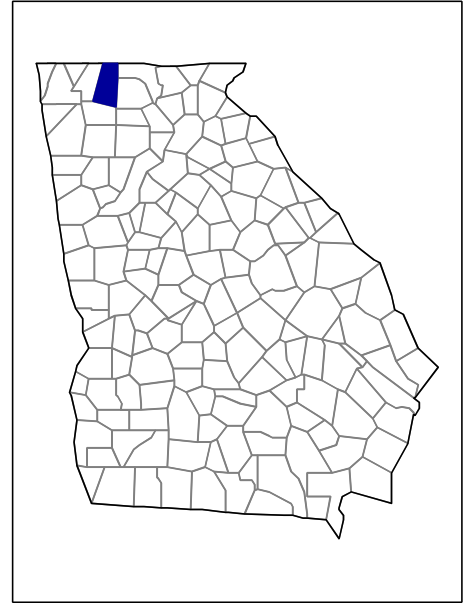


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Number of farms

306 farms in 2002, 297 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

Land in farms

41,834 acres in 2002, 36,061 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

Average size of farm

137 acres in 2002, 121 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$27,086,000 in 2002, \$44,650,000 in 1997, down 39 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,565,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$25,521,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

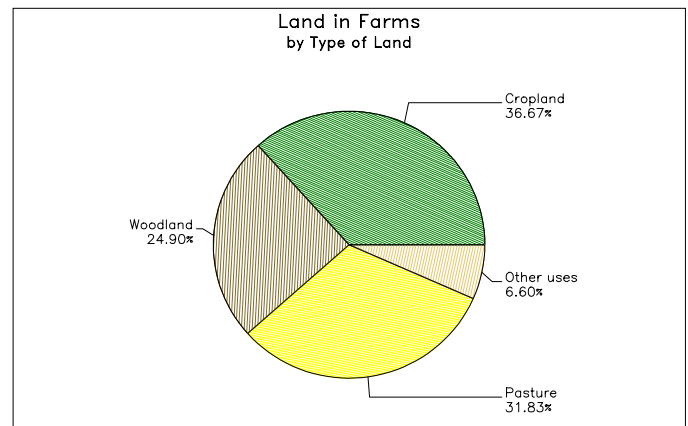
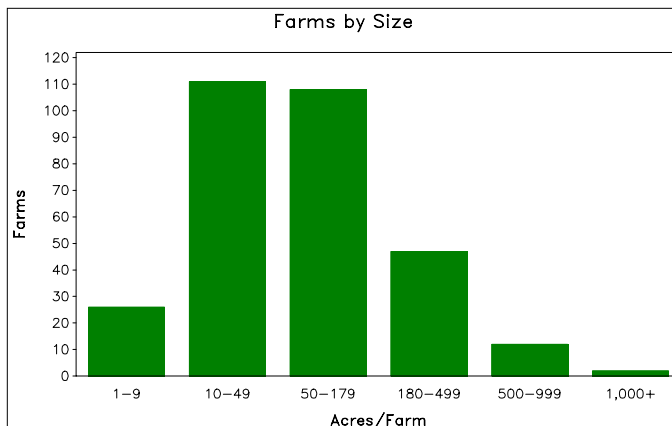
\$88,517 in 2002, \$150,336 in 1997, down 41 percent.

Government Payments

\$364,000 in 2002, \$39,000 in 1997, up 833 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,998 in 2002, \$3,253 in 1997, up 115 percent.



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Ranked items among the 159 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	27,086	56	159	1,814	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,565	105	159	2,593	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	25,521	37	159	1,083	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	698	44	150	1,891	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	50	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	93	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	149	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4	148	151	2,398	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	148	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	84	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	78	138	158	2,837	3,046
Poultry and eggs	22,832	33	142	277	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,682	57	159	2,283	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	135	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	2	129	152	2,806	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	151	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	64	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	108	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,868,380	34	111	202	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	42	143	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	8,861	59	159	2,152	3,059
Horses and ponies	258	110	158	2,705	3,065
Sheep and lambs	143	22	111	2,111	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,154	36	159	2,295	3,059
Corn for grain	1,957	42	145	1,564	2,592
Soybeans	1,360	24	111	1,470	2,076
All Wheat for grain	(D)	67	129	(D)	2,517
Sorghum for silage	(D)	43	62	(D)	1,387

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	109
\$1,000 to \$2,499	45
\$2,500 to \$4,999	34
\$5,000 to \$9,999	27
\$10,000 to \$19,999	29
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	4
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	17
\$500,000 or more	21
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,664
Average per farm (\$)	70,566
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,178
Average per farm (\$)	20,125

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	151
Other	155
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	281
Female	25
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	391
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.