

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



WILKES GEORGIA

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 93,078 acres in 1992 to 94,989 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 292 acres in 1992 to 319 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 24 percent from 114 farms in 1992 to 87 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

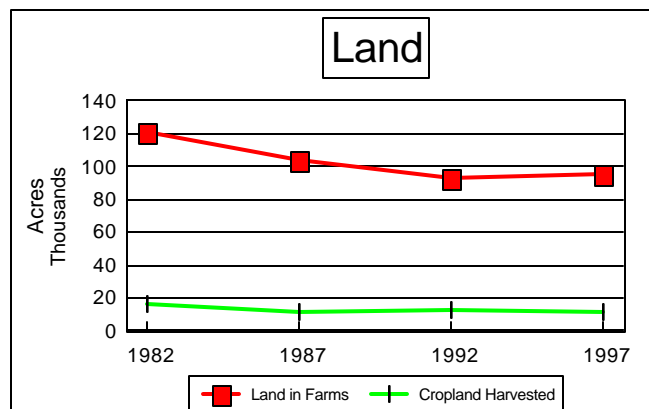
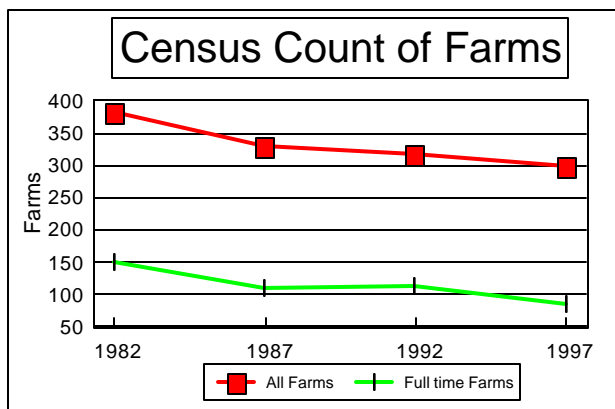
Increased 44 percent to \$22,033,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 54 percent from \$47,980 in 1992 to \$73,937 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	22,033	76	159	2,028	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	21,116	43	159	1,187	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	917	123	159	2,747	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	11,796	46	142	395	2,901
Hogs and pigs	(D)	6	149	597	2,976
Cattle and calves	2,616	25	159	1,956	3,063
Dairy products	2,517	23	117	949	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	61	149	1,252	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	5,700,000	44	101	247	1,882
Turkeys sold	(D)	2	16	289	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	5	149	592	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	7,827	18	159	1,811	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	26	79	432	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	705,000	48	117	282	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	18,634	10	159	1,605	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	35	155	1,091	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	480	38	126	1,035	2,884
All goat inventory	182	74	157	1,243	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	10,595	5	159	1,656	3,061
Wheat-acres	798	77	135	1,741	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	32	102	1,719	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	237	68	156	701	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	121	153	2,363	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	212	223	-5
\$10,000 or more	86	96	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	20,518	13,638	50
Average per farmdollars..	68,621	42,753	61
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,396	1,048	129
Average per farmdollars..	8,015	3,286	144
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	271	282	-4
Partnership or corporation	27	35	-23
Other	-	2	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	87	114	-24
Other	211	205	3
Operators by sex:			
Male	266	291	-9
Female	32	28	14
Operators by race:			
White	286	311	-8
Black and other races	12	8	50
Average age of operator	57.5	57.2	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.