

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



SPALDING GEORGIA

Land in farms

Increased 11 percent from 24,086 acres in 1992 to 26,684 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 22 percent from 113 acres in 1992 to 138 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 9 percent from 58 farms in 1992 to 63 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

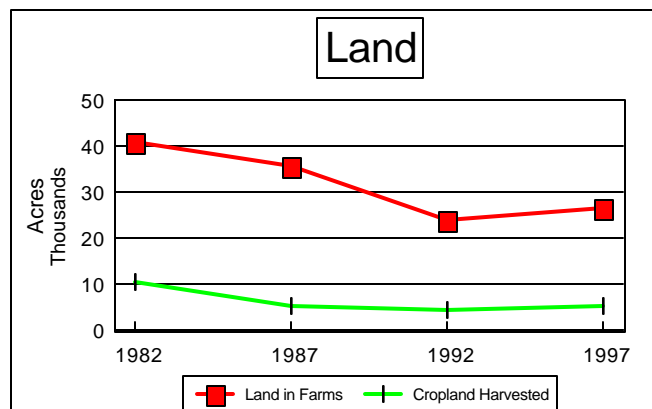
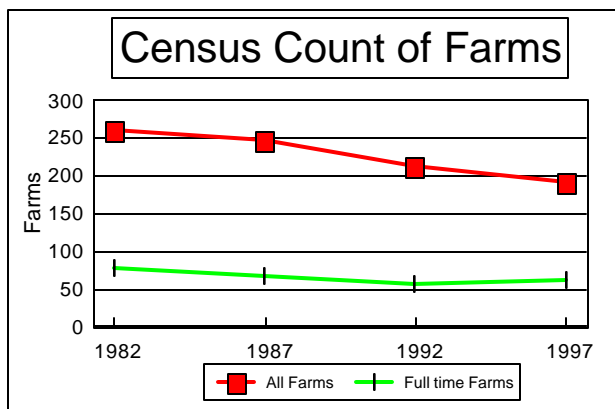
Increased 36 percent to \$5,042,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 50 percent from \$17,415 in 1992 to \$26,127 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	5,042	124	159	2,762	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,937	99	159	2,472	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,106	116	159	2,703	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	1,851	28	117	1,082	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	92	142	923	2,901
Cattle and calves	839	98	159	2,611	3,063
Wheat	(D)	35	134	1,387	2,578
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	88	149	1,671	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	85	101	497	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	2,497	97	159	2,564	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	26	60	145	2,261	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	94	101	1,995	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	80	117	468	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	5,265	93	159	2,552	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	262	48	159	2,347	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	64	126	1,989	2,884
All goat inventory	40	131	157	2,367	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	3,425	66	159	2,508	3,061
Wheat-acres	(D)	52	135	1,544	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	75	123	1,617	2,144
Land in orchards-acres	316	60	156	599	2,693
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	46	102	1,893	2,473

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	155	180	-14
\$10,000 or more	38	33	15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	5,321	3,633	46
Average per farmdollars..	27,428	17,135	60
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(501)	195	-357
Average per farmdollars..	(2,583)	922	-380
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	172	194	-11
Partnership or corporation	19	18	6
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	63	58	9
Other	130	155	-16
Operators by sex:			
Male	175	202	-13
Female	18	11	64
Operators by race:			
White	188	211	-11
Black and other races	5	2	150
Average age of operator	57.6	55.8	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.