

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



FORSYTH GEORGIA

Land in farms

Decreased 15 percent from 36,260 acres in 1992 to 30,935 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 72 acres in 1992 to 71 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 227 farms in 1992 to 188 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

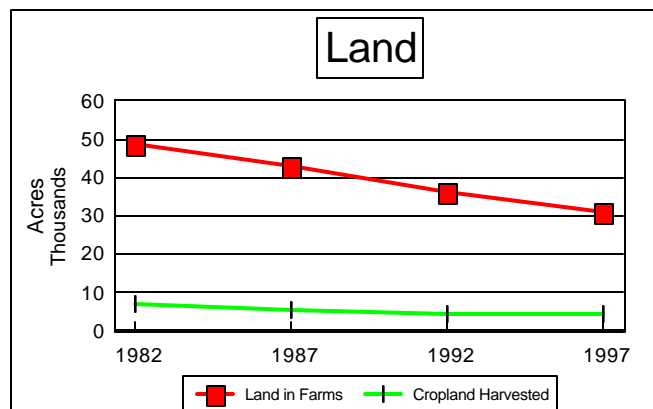
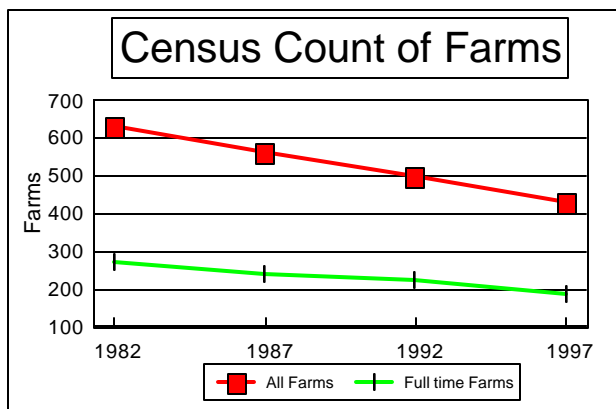
Increased 20 percent to \$62,238,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 38 percent from \$103,557 in 1992 to \$143,406 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 | 62,238 | 21 | 159 | 941 | 3,076 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 56,661 | 15 | 159 | 430 | 3,069 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 5,577 | 69 | 159 | 2,070 | 3,070 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Poultry & poultry products | 53,382 | 14 | 142 | 107 | 2,901 |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops | 5,298 | 12 | 149 | 376 | 2,790 |
| Cattle and calves | 1,502 | 64 | 159 | 2,339 | 3,063 |
| All other livestock & products | (D) | 2 | 43 | 59 | 1,649 |
| Horses and ponies | 692 | 1 | 145 | 181 | 3,015 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold | 23,076,510 | 13 | 101 | 82 | 1,882 |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold | 854,333 | 10 | 101 | 102 | 2,203 |
| Cattle and calves sold | 4,565 | 58 | 159 | 2,234 | 3,063 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 751 | 90 | 149 | 1,903 | 2,976 |
| Horses and ponies sold | 69 | 17 | 145 | 1,307 | 3,015 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Broiler inventory | 3,826,546 | 12 | 117 | 85 | 2,620 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | 510,566 | 12 | 148 | 154 | 3,002 |
| Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory | 206,014 | 9 | 93 | 71 | 2,549 |
| Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory | 52,000 | 18 | 64 | 215 | 1,790 |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 9,138 | 57 | 159 | 2,225 | 3,064 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 3,855 | 49 | 159 | 2,441 | 3,061 |
| All nursery-acres | 92 | 40 | 146 | 1,239 | 2,619 |
| Field seeds-acres | (D) | 9 | 32 | 646 | 1,212 |
| Corn for silage-acres | (D) | 78 | 102 | 2,149 | 2,473 |
| Land in orchards-acres | 41 | 112 | 156 | 1,531 | 2,693 |

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 | 270 | 297 | -9 |
| \$10,000 or more | 164 | 205 | -20 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 49,344 | 44,375 | 11 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 113,695 | 88,396 | 29 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 8,561 | 5,690 | 50 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 19,726 | 11,335 | 74 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 374 | 458 | -18 |
| Partnership or corporation | 58 | 42 | 38 |
| Other | 2 | 2 | |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 188 | 227 | -17 |
| Other | 246 | 275 | -11 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 357 | 428 | -17 |
| Female | 77 | 74 | 4 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 433 | 502 | -14 |
| Black and other races | 1 | - | |
| Average age of operator | 57.4 | 56.1 | 2 |

(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.