

# 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 169,989 acres in 1992 to 186,493 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 541 acres in 1992 to 594 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 197 farms in 1992 to 180 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

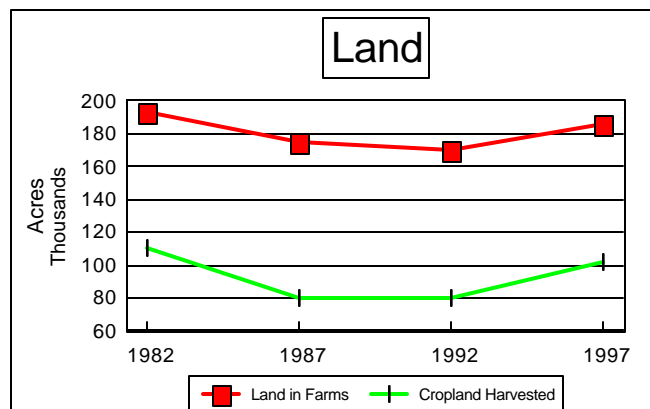
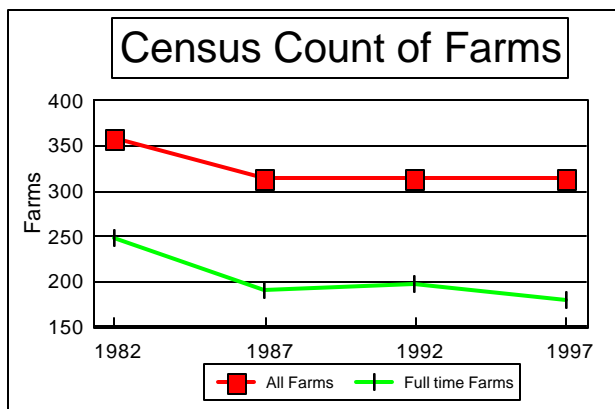
Increased 104 percent to \$91,581,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 104 percent from \$142,825 in 1992 to \$291,658 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	91,581	12	159	587	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	73,984	2	159	281	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	17,596	45	159	1,375	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	32,322	2	144	45	2,739
Cotton, cottonseed	17,431	10	99	88	709
Poultry & poultry products	12,483	45	142	382	2,901
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	9,742	14	111	137	2,237
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,739	8	149	349	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	6,456,100	41	101	234	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	74	101	795	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	12,380	24	149	965	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	5,125	51	159	2,150	3,063
All goats sold	27	98	145	1,831	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	1,137,500	38	117	228	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	64	148	724	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	11,105	39	159	2,047	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	7,611	23	155	904	3,005
All goat inventory	222	58	157	1,073	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Cotton-acres	39,437	9	99	91	713
Wheat-acres	14,950	4	135	624	2,612
Peanuts-acres	13,848	16	81	33	466
Soybeans for beans-acres	11,570	7	123	952	2,144
Land used for vegetables-acres	10,752	2	144	61	2,741

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 .....	143	106	35
\$10,000 or more .....	171	208	-18
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	59,792	35,975	66
Average per farm .....dollars..	189,816	114,571	66
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	29,321	8,270	255
Average per farm .....dollars..	93,083	26,338	253
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	242	251	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	65	58	12
Other .....	7	5	40
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	180	197	-9
Other .....	134	117	15
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	286	289	-1
Female .....	28	25	12
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	285	299	-5
Black and other races .....	29	15	93
Average age of operator .....	57.2	52.5	9

(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.