

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service



IRWIN GEORGIA

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 135,247 acres in 1992 to 131,747 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 19 percent from 385 acres in 1992 to 457 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 219 farms in 1992 to 184 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

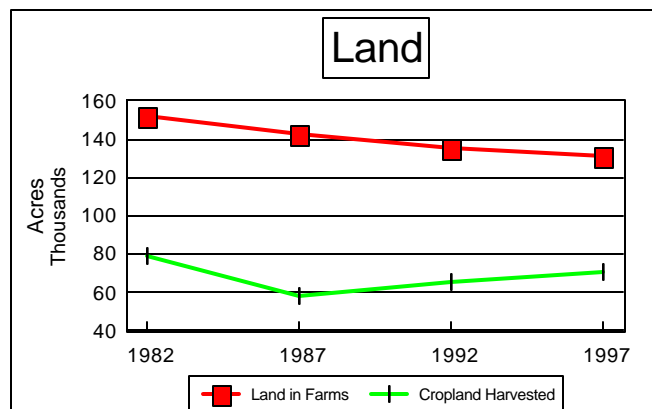
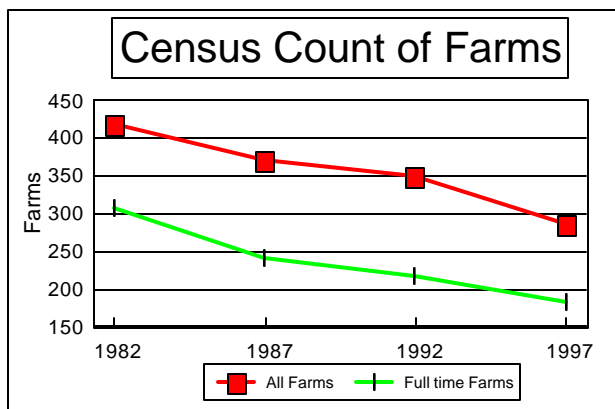
Increased 15 percent to \$40,940,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 88 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 12 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 41 percent from \$101,162 in 1992 to \$142,154 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	40,940	44	159	1,410	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	35,878	16	159	811	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,062	91	159	2,360	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	15,546	12	99	106	709
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	10,466	13	111	130	2,237
Tobacco	3,508	17	56	192	580
Corn for grain	3,341	9	146	940	2,582
Poultry & poultry products	2,707	81	142	726	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	79	101	440	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	70	101	763	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	6,957	39	149	1,121	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	3,922	66	159	2,332	3,063
All goats sold	159	30	145	619	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	85	117	500	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	59	148	684	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	8,752	63	159	2,260	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,546	37	155	1,126	3,005
All goat inventory	560	17	157	418	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	33,082	14	99	113	713
Peanuts-acres	17,685	8	81	21	466
Corn for grain-acres	11,904	8	153	1,017	2,691
Wheat-acres	3,095	28	135	1,261	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,723	55	123	1,454	2,144

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	78	94	-17
\$10,000 or more	210	257	-18
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	30,789	27,728	11
Average per farmdollars..	107,279	78,997	36
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,905	6,166	12
Average per farmdollars..	23,977	17,566	36
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	241	303	-20
Partnership or corporation	46	43	7
Other	1	5	-80
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	184	219	-16
Other	104	132	-21
Operators by sex:			
Male	268	329	-19
Female	20	22	-9
Operators by race:			
White	282	343	-18
Black and other races	6	8	-25
Average age of operator	54.6	51.8	5

(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.