

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile



United States Department of Agriculture
Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service

MARION GEORGIA

Land in farms

Increased 14 percent from 45,448 acres in 1992 to 51,645 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 342 acres in 1992 to 351 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 14 percent from 50 farms in 1992 to 57 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

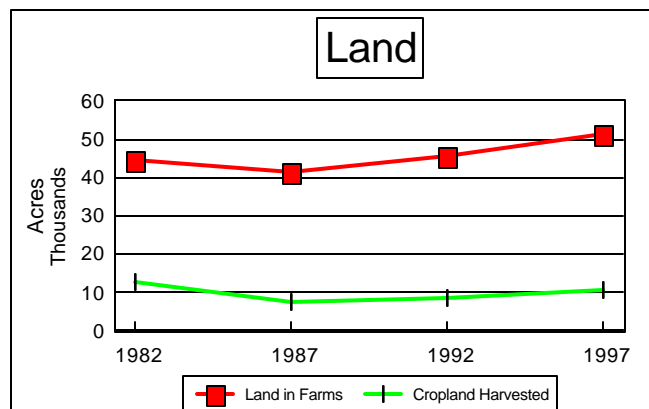
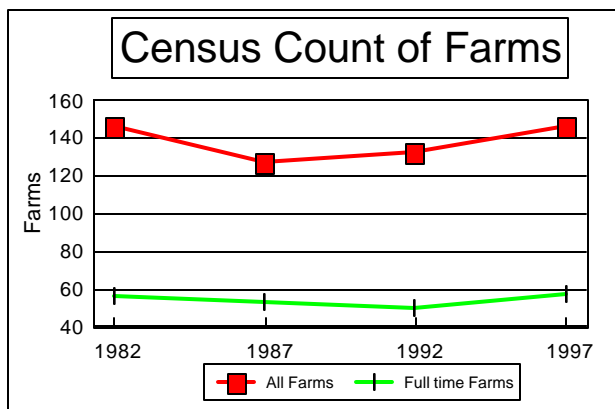
Increased 186 percent to \$33,642,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 159 percent from \$88,299 in 1992 to \$228,854 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	33,642	54	159	1,615	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	30,177	29	159	876	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,465	78	159	2,297	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	29,228	28	142	211	2,901
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	1,472	43	111	411	2,237
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	730	41	144	632	2,739
Cattle and calves	676	111	159	2,686	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	526	75	99	461	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	5,858,000	43	101	241	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	42	101	416	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	70	149	1,531	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	2,003	111	159	2,650	3,063
All goats sold	20	107	145	2,021	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	970,400	41	117	242	2,620
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	24	93	195	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	15	64	187	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	4,072	109	159	2,664	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	516	86	155	1,868	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Peanuts-acres	2,259	45	81	117	466
Hay crops-acres	2,178	101	159	2,681	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,001	49	123	1,409	2,144
Cotton-acres	1,399	74	99	451	713
Corn for grain-acres	1,132	67	153	1,825	2,691

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	85	67	27
\$10,000 or more	62	66	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	26,587	9,839	170
Average per farmdollars..	180,864	73,975	144
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,101	1,666	266
Average per farmdollars..	41,505	12,527	231
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	132	120	10
Partnership or corporation	15	13	15
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	57	50	14
Other	90	83	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	136	119	14
Female	11	14	-21
Operators by race:			
White	134	126	6
Black and other races	13	7	86
Average age of operator	53.8	53.0	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.