

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Gordon, Georgia

Number of farms

804 farms in 2002, 667 farms in 1997, up 21 percent.

Land in farms

76,412 acres in 2002, 73,815 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Average size of farm

95 acres in 2002, 111 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$100,278,000 in 2002, \$92,552,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,473,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$96,805,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

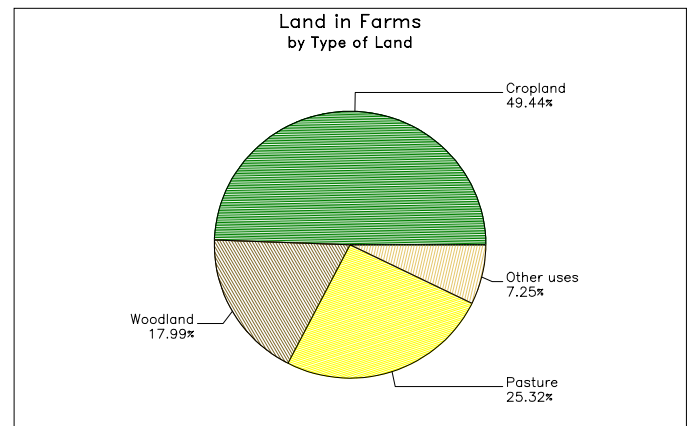
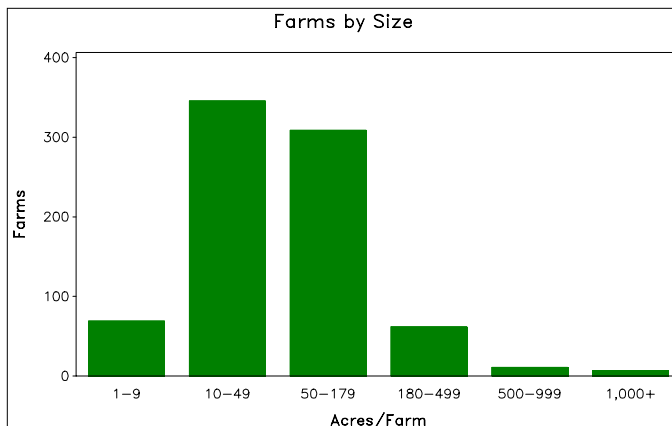
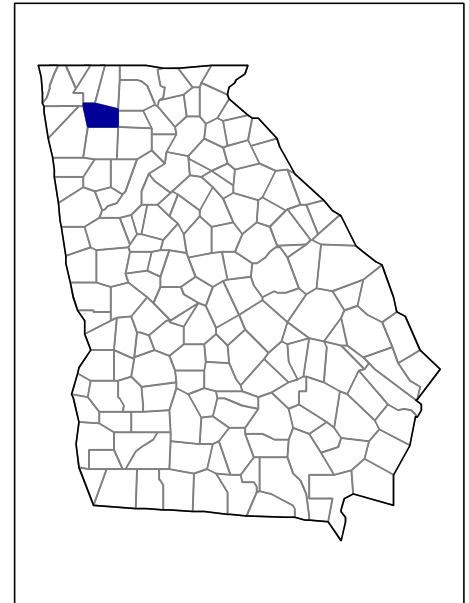
\$124,724 in 2002, \$138,759 in 1997, down 10 percent.

Government Payments

\$286,000 in 2002, \$202,000 in 1997, up 42 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,234 in 2002, \$2,766 in 1997, down 19 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	100,278	14	159	504	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,473	79	159	2,268	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	96,805	11	159	218	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,933	19	150	1,576	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	50	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	93	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	161	72	149	1,465	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	20	127	151	1,964	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	901	63	148	1,137	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	84	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	433	68	158	2,037	3,046
Poultry and eggs	91,763	10	142	63	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,287	7	159	1,643	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	500	63	111	1,664	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	135	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	3	116	152	2,709	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	151	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	75	108	2,467	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	6,756,291	9	111	55	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	636,846	10	143	137	2,983
Cattle and calves	21,500	6	159	1,381	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,376	8	158	863	3,065
Hogs and pigs ³	(D)	(D)	141	(D)	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,713	9	159	1,803	3,059
Soybeans	6,154	6	111	1,151	2,076
Corn for grain	4,530	21	145	1,314	2,592
All Wheat for grain	(D)	49	129	(D)	2,517
Sod harvested	(D)	22	45	(D)	740

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	255	Farming	409
\$1,000 to \$2,499	115	Other	395
\$2,500 to \$4,999	97	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	88	Male	696
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50	Female	108
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	White	1,059
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12	Black or African American	12
\$100,000 to \$249,999	35	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	39	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	68	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	74,752	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	93,207	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	26,082		
Average per farm (\$)	32,521		

(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.