

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



ATKINSON GEORGIA

Land in farms

Decreased 19 percent from 77,659 acres in 1992 to 62,779 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 318 acres in 1992 to 320 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 28 percent from 155 farms in 1992 to 111 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

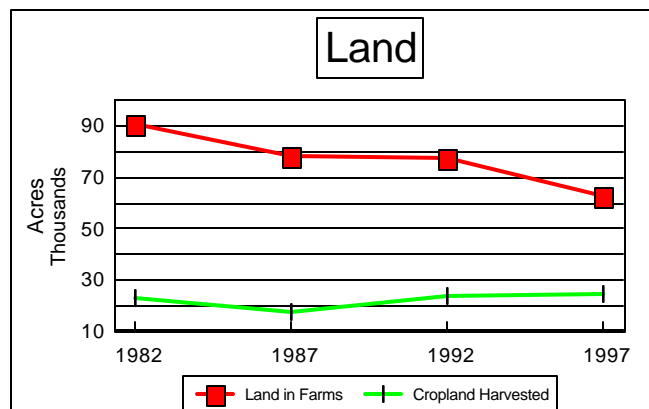
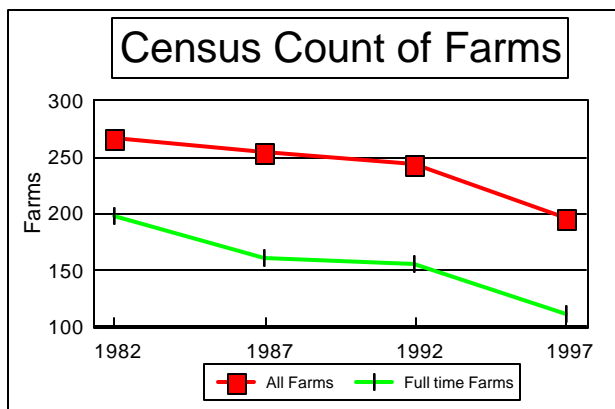
Increased 53 percent to \$58,586,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 27 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 73 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 91 percent from \$156,750 in 1992 to \$298,910 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
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MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	58,586	23	159	1,019	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	42,707	23	159	623	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	15,880	43	159	1,446	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	40,696	22	142	155	2,901
Cotton, cottonseed	6,066	37	99	218	709
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,766	12	144	188	2,739
Tobacco	2,774	21	56	221	580
Cattle and calves	1,215	73	159	2,439	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	20,634,143	17	101	94	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	455,330	18	101	189	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	4,969	50	149	1,232	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	3,424	74	159	2,410	3,063
All goats sold	316	11	145	315	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	3,648,028	13	117	87	2,620
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	298,000	5	93	45	2,549
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	48,030	49	148	593	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	7,222	75	159	2,385	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	7,185	24	155	918	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	12,461	40	99	237	713
Corn for grain-acres	4,551	32	153	1,353	2,691
Hay crops-acres	2,268	95	159	2,665	3,061
Peanuts-acres	2,003	46	81	120	466
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,481	20	144	347	2,741

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	73	72	1
\$10,000 or more	123	172	-28
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	46,453	30,852	51
Average per farmdollars..	237,005	126,443	87
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	10,797	7,317	48
Average per farmdollars..	55,088	29,986	84
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	169	217	-22
Partnership or corporation	25	24	4
Other	2	3	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	111	155	-28
Other	85	89	-4
Operators by sex:			
Male	178	229	-22
Female	18	15	20
Operators by race:			
White	196	241	-19
Black and other races	-	3	-100
Average age of operator	54.0	52.0	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.