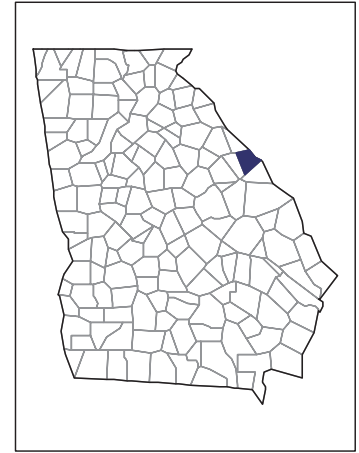


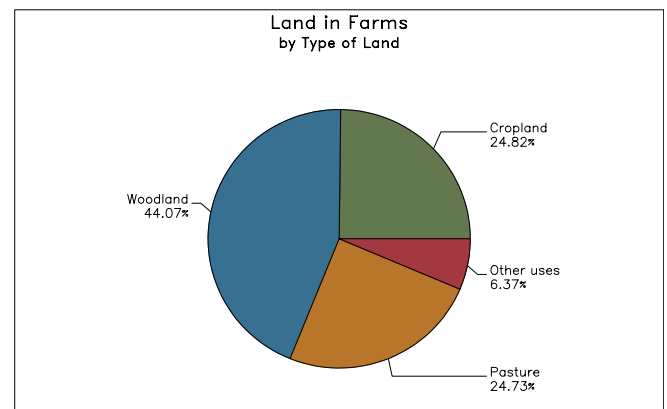
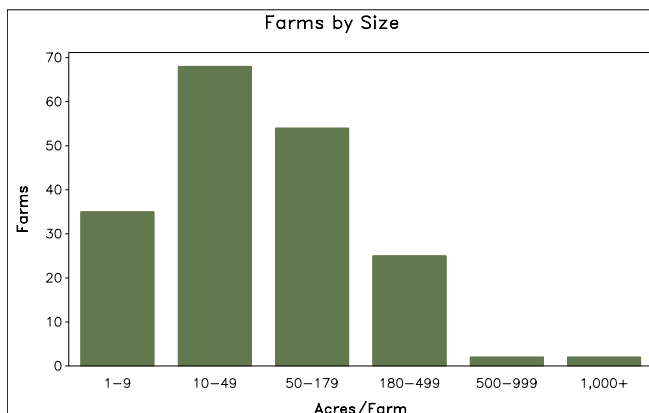
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Columbia County Georgia



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	186	196	- 5
Land in Farms	18,836 acres	23,296 acres	- 19
Average Size of Farm	101 acres	119 acres	- 15
Market Value of Products Sold	\$3,731,000	\$4,862,000	- 23
Crop Sales \$1,030,000 (28 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$2,700,000 (72 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$20,057	\$24,808	- 19
Government Payments	\$13,000	\$188,000	- 93
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$744	\$4,382	- 83



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Columbia 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	3,731	136	159	2,878	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,030	118	159	2,785	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,700	118	159	2,692	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	17	121	148	2,681	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	36	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	84	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	36	113	146	2,238	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	18	142	152	2,059	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	146	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	74	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	158	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	9	132	155	2,527	3,020
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	159	(D)	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	115	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	140	-	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	100	152	2,684	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	93	51	153	1,752	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	65	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	2	133	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,556	124	159	2,802	3,060
Sorghum for grain	75	47	61	875	1,158
Corn for silage	(D)	62	77	(D)	2,263
Pecans, all	32	102	135	638	1,315
Vegetables harvested for sale	18	107	148	2,148	2,794
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	2,896	115	159	2,676	3,060
Horses and ponies	640	37	159	1,966	3,066
Goats, all	388	82	157	1,732	3,023
Layers	370	98	152	2,367	3,024
Mules, burros, and donkeys	62	55	152	1,370	2,998

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	94	Farming	57
\$1,000 to \$2,499	20	Other	129
\$2,500 to \$4,999	23	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	17	Male	148
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12	Female	38
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	Black or African American	15
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	1	White	250
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	4,313	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	23,187	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-372		
Average per farm (\$)	-1,999		

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.