

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 46,014 acres in 1992 to 50,429 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 148 acres in 1992 to 147 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Unchanged from 110 farms in 1992 to 110 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

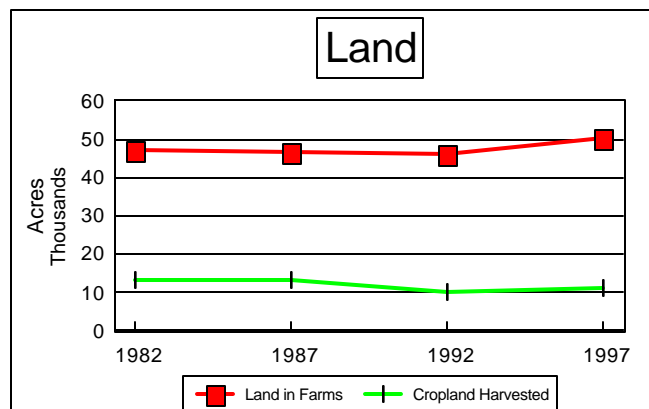
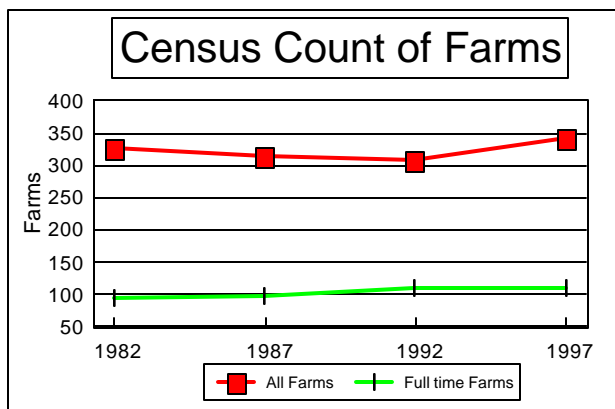
Increased 43 percent to \$18,673,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 29 percent from \$42,010 in 1992 to \$54,281 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	18,673	83	159	2,160	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	17,024	46	159	1,402	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,648	103	159	2,575	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	14,268	43	142	363	2,901
Cattle and calves	2,069	42	159	2,137	3,063
Dairy products	(D)	59	117	1,615	2,563
Cotton, cottonseed	569	73	99	452	709
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	406	6	159	1,804	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	7,469,669	39	101	221	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	5,551	41	159	2,085	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	76	118	149	2,627	2,976
All goats sold	30	94	145	1,744	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	19	75	145	2,467	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	1,020,410	39	117	237	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	9,640	54	159	2,179	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	241	61	159	2,435	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	19	113	2,112	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	101	115	155	2,488	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	6,356	21	159	2,104	3,061
Cotton-acres	1,876	72	99	426	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,765	52	123	1,447	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	1,172	64	153	1,809	2,691
Wheat-acres	153	108	135	2,209	2,612

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	260	247	5
\$10,000 or more .....	84	63	33
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	16,083	13,508	19
Average per farm .....dollars..	46,754	43,575	7
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,917	285	573
Average per farm .....dollars..	5,573	920	506
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	316	279	13
Partnership or corporation .....	25	29	-14
Other .....	3	2	50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	110	110	
Other .....	234	200	17
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	306	284	8
Female .....	38	26	46
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	339	306	11
Black and other races .....	5	4	25
Average age of operator .....	56.6	56.2	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.