

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



HEARD GEORGIA

Land in farms

Increased 14 percent from 24,242 acres in 1992 to 27,641 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 158 acres in 1992 to 173 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Unchanged from 65 farms in 1992 to 65 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

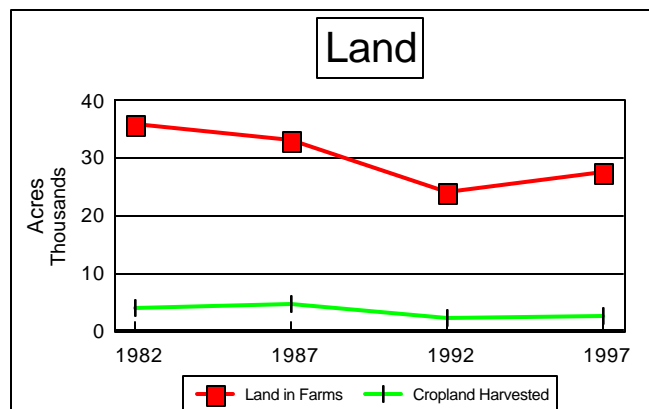
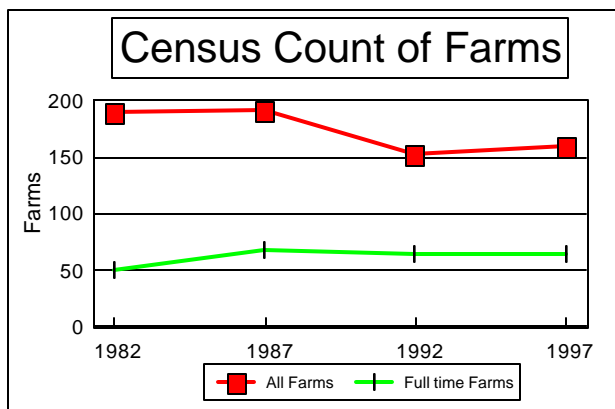
Increased 124 percent to \$21,061,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 1 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 99 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 114 percent from \$61,400 in 1992 to \$131,628 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	21,061	79	159	2,059	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	20,933	44	159	1,198	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	127	153	159	3,018	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	19,899	36	142	283	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,005	87	159	2,542	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	39	128	159	2,866	3,043
Corn for grain	30	102	146	2,229	2,582
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	132	149	2,394	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	10,082,963	32	101	189	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	43	101	422	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,889	84	159	2,496	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	130	149	2,774	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	61	79	1,790	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	1,455,171	31	117	199	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	75,002	40	148	484	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	23	93	185	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	5,863	81	159	2,494	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	117	102	159	2,817	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	2,291	94	159	2,663	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	164	110	153	2,291	2,691
Wheat-acres	95	118	135	2,325	2,612
Land in orchards-acres	19	127	156	1,891	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	137	144	2,481	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	114	103	11
\$10,000 or more	46	50	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	18,981	8,145	133
Average per farmdollars..	118,632	53,234	123
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,254	1,045	20
Average per farmdollars..	7,840	6,828	15
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	144	142	1
Partnership or corporation	15	11	36
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	65	65	
Other	95	88	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	146	132	11
Female	14	21	-33
Operators by race:			
White	160	152	5
Black and other races	-	1	-100
Average age of operator	55.9	56.5	-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.