

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



THOMAS GEORGIA

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 174,020 acres in 1992 to 179,791 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 374 acres in 1992 to 427 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 251 farms in 1992 to 209 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

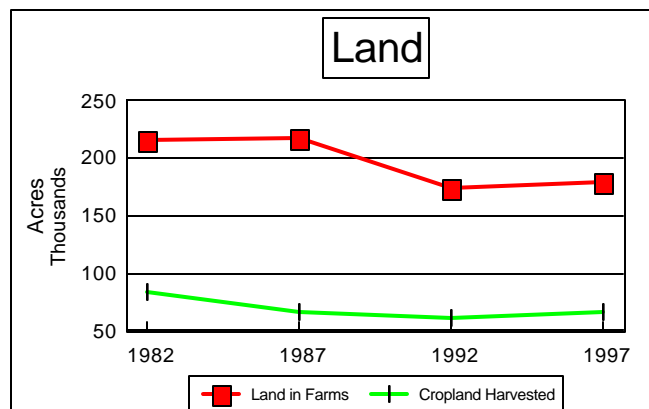
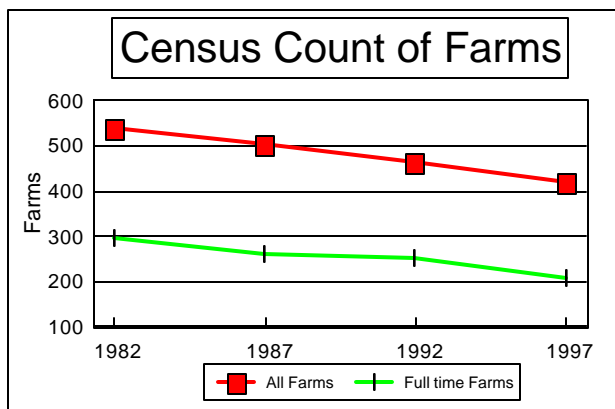
Increased 29 percent to \$37,646,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 42 percent from \$62,935 in 1992 to \$89,419 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	37,646	51	159	1,499	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	32,743	17	159	875	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,902	92	159	2,370	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	15,376	13	99	108	709
Corn for grain	3,566	6	146	918	2,582
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	3,101	33	111	295	2,237
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,956	22	144	272	2,739
Tobacco	2,789	20	56	218	580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	87	101	510	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	35	101	353	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	17,705	17	149	854	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	3,670	70	159	2,370	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	28	79	463	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	160,210	12	93	93	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	9,050	59	159	2,236	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	7,845	21	155	890	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	558	36	126	962	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	523	13	159	1,531	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	33,409	13	99	111	713
Corn for grain-acres	14,157	3	153	935	2,691
Peanuts-acres	5,075	33	81	72	466
Land in orchards-acres	4,234	8	156	132	2,693
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,214	33	123	1,293	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	225	238	-5
\$10,000 or more	196	227	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	27,310	24,122	13
Average per farmdollars..	64,715	51,876	25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,538	4,619	63
Average per farmdollars..	17,863	9,932	80
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	349	396	-12
Partnership or corporation	68	64	6
Other	4	5	-20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	209	251	-17
Other	212	214	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	361	415	-13
Female	60	50	20
Operators by race:			
White	400	450	-11
Black and other races	21	15	40
Average age of operator	57.5	55.0	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.