

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



DAWSON GEORGIA

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 19,060 acres in 1992 to 19,138 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 112 acres in 1992 to 120 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 22 percent from 90 farms in 1992 to 70 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

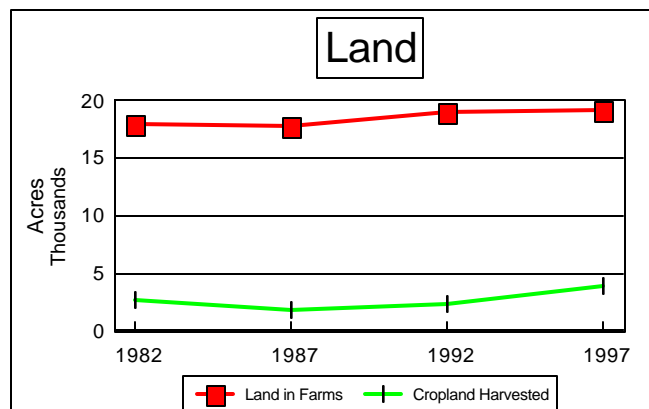
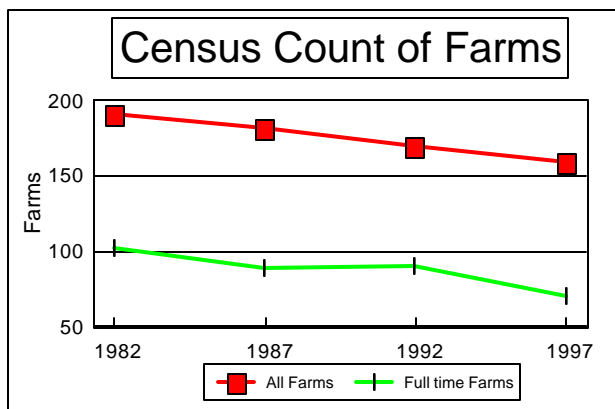
Increased 7 percent to \$29,640,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 13 percent from \$163,265 in 1992 to \$185,252 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	29,640	59	159	1,733	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	28,987	30	159	908	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	654	131	159	2,820	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	27,988	29	142	218	2,901
Cattle and calves	763	105	159	2,653	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	277	83	149	1,604	2,790
Corn for grain	(D)	69	146	1,774	2,582
Horses and ponies	(D)	23	145	981	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	14,376,227	24	101	135	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	600,900	13	101	141	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,532	95	159	2,556	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	92	149	2,035	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	47	79	1,470	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	2,527,048	21	117	131	2,620
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	147,000	14	93	109	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	106,255	12	64	132	1,790
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	91,710	35	148	445	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	4,279	107	159	2,642	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	1,433	124	159	2,798	3,061
Wheat-acres	(D)	53	135	1,556	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	708	76	153	1,958	2,691
Field seeds-acres	495	3	32	235	1,212
All nursery-acres	21	86	146	1,843	2,619

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	77	79	-3
\$10,000 or more	83	91	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	24,191	23,101	5
Average per farmdollars..	151,192	135,887	11
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,069	3,178	28
Average per farmdollars..	25,432	18,697	36
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	145	161	-10
Partnership or corporation	14	9	56
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	70	90	-22
Other	90	80	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	137	147	-7
Female	23	23	
Operators by race:			
White	158	168	-6
Black and other races	2	2	
Average age of operator	53.9	52.5	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.