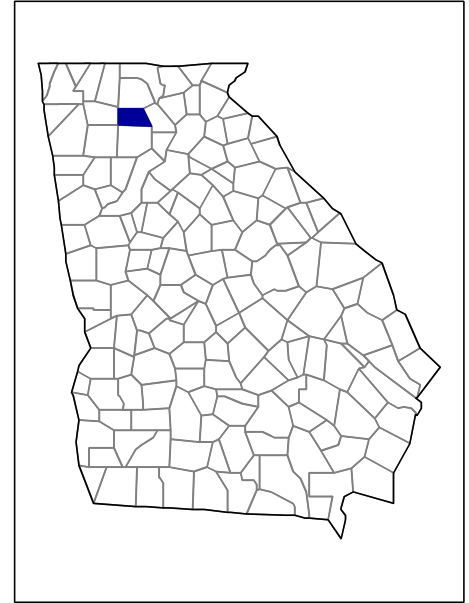


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Number of farms

243 farms in 2002, 256 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

17,372 acres in 2002, 19,405 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

Average size of farm

71 acres in 2002, 76 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$47,795,000 in 2002, \$57,188,000 in 1997, down 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$593,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$47,202,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

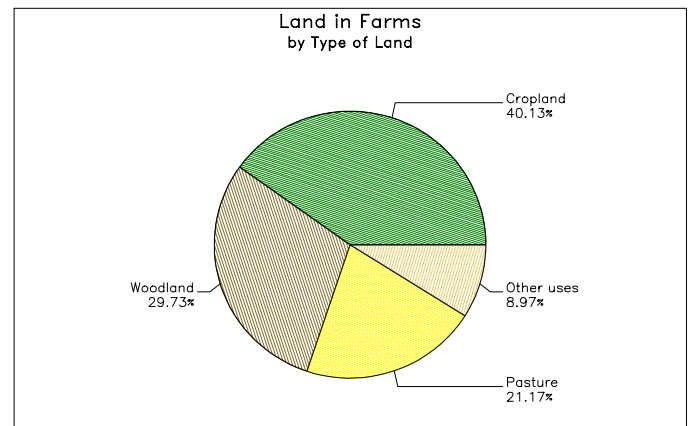
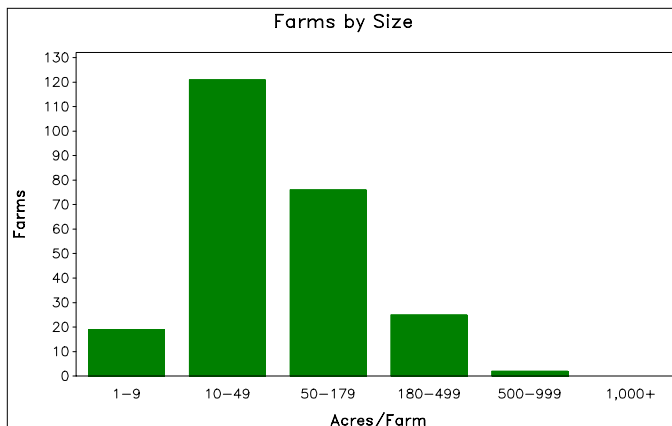
\$196,685 in 2002, \$223,391 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$73,000 in 2002, \$16,000 in 1997, up 356 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,037 in 2002, \$1,643 in 1997, up 24 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	47,795	32	159	1,225	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	593	141	159	2,868	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	47,202	20	159	598	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	51	111	150	2,522	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	50	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	93	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	51	108	149	2,034	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	87	90	151	1,332	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	341	94	148	1,597	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	84	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	158	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	46,140	20	142	149	2,918
Cattle and calves	754	106	159	2,653	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	13	47	152	2,161	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	4,537,408	14	111	92	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	66,589	40	143	461	2,983
Cattle and calves	3,928	110	159	2,625	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	40	141	(D)	2,926
Horses and ponies	399	73	158	2,370	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,591	97	159	2,653	3,059
Corn for grain	342	87	145	2,088	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	24	104	149	1,931	2,710
Apples	22	9	83	835	2,173
Cut Christmas trees	(D)	49	89	(D)	1,877

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	46
\$1,000 to \$2,499	50
\$2,500 to \$4,999	36
\$5,000 to \$9,999	38
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	4
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9
\$500,000 or more	28
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	31,978
Average per farm (\$)	133,241
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,059
Average per farm (\$)	62,746

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	120
Other	123
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	195
Female	48
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.1
All operators ² by race:	
White	333
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.