

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



BLECKLEY GEORGIA

Land in farms

Increased 13 percent from 62,983 acres in 1992 to 70,896 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 313 acres in 1992 to 321 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 101 farms in 1992 to 95 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

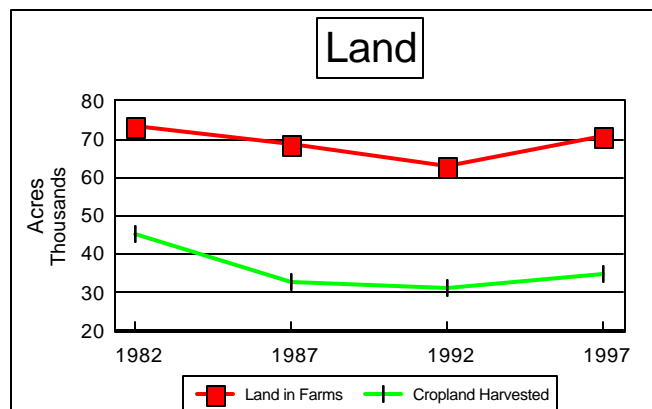
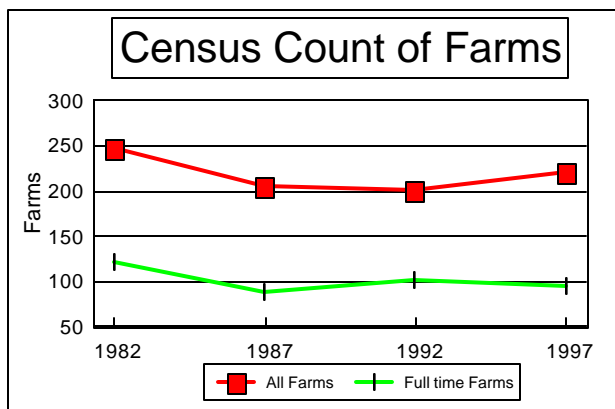
Decreased 11 percent to \$11,578,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 19 percent from \$64,780 in 1992 to \$52,390 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	11,578	100	159	2,432	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	10,398	51	159	1,728	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,181	135	159	2,848	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	6,749	34	99	202	709
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	1,894	40	111	374	2,237
Cattle and calves	867	96	159	2,599	3,063
Wheat	627	18	134	1,118	2,578
Corn for grain	402	53	146	1,637	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	2,690	90	159	2,532	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,609	80	149	1,641	2,976
All goats sold	144	38	145	683	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	6	120	145	2,838	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	5,414	91	159	2,532	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,142	70	155	1,550	3,005
All goat inventory	360	29	157	670	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	74	124	159	2,913	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	18	134	148	2,935	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	17,984	31	99	194	713
Peanuts-acres	4,356	34	81	77	466
Wheat-acres	4,261	19	135	1,139	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,138	35	123	1,301	2,144
Hay crops-acres	2,617	83	159	2,624	3,061

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	135	96	41
\$10,000 or more	86	105	-18
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	9,041	11,402	-21
Average per farmdollars..	41,094	56,445	-27
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,688	1,909	-12
Average per farmdollars..	7,672	9,453	-19
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	193	179	8
Partnership or corporation	27	22	23
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	95	101	-6
Other	126	100	26
Operators by sex:			
Male	204	185	10
Female	17	16	6
Operators by race:			
White	217	198	10
Black and other races	4	3	33
Average age of operator	56.2	53.5	5

(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.