

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



EARLY GEORGIA

Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 184,137 acres in 1992 to 172,757 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 586 acres in 1992 to 619 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 27 percent from 215 farms in 1992 to 156 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

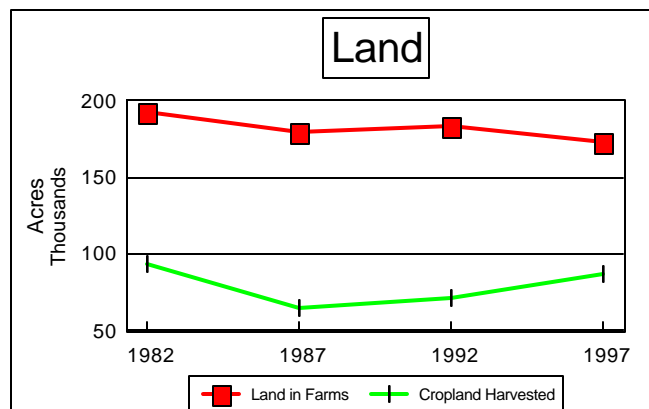
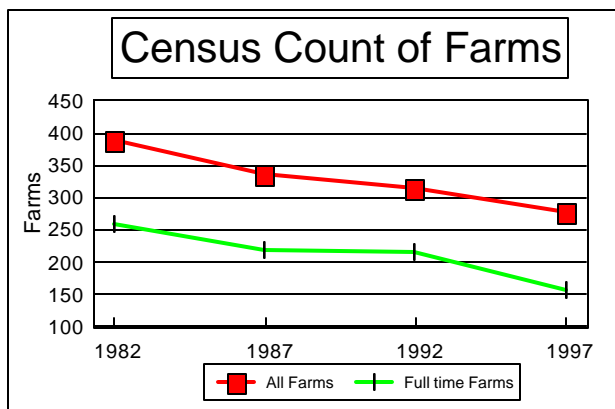
Increased 12 percent to \$45,430,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 26 percent from \$128,724 in 1992 to \$162,830 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	45,430	36	159	1,297	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	42,697	14	159	668	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,733	114	159	2,620	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	20,700	2	111	70	2,237
Cotton, cottonseed	15,337	14	99	109	709
Corn for grain	4,088	5	146	876	2,582
Cattle and calves	2,139	37	159	2,111	3,063
Wheat	1,338	8	134	798	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	60	101	622	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	14	79	248	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	5,774	35	159	2,043	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,426	82	149	1,690	2,976
All goats sold	264	18	145	366	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	45	148	527	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	12	126	134	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	10,366	49	159	2,120	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,249	65	155	1,512	3,005
All goat inventory	633	12	157	345	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	33,630	12	99	110	713
Peanuts-acres	26,634	2	81	6	466
Corn for grain-acres	11,466	9	153	1,029	2,691
Wheat-acres	8,765	9	135	818	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	5,247	20	123	1,192	2,144

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	104	86	21
\$10,000 or more	175	228	-23
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	34,657	31,685	9
Average per farmdollars..	123,775	101,229	22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,194	9,396	-13
Average per farmdollars..	29,265	30,018	-3
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	224	254	-12
Partnership or corporation	54	56	-4
Other	1	4	-75
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	156	215	-27
Other	123	99	24
Operators by sex:			
Male	263	303	-13
Female	16	11	45
Operators by race:			
White	236	280	-16
Black and other races	43	34	26
Average age of operator	54.1	52.3	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.