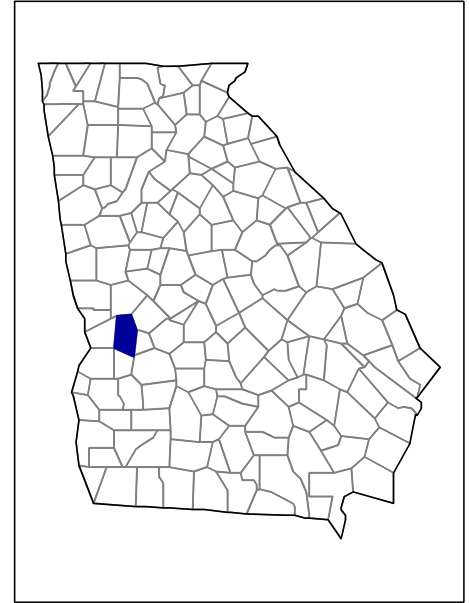


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Marion, Georgia



### Number of farms

181 farms in 2002, 177 farms in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Land in farms

51,732 acres in 2002, 53,212 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

286 acres in 2002, 301 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$12,873,000 in 2002, \$33,624,000 in 1997, down 62 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,678,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,195,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

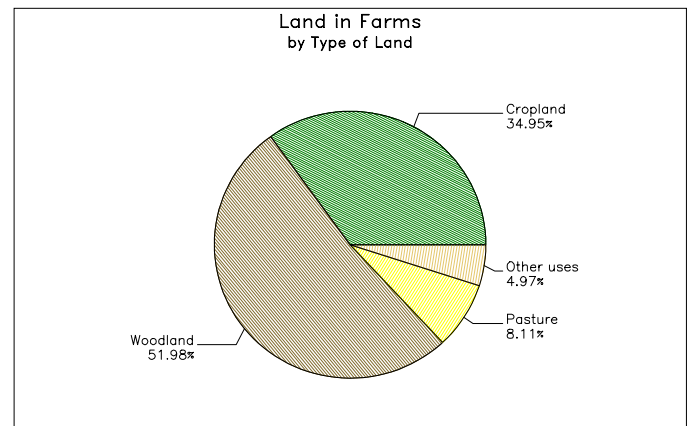
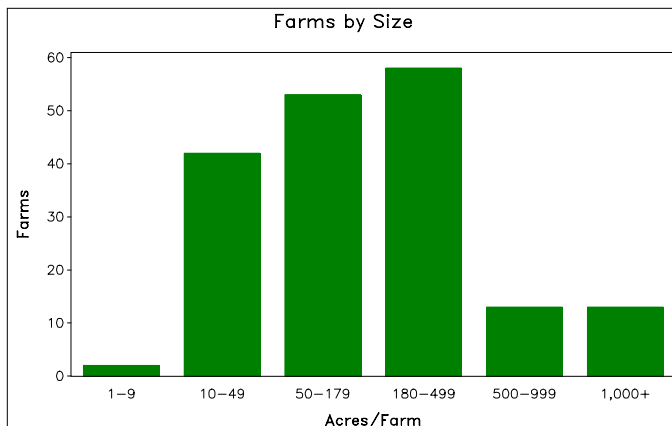
\$71,120 in 2002, \$189,966 in 1997, down 63 percent.

### Government Payments

\$251,000 in 2002, \$128,000 in 1997, up 96 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,248 in 2002, \$2,277 in 1997, up 87 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	12,873	96	159	2,363	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,678	90	159	2,389	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,195	65	159	1,873	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	183	83	150	2,250	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	50	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	93	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,112	41	149	725	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	22	125	151	1,908	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	587	77	148	1,357	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	84	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	773	51	158	1,500	3,046
Poultry and eggs	9,403	54	142	470	2,918
Cattle and calves	734	109	159	2,659	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	111	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	13	84	135	2,223	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	3	121	152	2,751	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	43	82	151	2,419	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	64	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	108	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	807,806	55	111	319	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	55	143	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	4,824	103	159	2,544	3,059
Horses and ponies	265	109	158	2,698	3,065
Hogs and pigs	160	88	141	2,135	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,339	75	159	2,542	3,059
Peanuts	1,565	46	79	123	398
All Wheat for grain	985	45	129	1,548	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	976	28	149	443	2,710
Watermelons	634	12	112	61	1,753

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	52
\$1,000 to \$2,499	25
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22
\$5,000 to \$9,999	29
\$10,000 to \$19,999	10
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3
\$500,000 or more	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	10,043
Average per farm (\$)	55,179
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,473
Average per farm (\$)	19,084

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	96
Other	85
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	168
Female	13
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	214
Black or African American	17
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	6
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.