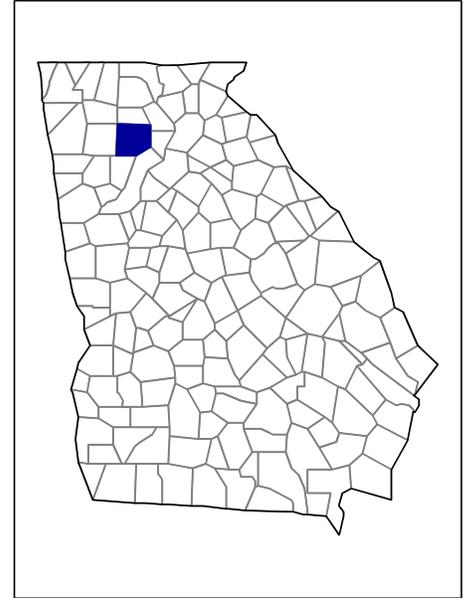


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Number of farms

606 farms in 2002, 656 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

36,205 acres in 2002, 38,298 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

60 acres in 2002, 58 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$50,985,000 in 2002, \$58,732,000 in 1997, down 13 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,471,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$45,514,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

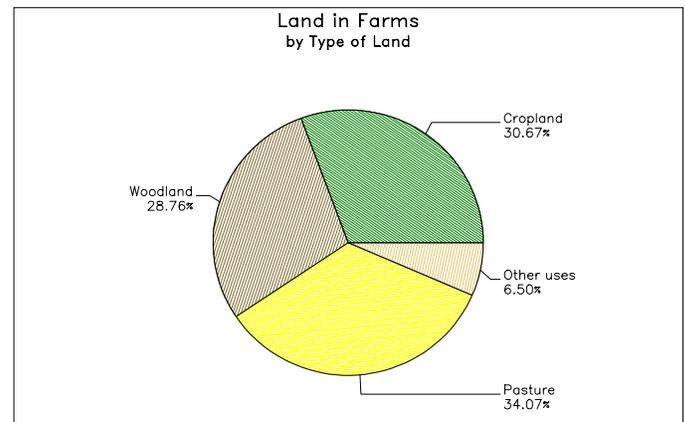
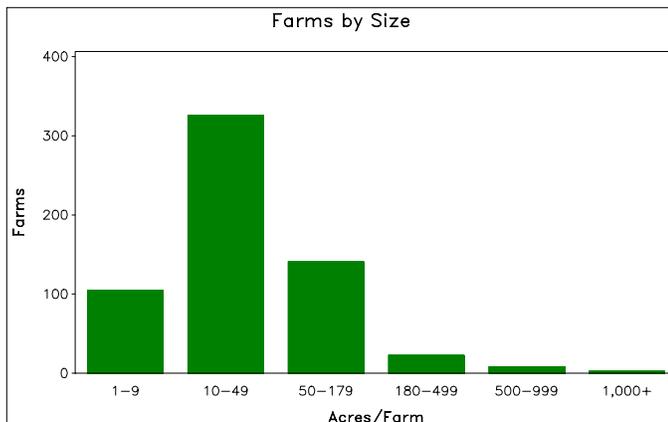
\$84,134 in 2002, \$89,531 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$104,000 in 2002, \$164,000 in 1997, down 37 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$828 in 2002, \$2,349 in 1997, down 65 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	50,985	26	159	1,138	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,471	69	159	2,040	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	45,514	21	159	624	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	150	-	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	50	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	93	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	46	110	149	2,085	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	151	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,243	15	148	451	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	84	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	139	117	158	2,682	3,046
Poultry and eggs	43,090	21	142	159	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,621	63	159	2,299	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	291	79	111	1,869	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1	124	135	2,836	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	12	52	152	2,195	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	489	6	151	397	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	64	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	9	46	108	1,855	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,649,555	16	111	113	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	73,581	39	143	445	2,983
Cattle and calves	9,030	55	159	2,135	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,951	2	158	511	3,065
All Goats	536	50	155	957	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,814	61	159	2,457	3,059
Short-rotation woody crops	56	11	71	599	1,262
Pecans	39	102	139	605	1,194
All Vegetables harvested	34	94	149	1,765	2,710
Southern peas	(D)	41	81	(D)	625

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	228	Farming	338
\$1,000 to \$2,499	111	Other	268
\$2,500 to \$4,999	64	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	57	Male	476
\$10,000 to \$19,999	29	Female	130
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	13	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	White	875
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4	Black or African American	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	19	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	55	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	17	Asian	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	44,809	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	74,064	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,614		
Average per farm (\$)	14,238		

(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.