 17 percent from 227 acres in 1992 to 265 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 12 percent from 172 farms in 1992 to 192 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

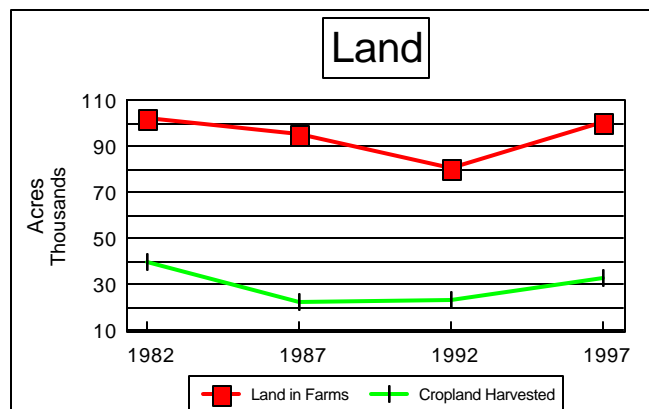
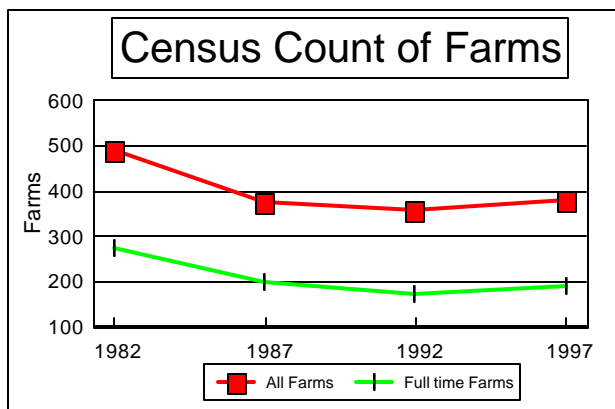
Increased 48 percent to \$29,642,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 40 percent from \$56,025 in 1992 to \$78,211 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	29,642	58	159	1,732	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	20,520	35	159	1,240	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,122	67	159	1,926	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	8,163	5	56	115	580
Dairy products	6,862	6	117	503	2,563
Cotton, cottonseed	5,761	38	99	223	709
Corn for grain	2,225	18	146	1,080	2,582
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,178	26	144	344	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	24	101	240	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	3,890	57	149	1,323	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	30	79	493	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	2,887	85	159	2,497	3,063
All goats sold	78	60	145	1,075	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	7	64	72	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	32	93	286	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	8,063	68	159	2,324	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	9	113	234	2,588
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,441	51	155	1,262	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	13,070	37	99	227	713
Corn for grain-acres	9,461	16	153	1,103	2,691
Hay crops-acres	2,844	77	159	2,590	3,061
Tobacco-acres	2,247	5	56	120	583
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,984	50	123	1,412	2,144

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	210	195	8
\$10,000 or more	169	162	4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	22,479	17,282	30
Average per farmdollars..	59,311	48,546	22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,445	1,788	260
Average per farmdollars..	17,006	5,022	239
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	326	314	4
Partnership or corporation	51	43	19
Other	2	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	192	172	12
Other	187	185	1
Operators by sex:			
Male	344	339	1
Female	35	18	94
Operators by race:			
White	372	347	7
Black and other races	7	10	-30
Average age of operator	56.9	55.5	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.