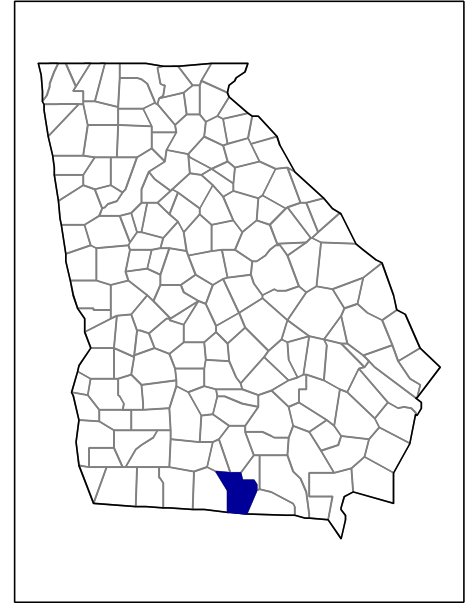


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Lowndes, Georgia



### Number of farms

462 farms in 2002, 468 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Land in farms

73,917 acres in 2002, 76,501 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

160 acres in 2002, 163 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$23,929,000 in 2002, \$23,483,000 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$22,369,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,560,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

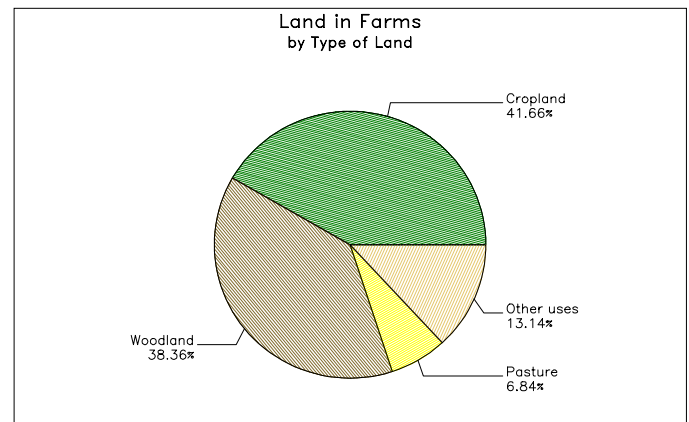
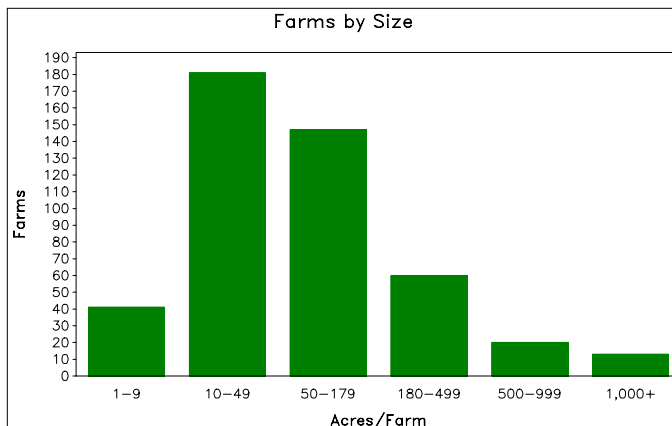
\$51,794 in 2002, \$50,176 in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Government Payments

\$831,000 in 2002, \$488,000 in 1997, up 70 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,773 in 2002, \$4,316 in 1997, up 34 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	23,929	68	159	1,924	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	22,369	23	159	1,080	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,560	126	159	2,785	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	150	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	6,344	3	50	74	560
Cotton and cottonseed	1,699	48	93	304	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,361	16	149	296	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	3,231	10	151	190	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,523	22	148	573	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	84	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,396	43	158	934	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	142	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,092	82	159	2,510	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	87	59	135	1,500	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	14	42	152	2,111	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	106	46	151	1,724	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	6	54	108	2,019	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Quail	(D)	6	52	(D)	1,412
Cattle and calves	6,114	88	159	2,413	3,059
Hogs and pigs	867	58	141	1,396	2,926
All Goats	800	21	155	626	2,971
Horses and ponies	732	27	158	1,676	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Cotton	6,029	50	93	307	663
Pecans	3,834	10	139	29	1,194
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,759	63	159	2,468	3,059
Corn for grain	2,778	30	145	1,468	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	1,923	16	149	287	2,710

**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	203
\$1,000 to \$2,499	58	Other	259
\$2,500 to \$4,999	59		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	42	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	56	Male	392
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Female	70
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	White	566
\$500,000 or more	12	Black or African American	79
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	19,935	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	42,872	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,476	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	16,077	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.