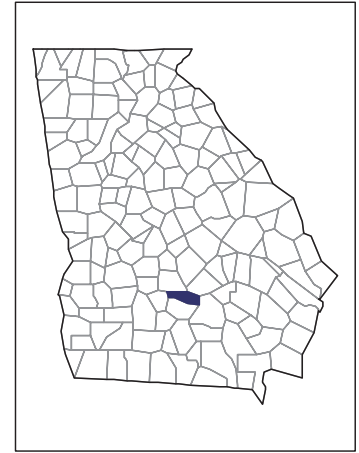


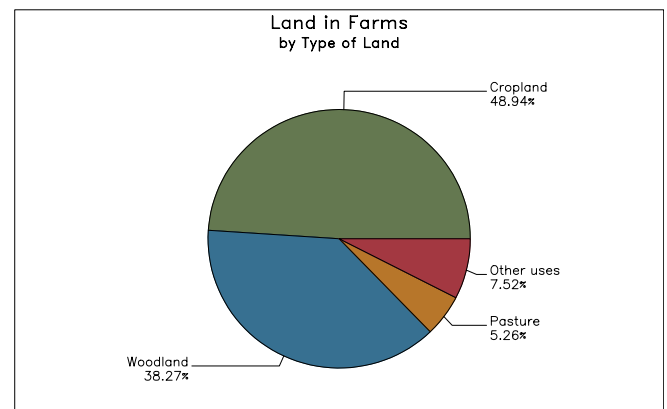
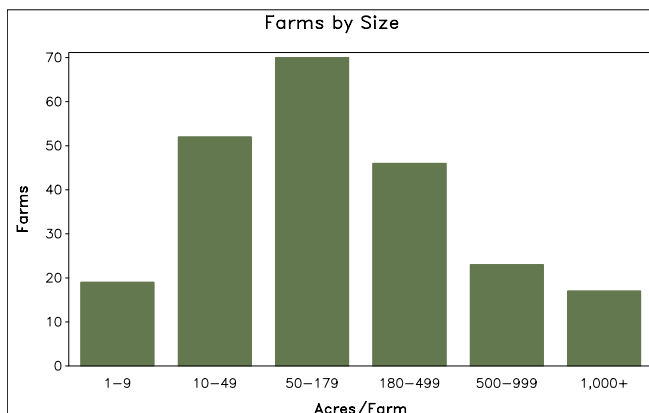
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Ben Hill County Georgia



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	227	174	+ 30
Land in Farms	74,739 acres	57,339 acres	+ 30
Average Size of Farm	329 acres	330 acres	0
Market Value of Products Sold	\$20,096,000	\$13,539,000	+ 48
Crop Sales \$15,193,000 (76 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$4,903,000 (24 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$88,530	\$77,811	+ 14
Government Payments	\$2,191,000	\$949,000	+ 131
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$15,538	\$13,185	+ 18



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Ben Hill County – Georgia

Ranked items among the 159 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	20,096	91	159	2,247	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	15,193	50	159	1,624	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,903	98	159	2,450	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,260	20	148	1,473	2,933
Tobacco	(D)	26	36	(D)	437
Cotton and cottonseed	2,897	38	84	254	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	486	46	146	1,082	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	60	152	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	566	73	146	1,350	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	74	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	5,099	27	158	318	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	88	155	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	159	(D)	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	115	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	140	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	123	4	152	944	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	153	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	65	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	130	133	2,865	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	10,089	17	138	1,172	2,634
Peanuts for nuts	7,373	28	76	53	347
Cotton, all	5,895	45	84	273	627
Wheat for grain, all	4,618	15	117	1,007	2,481
Sorghum for grain	3,335	3	61	291	1,158
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	(D)	124	(D)	2,476
Cattle and calves	4,669	87	159	2,494	3,060
Goats, all	1,756	4	157	365	3,023
Horses and ponies	265	106	159	2,744	3,066
Layers	209	115	152	2,638	3,024

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	80	Farming	94
\$1,000 to \$2,499	23	Other	133
\$2,500 to \$4,999	23	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	15	Male	168
\$10,000 to \$19,999	13	Female	59
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	20	Black or African American	23
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	9	White	282
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,147	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	75,537	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,886		
Average per farm (\$)	25,929		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.