

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Polk, Georgia

### Number of farms

428 farms in 2002, 452 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Land in farms

52,041 acres in 2002, 57,896 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Average size of farm

122 acres in 2002, 128 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$19,322,000 in 2002, \$19,722,000 in 1997, down 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,074,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$18,248,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

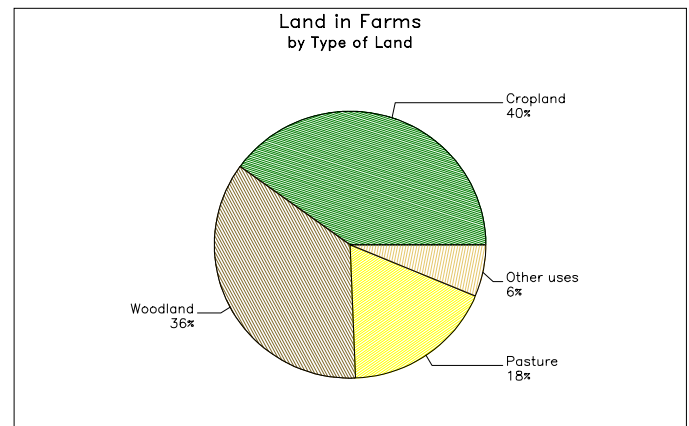
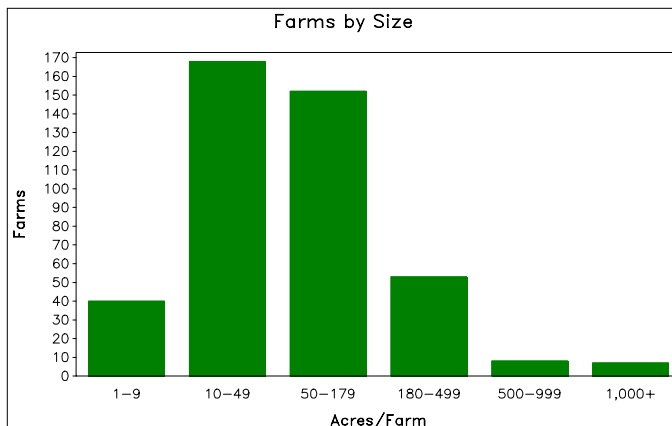
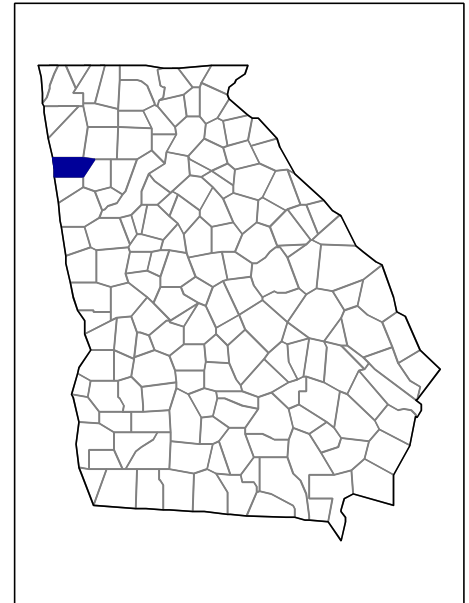
\$45,145 in 2002, \$43,632 in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Government Payments

\$303,000 in 2002, \$190,000 in 1997, up 59 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,701 in 2002, \$3,647 in 1997, up 1 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	19,322	82	159	2,122	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,074	119	159	2,698	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	18,248	49	159	1,375	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	382	64	150	2,078	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	50	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	377	72	93	450	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	149	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	151	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	90	127	148	2,117	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	84	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	162	111	158	2,626	3,046
Poultry and eggs	15,323	44	142	353	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,410	32	159	2,039	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	446	67	111	1,706	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6	96	135	2,458	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1	146	152	2,924	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	63	72	151	2,202	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	64	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	108	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,301,201	42	111	246	2,599
Cattle and calves	9,195	53	159	2,120	3,059
Horses and ponies	729	29	158	1,685	3,065
All Goats	110	132	155	2,225	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	117	143	(D)	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,746	32	159	2,211	3,059
All Cotton	2,185	68	93	411	663
Corn for grain	1,328	50	145	1,712	2,592
All Wheat for grain	285	93	129	1,952	2,517
Soybeans	243	75	111	1,776	2,076

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	158	Farming	210
\$1,000 to \$2,499	84	Other	218
\$2,500 to \$4,999	64		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	45	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	24	Male	379
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Female	49
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	White	548
\$500,000 or more	10	Black or African American	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,772	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	36,765	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,002	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	9,329	All operators <sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.