

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 52,651 acres in 1992 to 55,325 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 205 acres in 1992 to 199 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 95 farms in 1992 to 89 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

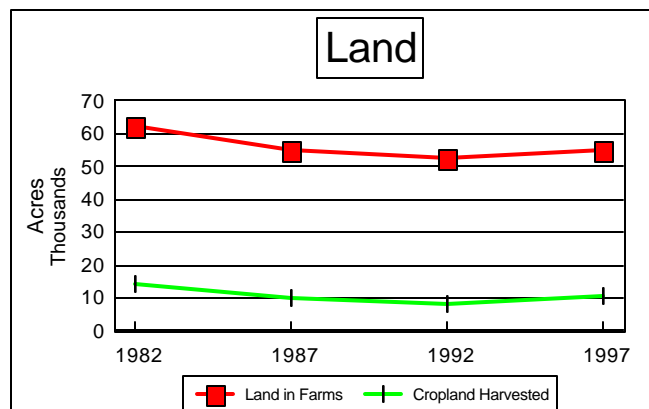
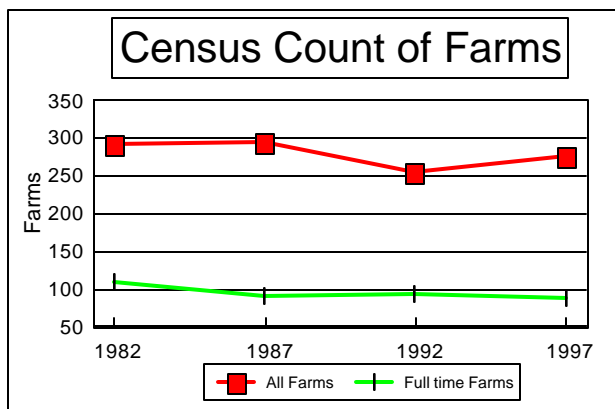
Increased 10 percent to \$4,882,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 2 percent from \$17,197 in 1992 to \$17,561 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	4,882	126	159	2,769	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	4,081	97	159	2,454	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	801	127	159	2,775	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	2,197	84	142	769	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,724	52	159	2,262	3,063
Corn for grain	342	56	146	1,684	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	187	45	159	2,403	3,043
Soybeans	127	69	123	1,631	2,136
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,150,000	78	101	439	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	4,786	54	159	2,198	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	102	149	2,325	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	27	55	145	2,227	3,015
All goats sold	26	100	145	1,853	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	(D)	78	117	452	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	9,541	55	159	2,185	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	296	36	159	2,226	3,066
All goat inventory	93	103	157	1,795	2,983
Hogs and pigs inventory	42	125	155	2,719	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	7,887	13	159	1,924	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	1,805	55	153	1,680	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	768	77	123	1,634	2,144
Wheat-acres	180	104	135	2,174	2,612
Cotton-acres	(D)	91	99	627	713

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	192	192	
\$10,000 or more .....	86	65	32
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	4,515	3,132	44
Average per farm .....dollars..	16,241	12,187	33
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	374	461	-19
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,344	1,795	-25
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	255	226	13
Partnership or corporation .....	20	29	-31
Other .....	3	2	50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	89	95	-6
Other .....	189	162	17
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	261	236	11
Female .....	17	21	-19
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	276	255	8
Black and other races .....	2	2	
Average age of operator .....	56.6	56.5	0

(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.