

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Early, Georgia

Number of farms

347 farms in 2002, 316 farms in 1997, up 10 percent.

Land in farms

160,286 acres in 2002, 176,611 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Average size of farm

462 acres in 2002, 559 acres in 1997, down 17 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$26,250,000 in 2002, \$45,833,000 in 1997, down 43 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$23,835,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,415,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

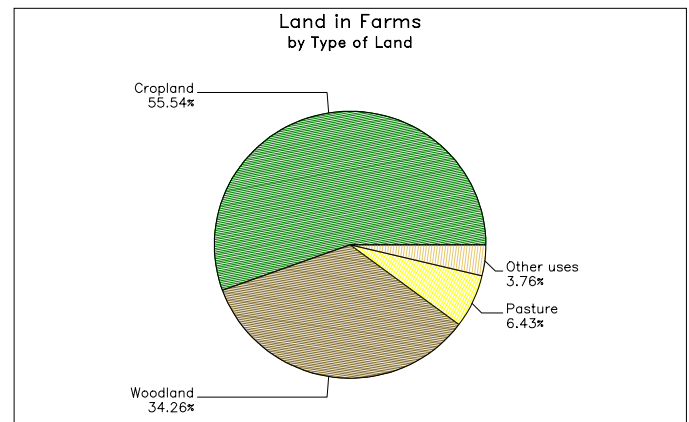
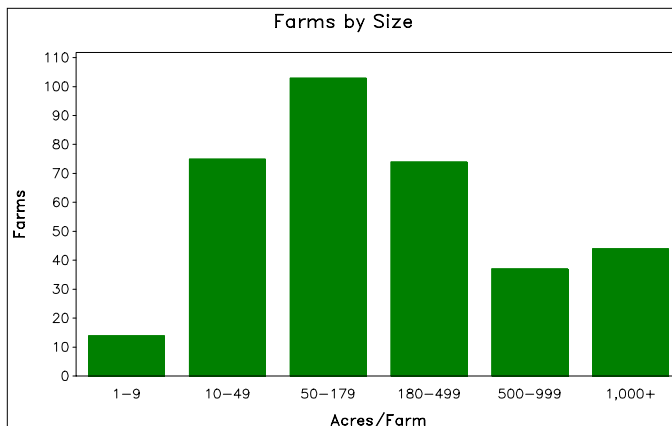
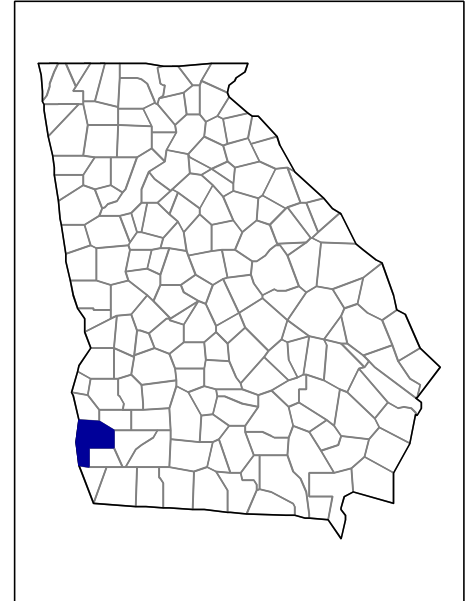
\$75,647 in 2002, \$145,041 in 1997, down 48 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,874,000 in 2002, \$1,682,000 in 1997, up 71 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,558 in 2002, \$9,501 in 1997, up 43 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	26,250	60	159	1,840	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	23,835	19	159	1,039	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,415	114	159	2,647	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,814	10	150	1,444	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	50	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	8,608	11	93	112	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	23	125	149	2,297	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	284	64	151	757	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	148	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	84	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	12,084	1	158	116	3,046
Poultry and eggs	8	112	142	2,060	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,214	35	159	2,101	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	127	53	135	1,384	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	20	27	152	1,910	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	44	81	151	2,414	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	11,025	42	159	1,968	3,059
Hogs and pigs	1,395	42	141	1,239	2,926
All Goats	750	25	155	686	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	469	71	143	1,945	2,983
Horses and ponies	327	90	158	2,550	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	33,598	10	93	106	663
Peanuts	21,321	3	79	11	398
All Wheat for grain	7,474	5	129	752	2,517
Corn for grain	5,871	14	145	1,215	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,912	86	159	2,605	3,059

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	108	Farming	187
\$1,000 to \$2,499	22	Other	160
\$2,500 to \$4,999	31		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	44	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	33	Male	318
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Female	29
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	26	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22	White	365
\$500,000 or more	14	Black or African American	67
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,260	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Average per farm (\$)	78,558	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,868	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	11,146	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

(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.