

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



ELBERT GEORGIA

Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 54,233 acres in 1992 to 57,022 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 173 acres in 1992 to 178 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 123 farms in 1992 to 127 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

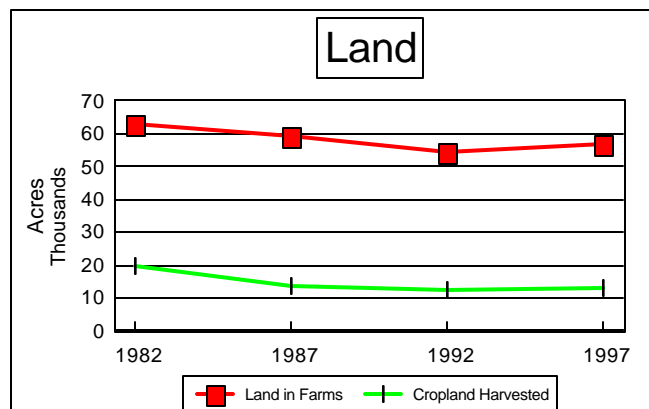
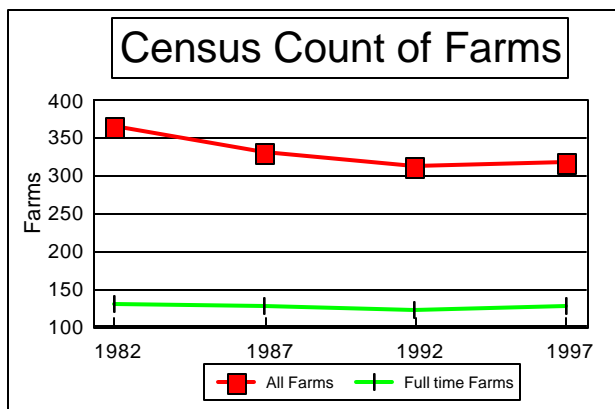
Increased 38 percent to \$14,397,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 35 percent from \$33,217 in 1992 to \$44,989 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	14,397	94	159	2,331	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	11,991	54	159	1,716	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,406	92	159	2,446	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	5,571	70	142	569	2,901
Dairy products	4,259	14	117	694	2,563
Cattle and calves	2,150	35	159	2,104	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,004	48	149	976	2,790
Cotton, cottonseed	934	68	99	398	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,846,657	61	101	340	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	68	101	748	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	6,045	30	159	2,000	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	84	115	149	2,601	2,976
All goats sold	43	83	145	1,540	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	334,420	67	117	383	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	63	148	715	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	12,491	31	159	1,950	3,064
All goat inventory	204	68	157	1,153	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	148	88	159	2,724	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	7,746	14	159	1,933	3,061
Cotton-acres	2,543	69	99	400	713
Wheat-acres	1,160	63	135	1,612	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,065	72	123	1,572	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	16	102	1,339	2,473

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	248	229	8
\$10,000 or more	72	85	-15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	11,542	9,797	18
Average per farmdollars..	35,732	31,103	15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	759	889	-15
Average per farmdollars..	2,348	2,822	-17
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	286	282	1
Partnership or corporation	34	28	21
Other	-	4	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	127	123	3
Other	193	191	1
Operators by sex:			
Male	289	286	1
Female	31	28	11
Operators by race:			
White	310	311	-0
Black and other races	10	3	233
Average age of operator	58.0	58.4	-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.