

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



TIFT GEORGIA

Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 114,487 acres in 1992 to 106,107 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 314 acres in 1992 to 296 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 186 farms in 1992 to 181 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

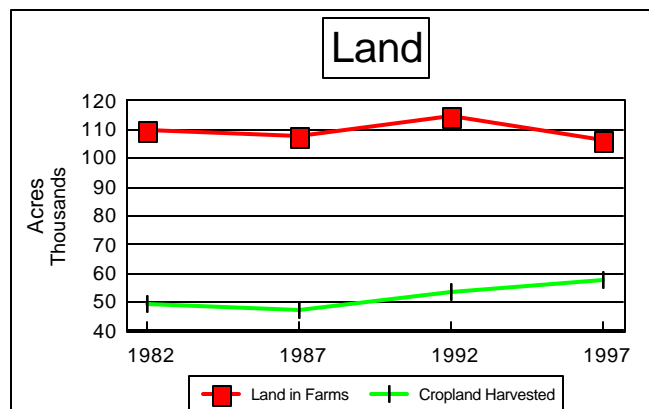
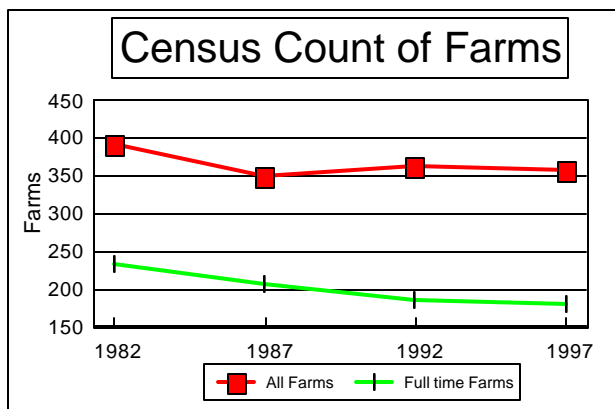
Increased 3 percent to \$53,813,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 5 percent from \$142,983 in 1992 to \$149,897 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	53,813	29	159	1,112	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	50,476	10	159	542	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,337	103	159	2,542	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	17,548	5	144	64	2,739
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	11,827	10	111	115	2,237
Cotton, cottonseed	11,144	22	99	137	709
Tobacco	5,808	8	56	145	580
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,421	25	149	632	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	9,402	30	149	1,034	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	4,689	55	159	2,211	3,063
All goats sold	295	13	145	333	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	74	19	84	2,117	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	16	83	145	2,555	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	9,882	53	159	2,164	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	6,730	26	155	937	3,005
All goat inventory	575	15	157	405	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	396	21	159	1,891	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	119	17	113	2,092	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	24,660	21	99	146	713
Peanuts-acres	16,897	11	81	24	466
Land used for vegetables-acres	6,294	5	144	112	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	3,142	42	153	1,503	2,691
Hay crops-acres	2,054	105	159	2,706	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	152	117	30
\$10,000 or more	207	248	-17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	37,356	39,707	-6
Average per farmdollars..	104,055	108,785	-4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,940	10,776	39
Average per farmdollars..	41,614	29,524	41
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	282	308	-8
Partnership or corporation	70	53	32
Other	7	4	75
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	181	186	-3
Other	178	179	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	338	357	-5
Female	21	8	163
Operators by race:			
White	355	358	-1
Black and other races	4	7	-43
Average age of operator	52.7	53.1	-1

(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.