

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile



United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service

HOUSTON GEORGIA

Land in farms

Increased 19 percent from 73,417 acres in 1992 to 87,064 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 331 acres in 1992 to 350 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 104 farms in 1992 to 91 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

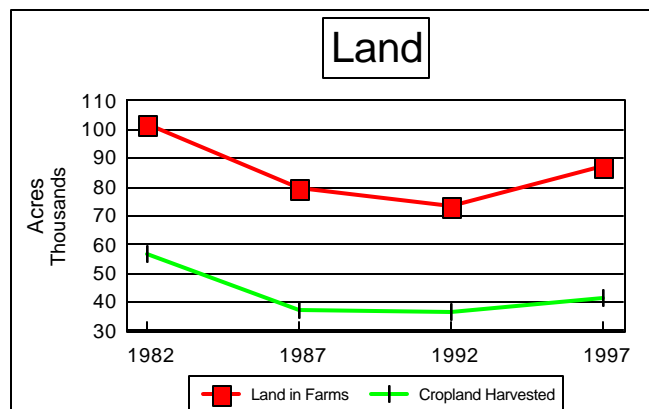
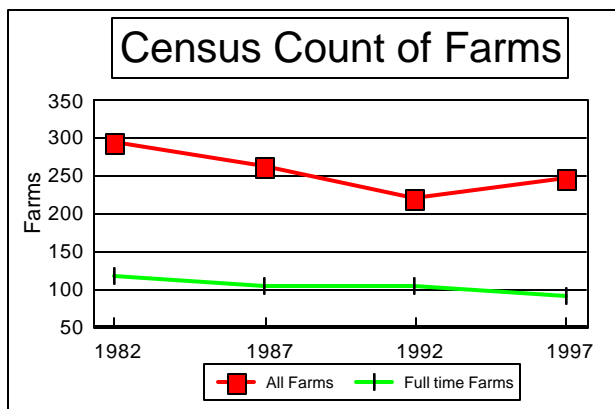
Increased 49 percent to \$27,835,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 33 percent from \$84,217 in 1992 to \$111,785 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	27,835	66	159	1,816	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	16,075	42	159	1,435	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	11,759	55	159	1,733	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	8,824	56	142	475	2,901
Cotton, cottonseed	6,853	32	99	196	709
Fruits, nuts, berries	2,853	11	153	197	2,547
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	2,819	35	111	308	2,237
Dairy products	1,432	35	117	1,226	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,618,401	51	101	276	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	3,337	75	159	2,430	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	84	149	1,725	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	42	79	1,069	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	82	101	1,403	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	772,223	44	117	271	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	8,165	67	159	2,314	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	680	82	155	1,762	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	548	37	126	974	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	278	40	159	2,282	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	15,517	36	99	209	713
Wheat-acres	7,714	11	135	870	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	7,677	12	123	1,080	2,144
Peanuts-acres	4,087	37	81	81	466
Land in orchards-acres	4,061	9	156	133	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	151	123	23
\$10,000 or more	98	99	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	21,137	16,409	29
Average per farmdollars..	84,889	73,254	16
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,373	2,663	139
Average per farmdollars..	25,593	11,890	115
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	214	186	15
Partnership or corporation	33	35	-6
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	91	104	-13
Other	158	118	34
Operators by sex:			
Male	215	200	8
Female	34	22	55
Operators by race:			
White	236	208	13
Black and other races	13	14	-7
Average age of operator	55.4	56.0	-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.