

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Bleckley, Georgia

### Number of farms

265 farms in 2002, 263 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Land in farms

55,324 acres in 2002, 73,575 acres in 1997, down 25 percent.

### Average size of farm

209 acres in 2002, 280 acres in 1997, down 25 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$5,844,000 in 2002, \$11,819,000 in 1997, down 51 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,894,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$950,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

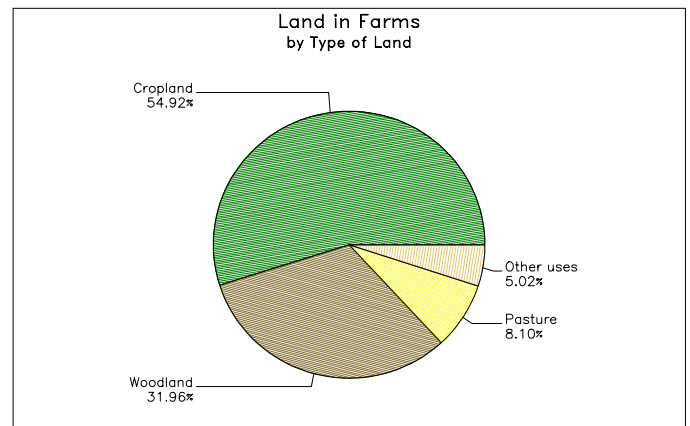
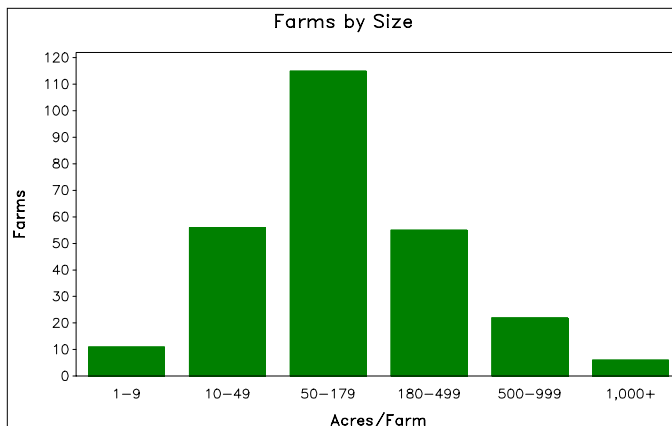
\$22,053 in 2002, \$44,938 in 1997, down 51 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,229,000 in 2002, \$749,000 in 1997, up 64 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,538 in 2002, \$5,128 in 1997, up 66 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	5,844	122	159	2,719	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,894	71	159	2,080	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	950	138	159	2,879	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	475	57	150	2,016	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	50	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	2,645	41	93	253	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	149	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	588	42	151	477	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	889	47	158	1,361	3,046
Poultry and eggs	-	-	142	-	2,918
Cattle and calves	928	94	159	2,576	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	7	83	152	2,449	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	7	144	151	2,949	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	64	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	108	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	6,313	84	159	2,392	3,059
All Goats	355	80	155	1,327	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	152	89	143	2,581	2,983
Horses and ponies	98	144	158	2,960	3,065
Hogs and pigs	(D)	109	141	(D)	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Cotton	13,196	38	93	226	663
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,559	47	159	2,365	3,059
Peanuts	2,001	43	79	110	398
Corn for grain	1,273	52	145	1,727	2,592
Soybeans	773	49	111	1,587	2,076

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	100
\$1,000 to \$2,499	55
\$2,500 to \$4,999	20
\$5,000 to \$9,999	30
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6
\$500,000 or more	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	7,220
Average per farm (\$)	27,662
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	227
Average per farm (\$)	871

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	146
Other	119
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	245
Female	20
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	313
Black or African American	16
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.