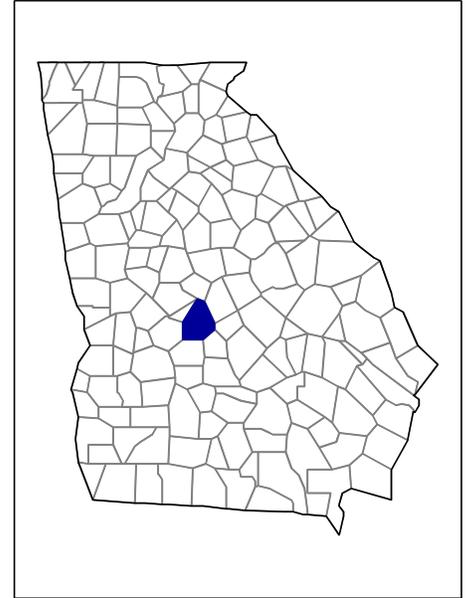


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Houston, Georgia



### Number of farms

360 farms in 2002, 314 farms in 1997, up 15 percent.

### Land in farms

75,445 acres in 2002, 90,903 acres in 1997, down 17 percent.

### Average size of farm

210 acres in 2002, 290 acres in 1997, down 28 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$23,604,000 in 2002, \$28,108,000 in 1997, down 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$8,020,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$15,584,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

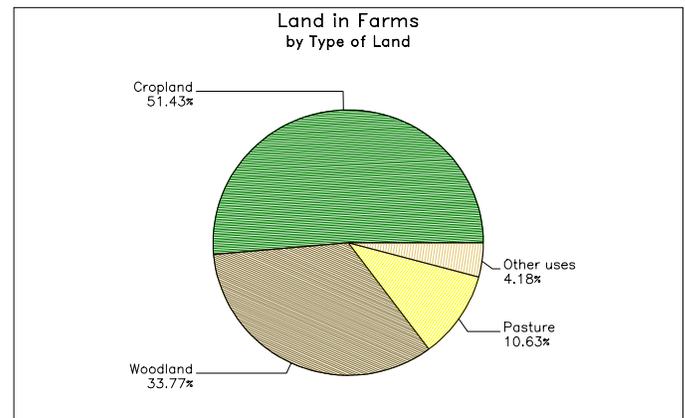
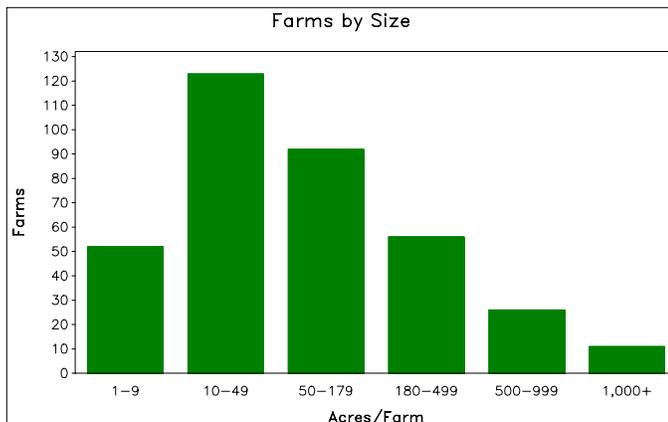
\$65,567 in 2002, \$89,517 in 1997, down 27 percent.

### Government Payments

\$930,000 in 2002, \$584,000 in 1997, up 59 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$11,203 in 2002, \$7,303 in 1997, up 53 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 159 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	23,604	70	159	1,941	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,020	55	159	1,798	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,584	52	159	1,512	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	985	32	150	1,771	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	50	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	3,847	33	93	207	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	183	67	149	1,406	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	985	30	151	359	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	518	82	148	1,410	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	84	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,501	41	158	869	3,046
Poultry and eggs	12,754	48	142	396	2,918
Cattle and calves	669	112	159	2,675	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,069	30	111	1,011	2,493
Hogs and pigs	16	83	135	2,120	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	14	43	152	2,121	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	59	73	151	2,252	3,014
Aquaculture	3	45	64	1,148	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	108	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	981,000	49	111	293	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	44	143	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	6,248	85	159	2,396	3,059
Horses and ponies	786	20	158	1,584	3,065
All Goats	406	71	155	1,192	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Cotton	14,513	36	93	216	663
All Wheat for grain	5,671	9	129	864	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,725	65	159	2,475	3,059
Peanuts	3,553	36	79	86	398
Soybeans	2,700	13	111	1,322	2,076

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	134
\$1,000 to \$2,499	50
\$2,500 to \$4,999	39
\$5,000 to \$9,999	39
\$10,000 to \$19,999	33
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	16
\$500,000 or more	12
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,534
Average per farm (\$)	59,485
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,910
Average per farm (\$)	10,801

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	161
Other	199
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	321
Female	39
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	439
Black or African American	54
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	5
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.