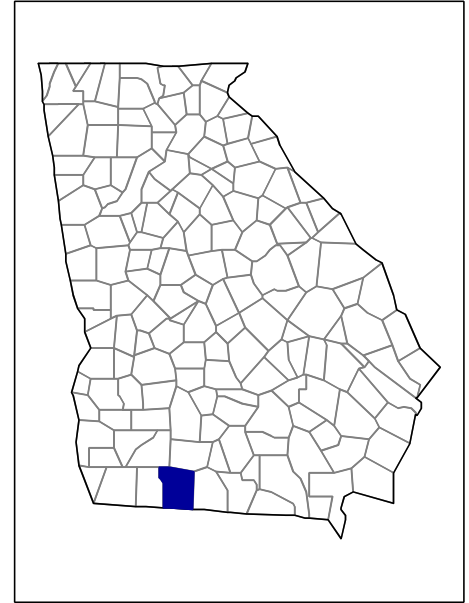




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Number of farms

510 farms in 2002, 520 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

Land in farms

198,412 acres in 2002, 195,169 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

389 acres in 2002, 375 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$26,384,000 in 2002, \$43,038,000 in 1997, down 39 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$18,836,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,548,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

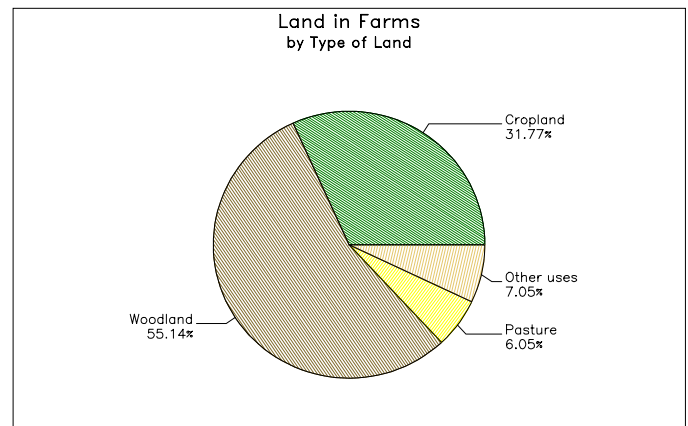
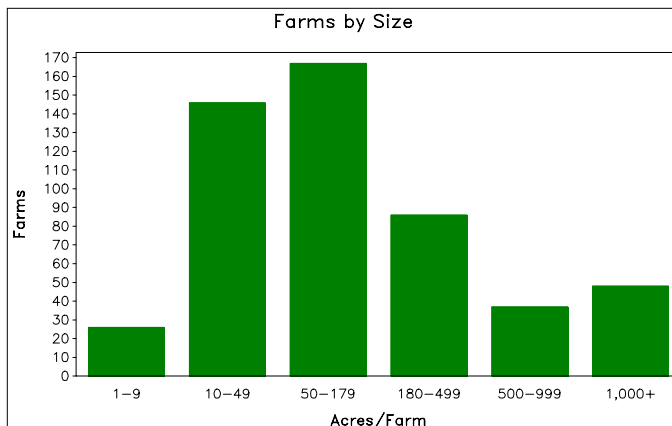
\$51,734 in 2002, \$82,766 in 1997, down 37 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,299,000 in 2002, \$1,523,000 in 1997, up 51 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,038 in 2002, \$7,183 in 1997, up 68 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	26,384	59	159	1,838	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,836	32	159	1,219	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,548	73	159	2,083	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,689	22	150	1,632	2,871
Tobacco	2,266	14	50	176	560
Cotton and cottonseed	7,018	16	93	135	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	950	42	149	776	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,742	14	151	206	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,985	40	148	807	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	84	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,187	35	158	577	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2,970	86	142	739	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,557	29	159	2,003	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	293	33	135	1,156	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	2	130	152	2,809	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	151	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	50	16	64	694	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	108	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	85	111	(D)	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	63	143	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	12,716	32	159	1,865	3,059
Quail	(D)	10	52	(D)	1,412
Hogs and pigs	2,069	31	141	1,124	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	28,231	14	93	128	663
Corn for grain	6,211	13	145	1,197	2,592
Pecans	4,510	6	139	21	1,194
Peanuts	3,458	37	79	87	398
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,598	96	159	2,652	3,059

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	193
\$1,000 to \$2,499	43
\$2,500 to \$4,999	46
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35
\$10,000 to \$19,999	45
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19
\$25,000 to \$39,999	25
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35
\$100,000 to \$249,999	24
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20
\$500,000 or more	11
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	28,155
Average per farm (\$)	55,098
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,040
Average per farm (\$)	7,906

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	249
Other	261
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	427
Female	83
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	618
Black or African American	36
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.