

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



EFFINGHAM GEORGIA

Land in farms

Increased 20 percent from 43,775 acres in 1992 to 52,479 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 241 acres in 1992 to 259 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 75 farms in 1992 to 73 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

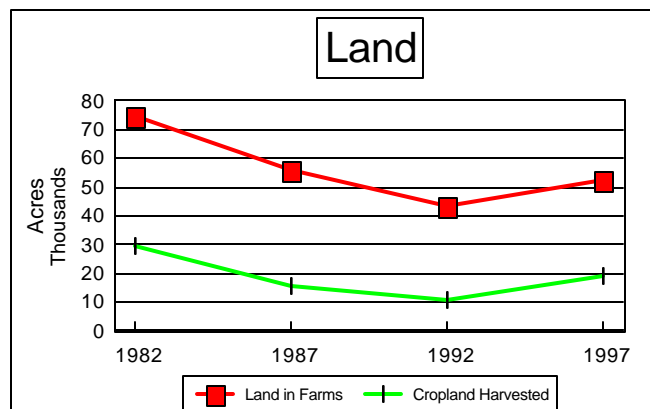
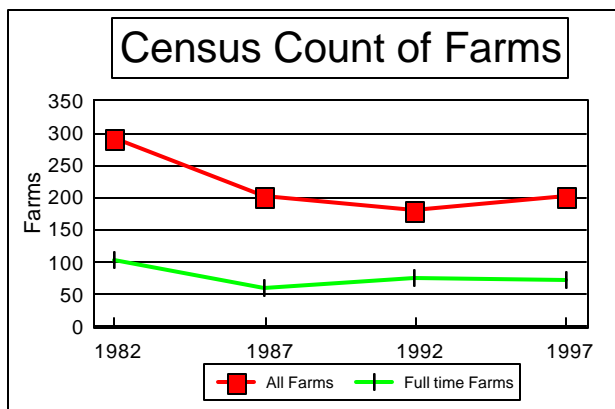
Increased 58 percent to \$8,220,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 41 percent from \$28,658 in 1992 to \$40,495 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	8,220	113	159	2,605	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	5,785	67	159	2,058	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,436	118	159	2,662	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	1,650	59	99	342	709
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,315	40	149	870	2,790
Corn for grain	1,108	28	146	1,302	2,582
Hogs and pigs	884	36	149	1,047	2,976
Soybeans	840	17	123	1,224	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	8,276	35	149	1,072	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,597	122	159	2,712	3,063
All goats sold	174	26	145	549	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	22	65	145	2,386	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	93	101	1,967	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,956	36	155	1,092	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	3,681	113	159	2,686	3,064
Colony of bees inventory	2,201	11	113	277	2,588
All goat inventory	553	18	157	427	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	317	73	148	2,021	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	6,447	23	153	1,222	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	5,167	21	123	1,200	2,144
Cotton-acres	3,927	59	99	351	713
Hay crops-acres	2,176	102	159	2,682	3,061
Wheat-acres	657	79	135	1,798	2,612

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	142	115	23
\$10,000 or more	61	67	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	6,009	4,341	38
Average per farmdollars..	29,898	23,984	25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,525	598	155
Average per farmdollars..	7,588	3,305	130
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	181	163	11
Partnership or corporation	22	18	22
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	73	75	-3
Other	130	107	21
Operators by sex:			
Male	184	173	6
Female	19	9	111
Operators by race:			
White	200	179	12
Black and other races	3	3	
Average age of operator	55.1	55.8	-1

(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.