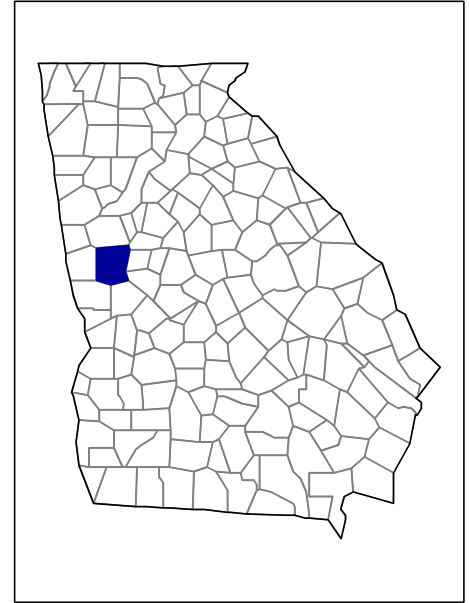




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Number of farms

339 farms in 2002, 321 farms in 1997, up 6 percent.

Land in farms

84,135 acres in 2002, 73,514 acres in 1997, up 14 percent.

Average size of farm

248 acres in 2002, 229 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$6,999,000 in 2002, \$6,449,000 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,217,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,782,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

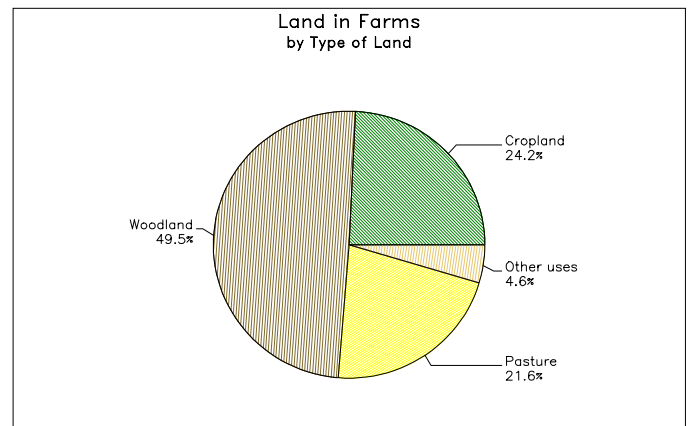
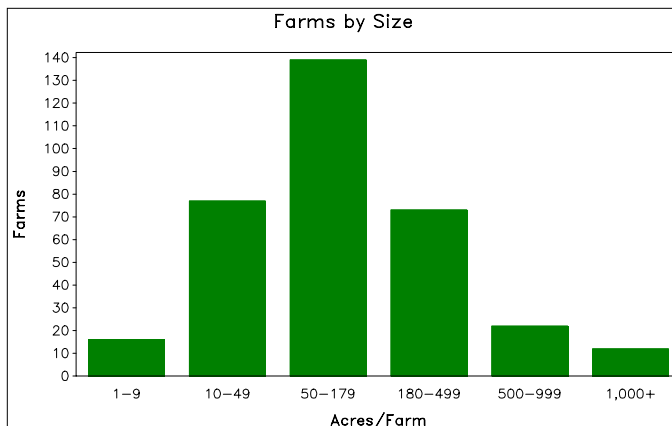
\$20,646 in 2002, \$20,091 in 1997, up 3 percent.

Government Payments

\$213,000 in 2002, \$210,000 in 1997, up 1 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,836 in 2002, \$4,385 in 1997, down 35 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	6,999	116	159	2,652	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,217	84	159	2,311	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,782	98	159	2,478	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	150	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	50	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	93	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	149	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	166	74	151	1,001	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,564	34	148	700	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	84	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	413	71	158	2,069	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	142	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,323	15	159	1,839	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	135	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	23	21	152	1,808	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	127	39	151	1,549	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	108	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	15,111	22	159	1,735	3,059
Horses and ponies	760	22	158	1,639	3,065
Ducks	(D)	5	100	(D)	2,630
All Goats	445	64	155	1,101	2,971
Hogs and pigs	(D)	79	141	(D)	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,430	16	159	1,929	3,059
Nursery stock	(D)	4	120	(D)	2,129
Oats	(D)	32	99	(D)	2,215
Peaches	(D)	7	95	(D)	1,773
Pecans	(D)	77	139	(D)	1,194

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	137
\$1,000 to \$2,499	61
\$2,500 to \$4,999	26
\$5,000 to \$9,999	41
\$10,000 to \$19,999	25
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1
\$500,000 or more	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,184
Average per farm (\$)	26,853
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,438
Average per farm (\$)	-4,206

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	175
Other	164
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	292
Female	47
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	426
Black or African American	20
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	8
All operators ² 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.

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.