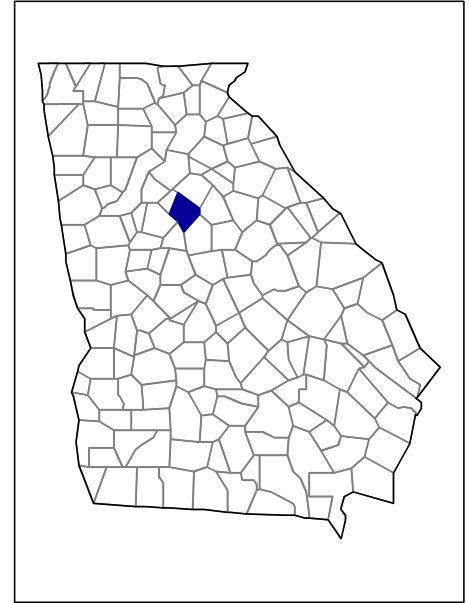


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Number of farms

355 farms in 2002, 344 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

Land in farms

44,839 acres in 2002, 48,968 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

126 acres in 2002, 142 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$7,849,000 in 2002, \$10,766,000 in 1997, down 27 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$543,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,306,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

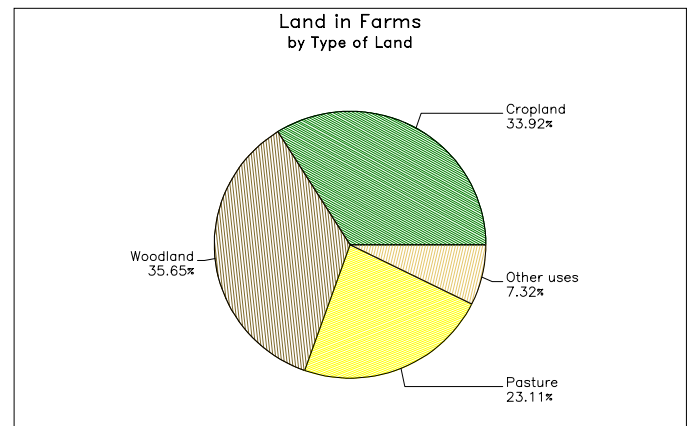
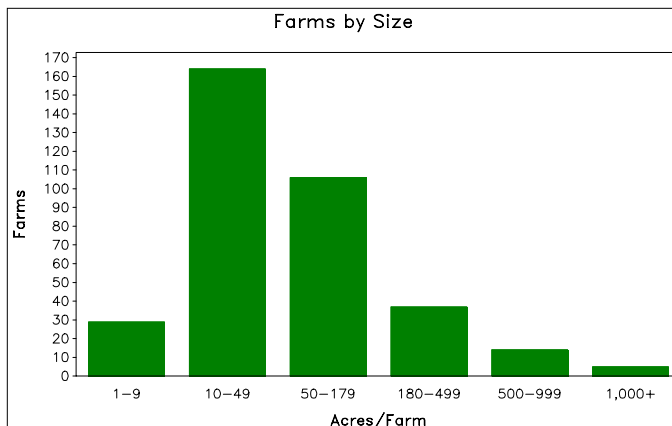
\$22,110 in 2002, \$31,296 in 1997, down 29 percent.

Government Payments

\$242,000 in 2002, \$139,000 in 1997, up 74 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,558 in 2002, \$2,948 in 1997, up 21 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	7,849	113	159	2,603	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	543	142	159	2,877	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,306	78	159	2,108	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	89	98	150	2,413	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	50	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	93	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	87	87	149	1,783	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	151	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	131	117	148	1,994	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	84	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	206	99	158	2,515	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4,992	72	142	619	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,125	39	159	2,127	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	111	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	135	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	18	32	152	1,992	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	169	25	151	1,274	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	168,000	82	111	493	2,599
Quail	(D)	9	52	(D)	1,412
Cattle and calves	8,910	58	159	2,148	3,059
Pheasants	(D)	3	29	(D)	1,541
Horses and ponies	825	18	158	1,533	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,565	35	159	2,231	3,059
All Wheat for grain	660	66	129	1,699	2,517
Soybeans	(D)	76	111	(D)	2,076
Cut Christmas trees	(D)	7	89	(D)	1,877
Oats	(D)	58	99	(D)	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	143
\$1,000 to \$2,499	51
\$2,500 to \$4,999	51
\$5,000 to \$9,999	37
\$10,000 to \$19,999	45
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7
\$500,000 or more	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	8,243
Average per farm (\$)	23,352
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,319
Average per farm (\$)	-3,735

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	155
Other	200
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	287
Female	68
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	512
Black or African American	11
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	4
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	9

(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.