

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 111,801 acres in 1992 to 110,729 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 374 acres in 1992 to 339 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased slightly from 126 farms in 1992 to 127 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

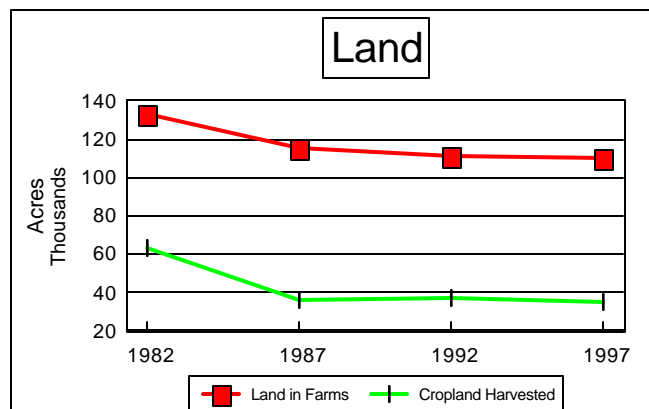
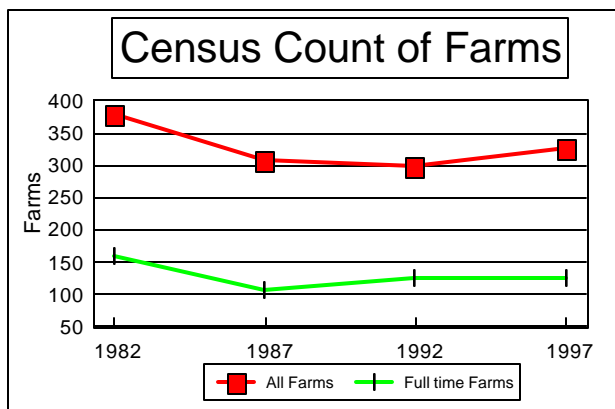
Decreased 9 percent to \$11,607,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 72 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 28 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 17 percent from \$42,722 in 1992 to \$35,497 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	11,607	99	159	2,429	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	8,385	58	159	1,867	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,222	107	159	2,564	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	3,206	49	99	287	709
Cattle and calves	2,084	41	159	2,133	3,063
Wheat	1,133	10	134	863	2,578
Fruits, nuts, berries	979	23	153	319	2,547
Dairy products	934	46	117	1,450	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	5,353	46	159	2,117	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,016	86	149	1,806	2,976
All goats sold	502	3	145	185	2,686
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	89	101	1,827	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	11	101	145	2,702	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	10,367	48	159	2,118	3,064
All goat inventory	1,097	3	157	181	2,983
Hogs and pigs inventory	535	85	155	1,850	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	44	126	1,222	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	204	75	148	2,295	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	10,411	9	123	987	2,144
Wheat-acres	9,015	8	135	803	2,612
Cotton-acres	8,001	47	99	278	713
Hay crops-acres	6,332	22	159	2,110	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	2,377	48	153	1,588	2,691

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	214	167	28
\$10,000 or more	113	132	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	9,654	9,798	-1
Average per farmdollars..	29,434	32,878	-10
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	873	1,784	-51
Average per farmdollars..	2,663	5,987	-56
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	277	249	11
Partnership or corporation	49	49	
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	127	126	1
Other	200	173	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	299	285	5
Female	28	14	100
Operators by race:			
White	320	295	8
Black and other races	7	4	75
Average age of operator	57.9	56.1	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.