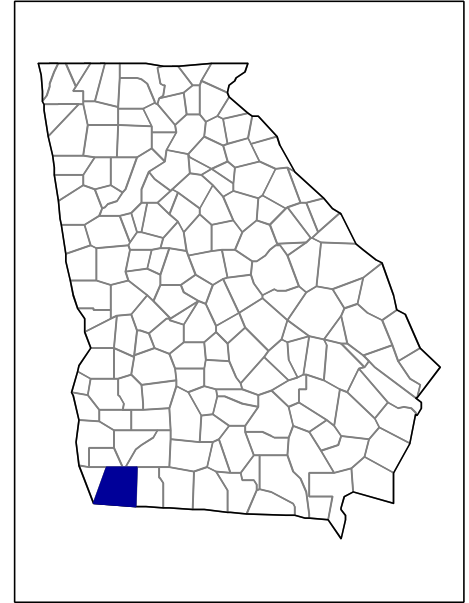


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Number of farms

396 farms in 2002, 398 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

160,439 acres in 2002, 171,251 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

405 acres in 2002, 430 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$100,509,000 in 2002, \$76,808,000 in 1997, up 31 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$86,758,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,751,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

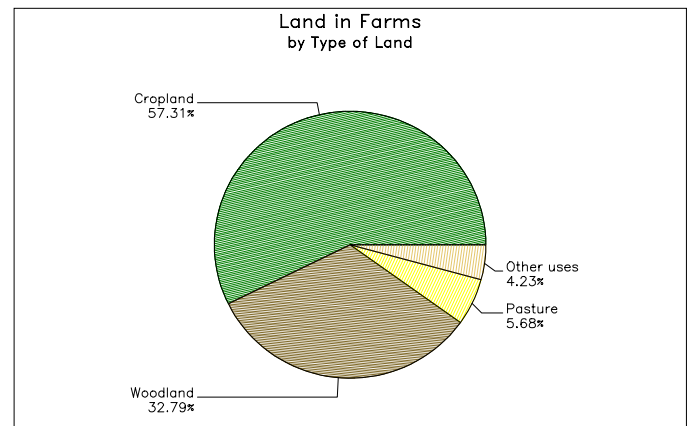
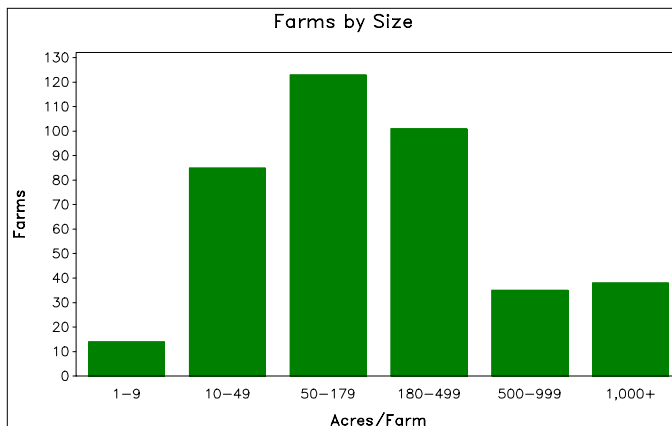
\$253,809 in 2002, \$192,986 in 1997, up 32 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,160,000 in 2002, \$1,700,000 in 1997, up 86 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$16,458 in 2002, \$7,799 in 1997, up 111 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	100,509	13	159	503	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	86,758	2	159	173	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,751	55	159	1,612	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,222	15	150	1,524	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	50	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	11,101	6	93	89	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	60,492	1	149	39	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	151	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	769	67	148	1,215	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	17	29	84	1,018	1,774
Other crops and hay	11,368	3	158	124	3,046
Poultry and eggs	7,857	65	142	517	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	30	75	135	1,891	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1	142	152	2,903	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	3	149	151	2,997	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	108	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	319,000	73	111	433	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	33	143	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	18,784	12	159	1,525	3,059
Quail	(D)	13	52	(D)	1,412
Hogs and pigs	244	78	141	1,934	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	30,992	12	93	116	663
All Vegetables harvested	20,601	1	149	31	2,710
Peanuts	18,110	6	79	15	398
Sweet corn	14,114	1	128	7	2,279
Corn for grain	5,478	17	145	1,239	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	162	Farming	199
\$1,000 to \$2,499	19	Other	197
\$2,500 to \$4,999	40	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	Male	361
\$10,000 to \$19,999	18	Female	35
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	23	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	White	441
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15	Black or African American	63
\$100,000 to \$249,999	23	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	36	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	60,752	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	153,027	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	44,879		
Average per farm (\$)	113,045		

(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.