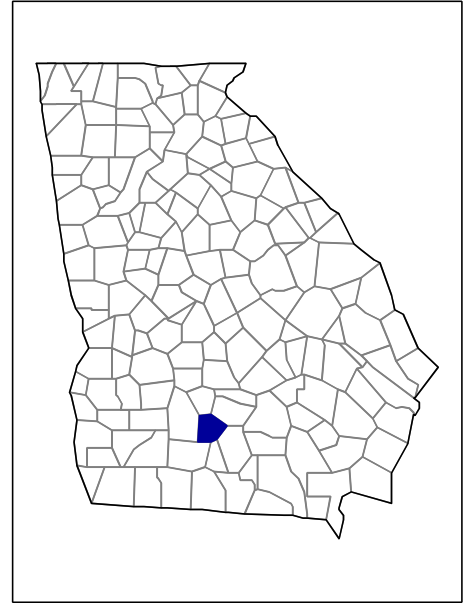


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Number of farms

398 farms in 2002, 426 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

98,032 acres in 2002, 111,456 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Average size of farm

246 acres in 2002, 262 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$45,135,000 in 2002, \$55,651,000 in 1997, down 19 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$42,618,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,517,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

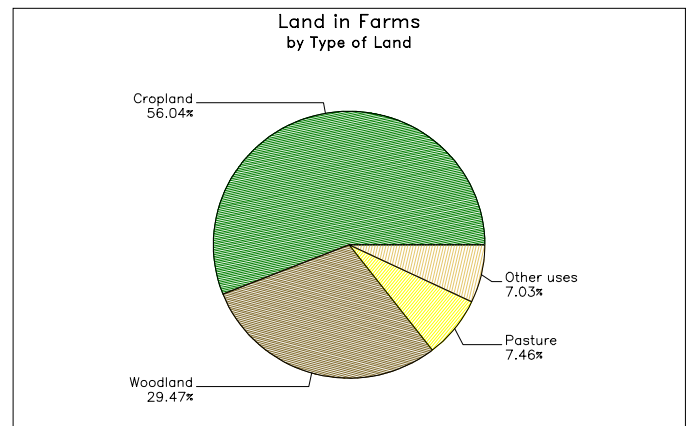
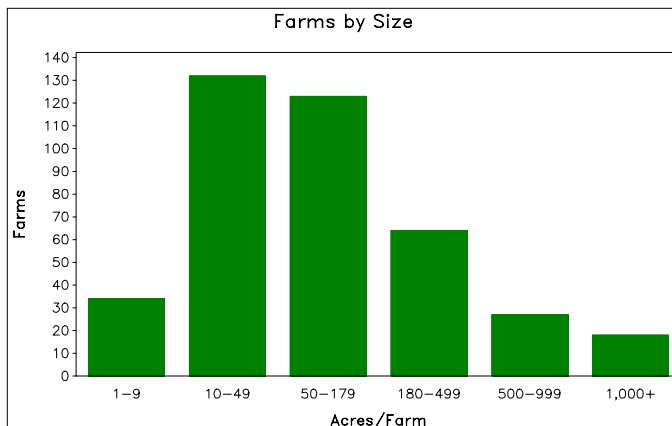
\$113,404 in 2002, \$130,637 in 1997, down 13 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,298,000 in 2002, \$744,000 in 1997, up 209 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,520 in 2002, \$5,391 in 1997, up 151 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	45,135	33	159	1,283	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	42,618	5	159	583	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,517	112	159	2,635	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	150	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	3,737	6	50	128	560
Cotton and cottonseed	5,480	22	93	165	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	23,278	4	149	90	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	900	31	151	378	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,407	36	148	727	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	84	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	6,294	13	158	211	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2	126	142	2,552	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,683	56	159	2,282	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	259	37	135	1,187	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	152	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	39	86	151	2,478	3,014
Aquaculture	47	18	64	713	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	108	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	9,211	52	159	2,118	3,059
Hogs and pigs	2,483	29	141	1,084	2,926
All Goats	448	63	155	1,093	2,971
Horses and ponies	281	102	158	2,660	3,065
Sheep and lambs	138	23	111	2,124	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	20,199	24	93	171	663
Peanuts	15,857	8	79	19	398
All Vegetables harvested	8,043	6	149	81	2,710
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,662	91	159	2,641	3,059
Watermelons	1,404	4	112	25	1,753

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	83
\$1,000 to \$2,499	41
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41
\$5,000 to \$9,999	65
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12
\$50,000 to \$99,999	38
\$100,000 to \$249,999	21
\$250,000 to \$499,999	15
\$500,000 or more	19
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	42,318
Average per farm (\$)	106,863
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,948
Average per farm (\$)	15,020

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	194
Other	204
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	360
Female	38
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	504
Black or African American	21
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.