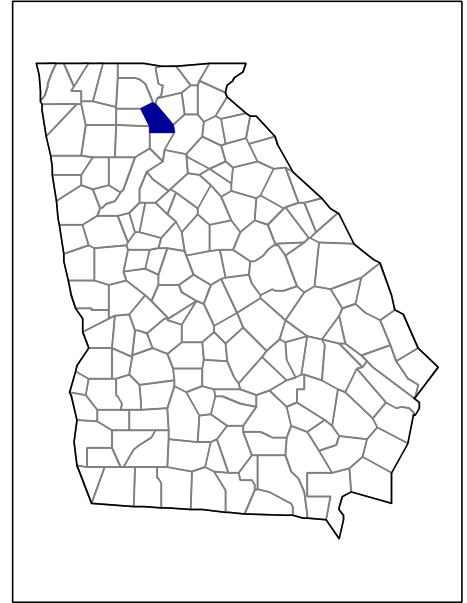


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Dawson, Georgia



### Number of farms

222 farms in 2002, 196 farms in 1997, up 13 percent.

### Land in farms

20,269 acres in 2002, 21,363 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Average size of farm

91 acres in 2002, 109 acres in 1997, down 17 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$39,509,000 in 2002, \$31,481,000 in 1997, up 26 percent.

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

Livestock sales accounted for \$38,509,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

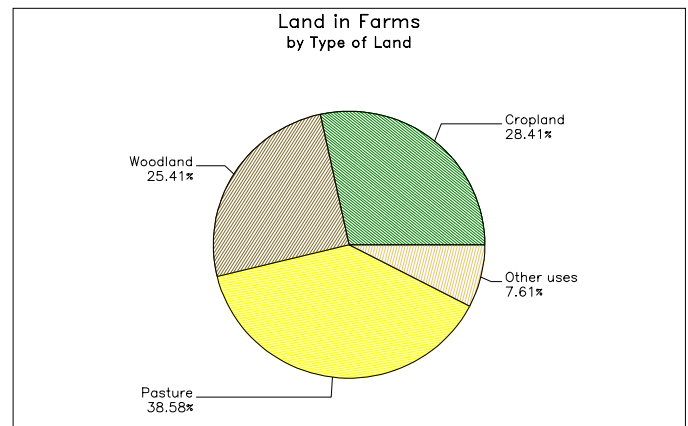
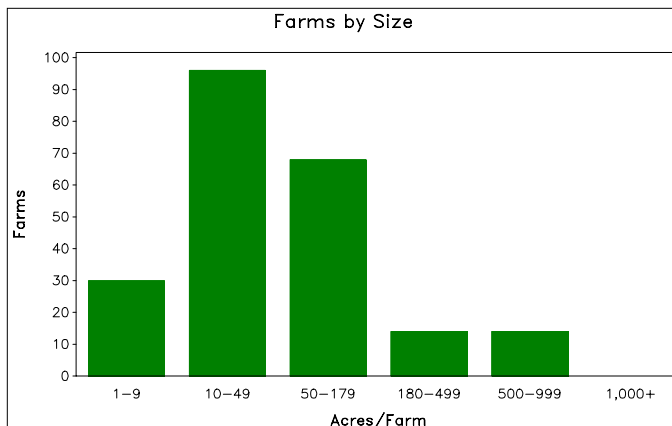
\$177,969 in 2002, \$160,615 in 1997, up 11 percent.

### Government Payments

\$83,000 in 2002, \$35,000 in 1997, up 137 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,206 in 2002, \$1,510 in 1997, up 112 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	39,509	40	159	1,447	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,000	120	159	2,728	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	38,509	28	159	760	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	56	109	150	2,507	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	50	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	59	100	149	1,969	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	151	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	759	69	148	1,218	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	84	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	158	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	37,650	26	142	187	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	159	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	61	63	135	1,635	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	12	53	152	2,212	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	283	18	151	785	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	108	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,026,800	24	111	139	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	86,071	34	143	428	2,983
Cattle and calves	3,656	114	159	2,649	3,059
Hogs and pigs	608	65	141	1,546	2,926
Horses and ponies	501	58	158	2,162	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,384	131	159	2,823	3,059
All Cotton	(D)	83	93	(D)	663
Corn for grain	178	99	145	2,215	2,592
All Field and grass seed crops	(D)	9	42	(D)	1,293
Soybeans	(D)	97	111	(D)	2,076

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	81
\$1,000 to \$2,499	19
\$2,500 to \$4,999	26
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	1
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	8
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20
\$500,000 or more	23
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	26,381
Average per farm (\$)	118,832
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,122
Average per farm (\$)	68,117

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	114
Other	108
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	182
Female	40
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.1
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	305
Black or African American	-
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	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.