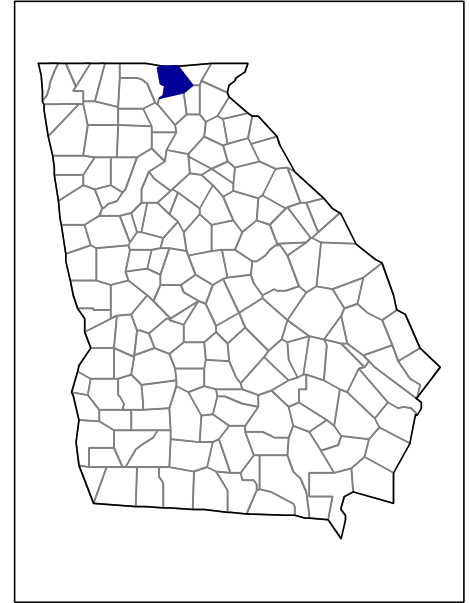


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Union, Georgia



### Number of farms

330 farms in 2002, 321 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Land in farms

24,789 acres in 2002, 25,136 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

75 acres in 2002, 78 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$15,904,000 in 2002, \$17,313,000 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,206,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$11,698,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

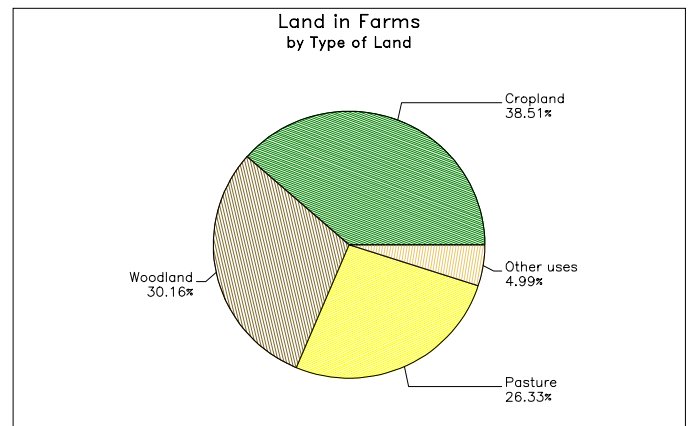
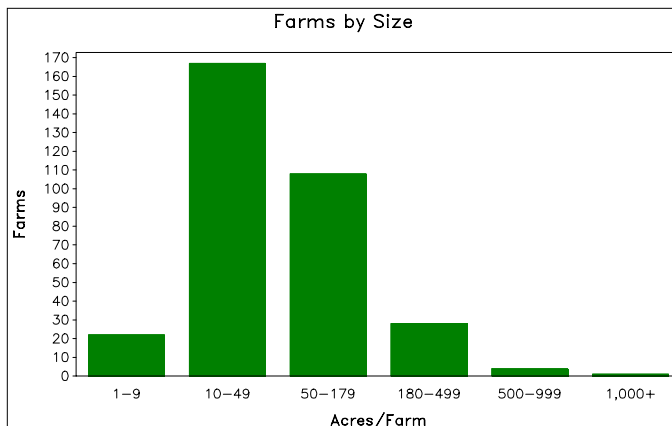
\$48,194 in 2002, \$53,934 in 1997, down 11 percent.

### Government Payments

\$168,000 in 2002, \$39,000 in 1997, up 331 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,890 in 2002, \$1,101 in 1997, up 162 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	15,904	87	159	2,236	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,206	74	159	2,169	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	11,698	59	159	1,750	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	150	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	50	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	93	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	478	53	149	1,016	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	151	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	148	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	84	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	177	104	158	2,580	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	142	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,613	64	159	2,300	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	47	8	152	1,308	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	63	71	151	2,197	3,014
Aquaculture	18	28	64	869	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	10	41	108	1,813	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	24,416	54	143	629	2,983
Cattle and calves	7,573	73	159	2,286	3,059
Horses and ponies	678	34	158	1,791	3,065
All Goats	637	36	155	807	2,971
Hogs and pigs	(D)	94	141	(D)	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,153	56	159	2,422	3,059
Corn for grain	553	70	145	1,951	2,592
Corn for silage	269	28	85	1,649	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	259	50	149	857	2,710
Sweet corn	131	11	128	435	2,279

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	79
\$1,000 to \$2,499	72
\$2,500 to \$4,999	51
\$5,000 to \$9,999	39
\$10,000 to \$19,999	32
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12
\$25,000 to \$39,999	18
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1
\$500,000 or more	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,616
Average per farm (\$)	29,228
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,401
Average per farm (\$)	19,457

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	159
Other	171
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	290
Female	40
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	423
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
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.