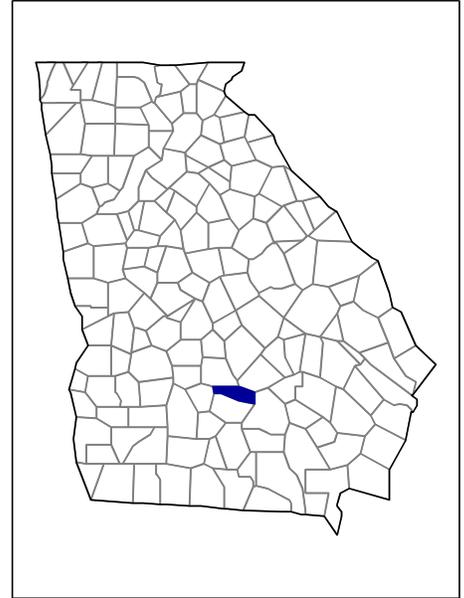


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Number of farms

174 farms in 2002, 187 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

57,339 acres in 2002, 54,890 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Average size of farm

330 acres in 2002, 294 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$13,539,000 in 2002, \$16,525,000 in 1997, down 18 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$8,861,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,678,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

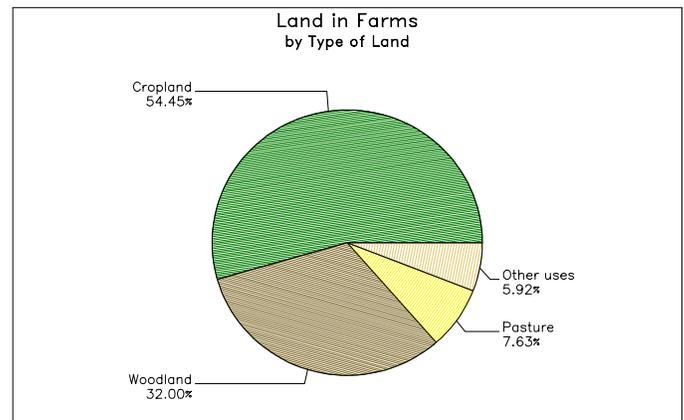
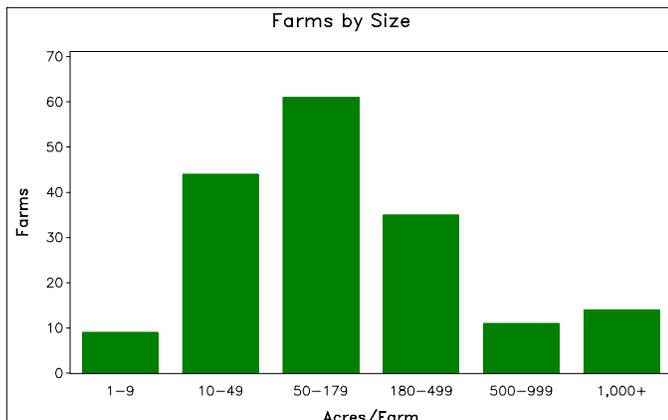
\$77,811 in 2002, \$88,367 in 1997, down 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$949,000 in 2002, \$376,000 in 1997, up 152 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,185 in 2002, \$5,082 in 1997, up 159 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	13,539	91	159	2,331	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,861	54	159	1,744	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,678	90	159	2,376	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,542	25	150	1,657	2,871
Tobacco	647	31	50	304	560
Cotton and cottonseed	2,502	42	93	257	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	149	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	151	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	354	93	148	1,582	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	84	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,311	30	158	372	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3,654	77	142	684	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	159	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	35	73	135	1,824	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	3	115	152	2,699	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	22	121	151	2,740	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	64	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	108	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	456,384	67	111	390	2,599
Cattle and calves	6,442	80	159	2,384	3,059
Quail	(D)	27	52	(D)	1,412
All Goats	308	89	155	1,466	2,971
Hogs and pigs	276	77	141	1,890	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	10,681	43	93	254	663
Peanuts	6,251	31	79	65	398
Corn for grain	5,662	16	145	1,230	2,592
All Wheat for grain	2,089	28	129	1,279	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	942	141	159	2,897	3,059

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	46	Farming	100
\$1,000 to \$2,499	24	Other	74
\$2,500 to \$4,999	18	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	16	Male	160
\$10,000 to \$19,999	18	Female	14
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	White	189
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	Black or African American	28
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	7	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	11,947	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	68,662	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,042		
Average per farm (\$)	23,232		

(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.