

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



ROCKDALE GEORGIA

Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 12,836 acres in 1992 to 11,994 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 109 acres in 1992 to 118 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 16 percent from 31 farms in 1992 to 36 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

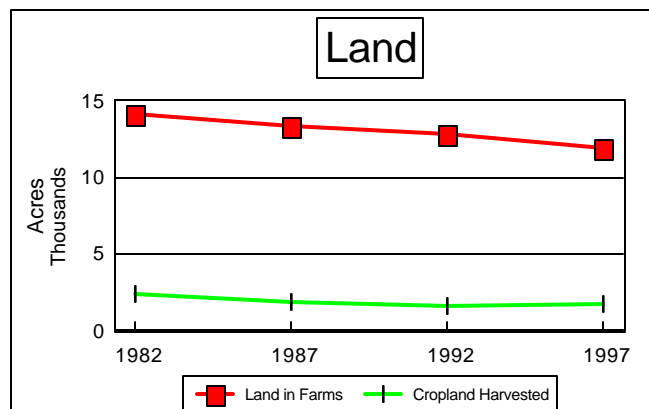
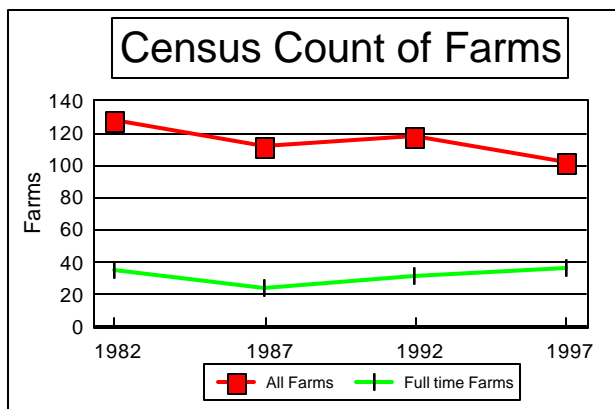
Decreased 6 percent to \$1,206,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 47 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 53 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 9 percent from \$10,897 in 1992 to \$11,825 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	1,206	150	159	2,994	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	634	145	159	2,937	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	572	135	159	2,849	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	326	141	159	2,849	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	236	92	149	1,698	2,790
Tobacco	(D)	46	56	417	580
Cotton, cottonseed	(D)	86	99	585	709
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	109	142	1,377	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	50	101	496	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	955	139	159	2,830	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	2	84	991	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	44	79	1,121	2,200
All goats sold	33	89	145	1,695	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,127	148	159	2,925	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	347	30	159	2,047	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	195	5	113	1,872	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	180	78	148	2,370	3,002
All goat inventory	106	99	157	1,695	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	1,247	133	159	2,839	3,061
Cotton-acres	(D)	88	99	603	713
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	114	153	2,309	2,691
Tobacco-acres	(D)	42	56	394	583
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	112	123	2,021	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	82	103	-20
\$10,000 or more	20	15	33
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,437	1,479	-3
Average per farmdollars..	13,817	12,644	9
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(399)	(170)	-135
Average per farmdollars..	(3,833)	(1,457)	-163
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	91	106	-14
Partnership or corporation	7	9	-22
Other	4	3	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	36	31	16
Other	66	87	-24
Operators by sex:			
Male	78	103	-24
Female	24	15	60
Operators by race:			
White	102	116	-12
Black and other races	-	2	-100
Average age of operator	57.3	54.4	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.