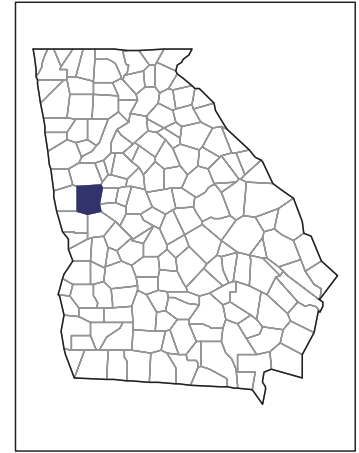


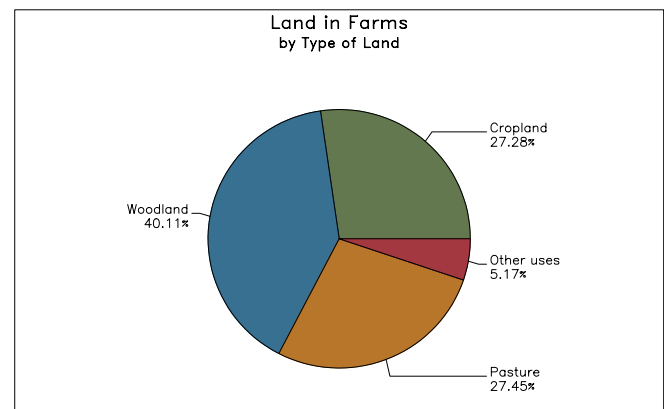
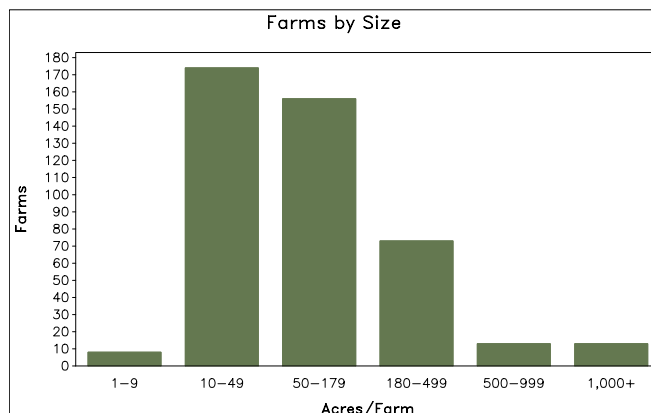
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Meriwether County Georgia



| | 2007 | 2002 | % change |
|--|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Number of Farms | 437 | 339 | + 29 |
| Land in Farms | 81,489 acres | 84,135 acres | - 3 |
| Average Size of Farm | 186 acres | 248 acres | - 25 |
| Market Value of Products Sold | \$8,558,000 | \$6,999,000 | + 22 |
| Crop Sales \$4,365,000 (51 percent) | | | |
| Livestock Sales \$4,194,000 (49 percent) | | | |
| Average Per Farm | \$19,585 | \$20,646 | - 5 |
| Government Payments | \$267,000 | \$213,000 | + 25 |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments | \$4,109 | \$2,836 | + 45 |



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Meriwether 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 | 8,558 | 116 | 159 | 2,659 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 4,365 | 77 | 159 | 2,308 | 3,072 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 4,194 | 104 | 159 | 2,517 | 3,069 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | (D) | (D) | 148 | (D) | 2,933 |
| Tobacco | - | - | 36 | - | 437 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | 84 | - | 626 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 49 | 108 | 146 | 2,133 | 2,796 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 1,224 | 43 | 152 | 416 | 2,659 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 2,303 | 37 | 146 | 749 | 2,703 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | (D) | 48 | 74 | (D) | 1,710 |
| Other crops and hay | 729 | 64 | 158 | 1,836 | 3,054 |
| Poultry and eggs | 45 | 116 | 155 | 1,716 | 3,020 |
| Cattle and calves | 3,443 | 37 | 159 | 1,966 | 3,054 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 501 | 61 | 115 | 1,615 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 1 | 117 | 140 | 2,755 | 2,922 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 26 | 49 | 152 | 2,146 | 2,998 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 81 | 56 | 153 | 1,873 | 3,024 |
| Aquaculture | 88 | 16 | 65 | 694 | 1,498 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 8 | 54 | 133 | 2,101 | 2,875 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 10,036 | 10 | 159 | 1,713 | 3,060 |
| Peaches, all | (D) | 5 | 89 | (D) | 1,833 |
| Pecans, all | (D) | (D) | 135 | (D) | 1,315 |
| Rye for grain | (D) | (D) | 99 | (D) | 977 |
| Nursery stock | 176 | 13 | 117 | 455 | 2,130 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 9,564 | 44 | 159 | 2,041 | 3,060 |
| Layers | 991 | 72 | 152 | 1,641 | 3,024 |
| Horses and ponies | 710 | 29 | 159 | 1,816 | 3,066 |
| Goats, all | 634 | 48 | 157 | 1,220 | 3,023 |
| Quail | (D) | 41 | 62 | (D) | 1,386 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales: | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 216 | Farming | 155 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 38 | Other | 282 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 40 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 52 | Male | 371 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 41 | Female | 66 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 7 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 58.2 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 14 | All operators by race ² : | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 5 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 21 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 8 | Asian | - |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 10 | Black or African American | 25 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 2 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| \$500,000 or more | 4 | White | 581 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 13,012 | More than one race | 8 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 29,776 | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ² | 9 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | -2,355 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | -5,388 | | |

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.