

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



GILMER GEORGIA

Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 25,376 acres in 1992 to 23,053 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 15 percent from 101 acres in 1992 to 86 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 11 percent from 140 farms in 1992 to 156 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

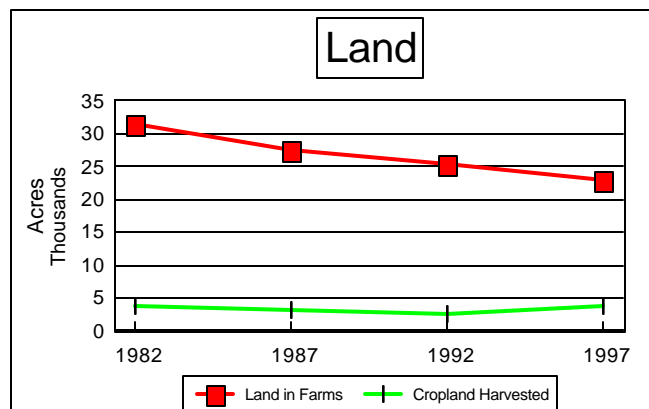
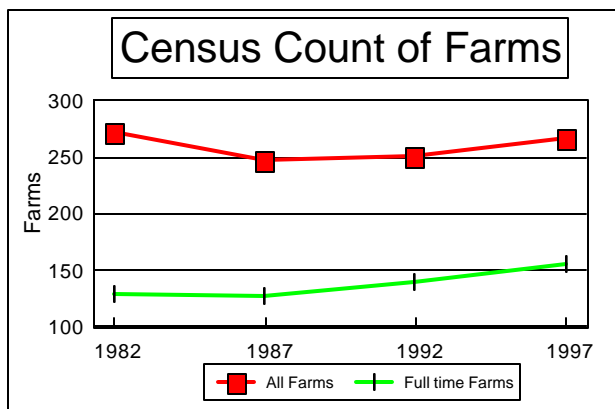
Increased 78 percent to \$77,159,000 in 1997.

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 68 percent from \$171,611 in 1992 to \$288,985 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	77,159	15	159	741	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	75,907	11	159	300	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,252	111	159	2,656	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	71,861	11	142	76	2,901
Dairy products	1,769	32	117	1,111	2,563
Hogs and pigs	(D)	25	149	966	2,976
Cattle and calves	917	92	159	2,584	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	710	32	153	383	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	36,048,931	8	101	54	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	1,459,926	6	101	54	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	27	149	1,016	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	2,624	93	159	2,543	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	54	30	84	2,241	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	5,817,940	8	117	55	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	503,265	13	148	156	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	289,680	5	64	49	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	159,740	13	93	94	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	5,566	88	159	2,516	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	2,607	84	159	2,627	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	488	52	156	477	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	446	93	153	2,082	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	65	102	2,053	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	37	95	144	1,697	2,741

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	122	120	2
\$10,000 or more	145	132	10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	61,767	34,683	78
Average per farmdollars..	231,337	137,630	68
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	12,129	6,123	98
Average per farmdollars..	45,426	24,297	87
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	245	220	11
Partnership or corporation	22	31	-29
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	156	140	11
Other	111	112	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	240	229	5
Female	27	23	17
Operators by race:			
White	267	252	6
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	51.3	52.5	-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.