

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



TOWNS GEORGIA

Land in farms

Decreased 12 percent from 9,910 acres in 1992 to 8,708 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 77 acres in 1992 to 72 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 16 percent from 49 farms in 1992 to 57 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

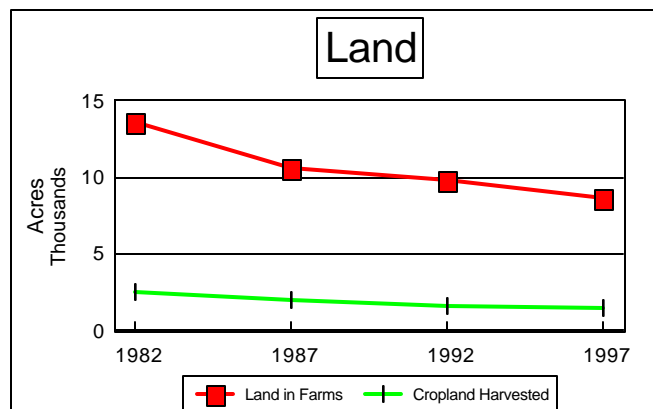
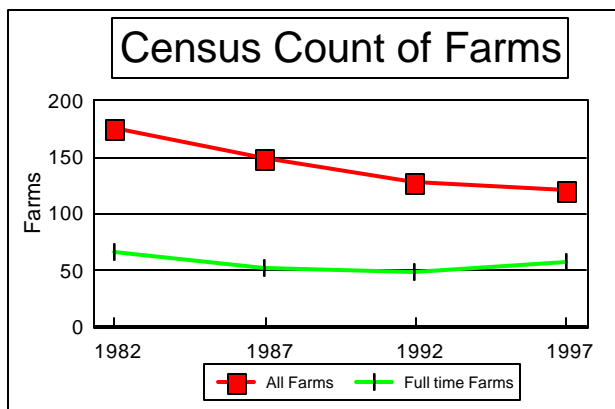
Decreased 43 percent to \$1,008,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 40 percent from \$13,899 in 1992 to \$8,329 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	1,008	151	159	3,005	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	854	138	159	2,903	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	153	150	159	3,006	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	452	132	159	2,783	3,063
Aquaculture	(D)	5	73	232	1,505
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	110	149	1,989	2,790
Hogs and pigs	(D)	91	149	2,007	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	31	134	159	2,904	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	1,433	127	159	2,739	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	83	149	1,697	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	11	101	145	2,702	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	2,817	126	159	2,760	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	75	155	1,595	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	84	121	159	2,895	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	61	36	113	1,282	2,588
Mule burro, and donkey inventory	5	101	147	2,384	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	1,502	121	159	2,788	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	18	144	153	2,561	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	6	142	156	2,318	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	137	144	2,481	2,741
Total berries-acres	(D)	45	105	1,144	2,058

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	106	109	-3
\$10,000 or more	15	19	-21
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	938	1,557	-40
Average per farmdollars..	7,751	12,068	-36
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(48)	277	-117
Average per farmdollars..	(396)	2,146	-118
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	109	121	-10
Partnership or corporation	12	7	71
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	57	49	16
Other	64	79	-19
Operators by sex:			
Male	114	123	-7
Female	7	5	40
Operators by race:			
White	121	127	-5
Black and other races	-	1	-100
Average age of operator	55.4	58.0	-4

(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.