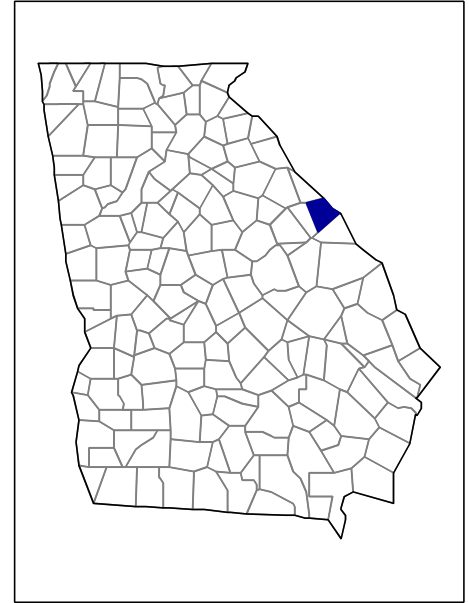


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Number of farms

196 farms in 2002, 229 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

23,296 acres in 2002, 33,721 acres in 1997, down 31 percent.

Average size of farm

119 acres in 2002, 147 acres in 1997, down 19 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$4,862,000 in 2002, \$3,372,000 in 1997, up 44 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,335,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,528,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

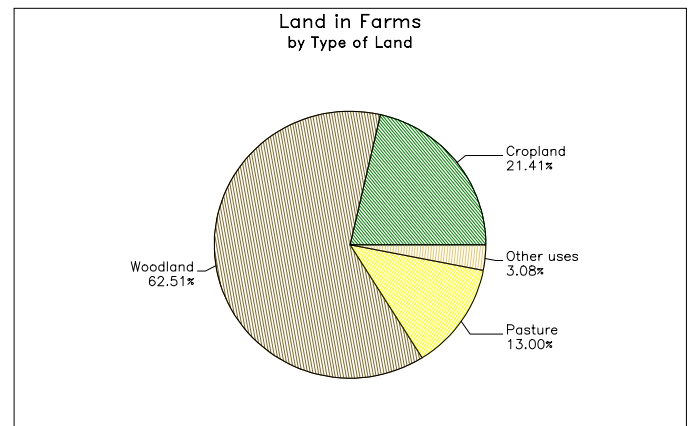
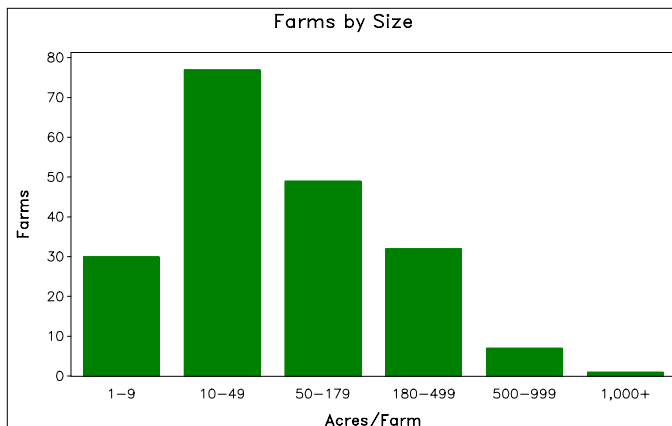
\$24,808 in 2002, \$14,726 in 1997, up 68 percent.

Government Payments

\$188,000 in 2002, \$77,000 in 1997, up 144 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,382 in 2002, \$3,212 in 1997, up 36 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	4,862	126	159	2,776	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,335	115	159	2,637	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,528	104	159	2,510	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	150	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	50	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	93	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	149	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	16	133	151	2,048	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,249	53	148	999	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	84	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	56	144	158	2,890	3,046
Poultry and eggs	-	-	142	-	2,918
Cattle and calves	369	136	159	2,806	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	6	88	152	2,496	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	122	41	151	1,589	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	64	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	108	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	2,097	134	159	2,801	3,059
Horses and ponies	701	31	158	1,740	3,065
All Goats	180	113	155	1,902	2,971
Sheep and lambs	81	37	111	2,347	2,867
Geese	(D)	12	75	(D)	2,396
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,527	127	159	2,797	3,059
Corn for silage	(D)	53	85	(D)	2,307
Nursery stock	(D)	26	120	(D)	2,129
Pecans	51	95	139	557	1,194
Corn for grain ³	(D)	(D)	145	(D)	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	80	Farming	75
\$1,000 to \$2,499	43	Other	121
\$2,500 to \$4,999	26	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	19	Male	163
\$10,000 to \$19,999	9	Female	33
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	White	254
\$50,000 to \$99,999	-	Black or African American	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	1	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,026	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	15,361	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,462		
Average per farm (\$)	12,498		

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.