

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



COLUMBIA GEORGIA

Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 26,984 acres in 1992 to 29,146 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 175 acres in 1992 to 172 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 23 percent from 57 farms in 1992 to 44 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

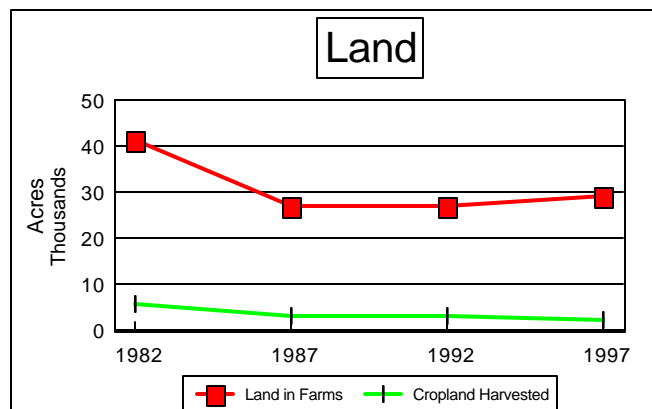
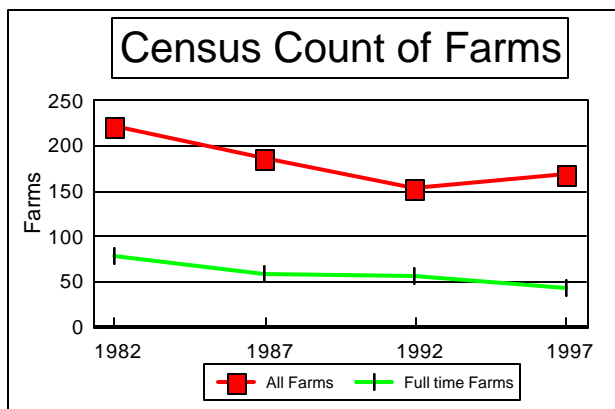
Increased 55 percent to \$3,352,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 41 percent from \$14,043 in 1992 to \$19,836 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	3,352	134	159	2,859	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,164	123	159	2,702	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,188	115	159	2,680	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
All other livestock & products	(D)	1	43	44	1,649
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,083	43	149	940	2,790
Cattle and calves	728	108	159	2,667	3,063
Dairy products	(D)	93	117	2,096	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	57	116	159	2,806	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	2,008	110	159	2,649	3,063
All goats sold	92	53	145	955	2,686
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	48	79	1,494	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	45	42	145	1,770	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	44	36	84	2,314	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,470	117	159	2,699	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	349	29	159	2,042	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	171	55	126	1,675	2,884
All goat inventory	165	82	157	1,334	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	131	82	148	2,525	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	2,003	106	159	2,713	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	53	102	1,931	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	56	103	156	1,342	2,693
All nursery-acres	53	61	146	1,486	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	19	109	144	1,975	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	132	126	5
\$10,000 or more	37	28	32
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,654	2,248	18
Average per farmdollars..	15,613	14,503	8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	624	(65)	1060
Average per farmdollars..	3,673	(419)	977
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	149	135	10
Partnership or corporation	19	18	6
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	44	57	-23
Other	125	97	29
Operators by sex:			
Male	144	141	2
Female	25	13	92
Operators by race:			
White	166	147	13
Black and other races	3	7	-57
Average age of operator	55.0	56.6	-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.