

2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

Georgia

Number of farms

49,311 farms in 2002, 49,343 farms in 1997, down slightly.

Land in farms

10,744,239 acres in 2002, 11,262,838 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

218 acres in 2002, 228 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$4,911,752,000 in 2002, \$5,182,676,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,579,596,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,332,156,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

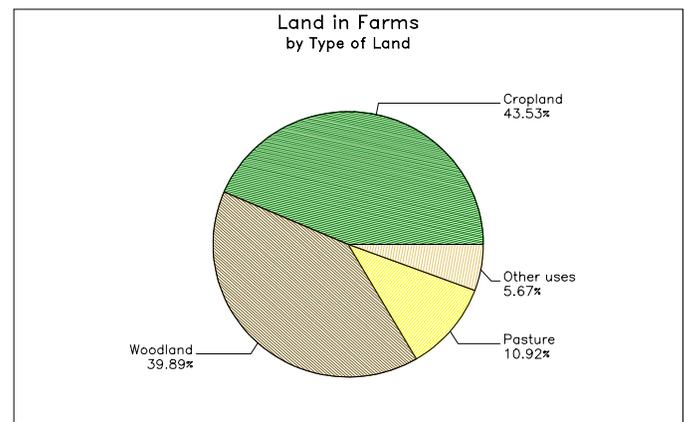
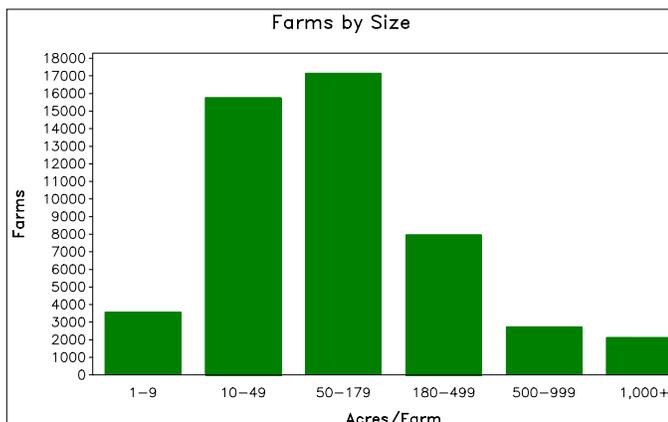
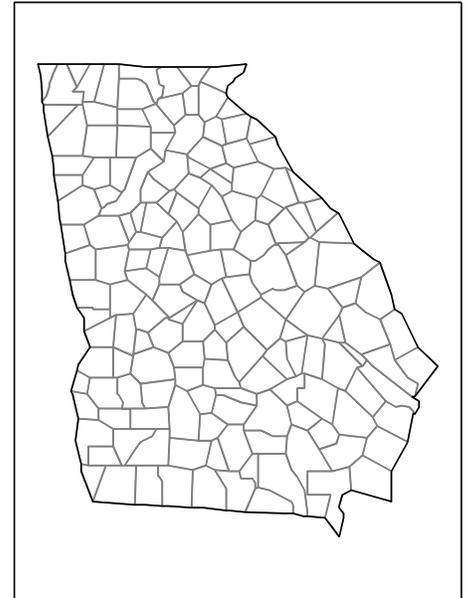
\$99,608 in 2002, \$105,034 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Government Payments

\$118,535,000 in 2002, \$68,579,000 in 1997, up 73 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,642 in 2002, \$4,925 in 1997, up 55 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	4,911,752	14	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,579,596	21	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,332,156	10	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	102,464	31	50
Tobacco	89,058	6	23
Cotton and cottonseed	318,013	5	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	383,556	6	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	122,151	9	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	315,324	13	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	2,095	24	50
Other crops and hay	246,936	9	50
Poultry and eggs	2,780,214	1	50
Cattle and calves	240,070	33	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	212,720	24	50
Hogs and pigs	65,384	22	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,940	33	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	16,573	18	50
Aquaculture	5,310	25	50
Other animals and other animal products	9,944	26	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	204,678,169	1	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	20,022,117	6	50
Cattle and calves	1,272,291	27	50
Quail	823,073	1	50
Hogs and pigs	347,816	20	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
All Cotton	1,267,150	2	17
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	614,719	32	50
Peanuts	467,712	1	16
Corn for grain	252,176	24	49
All Wheat for grain	185,301	24	48

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	17,108
\$1,000 to \$2,499	6,878
\$2,500 to \$4,999	5,046
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5,131
\$10,000 to \$19,999	3,881
\$20,000 to \$24,999	997
\$25,000 to \$39,999	1,702
\$40,000 to \$49,999	704
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,592
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1,804
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1,997
\$500,000 or more	2,471
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,845,512
Average per farm (\$)	77,996
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,381,354
Average per farm (\$)	28,017

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	25,076
Other	24,235
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	42,856
Female	6,455
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	63,239
Black or African American	2,390
American Indian or Alaska Native	246
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	23
Asian	124
More than one race	125
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	591

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.