



# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Echols, Georgia

### Number of farms

78 farms in 2002, 82 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Land in farms

29,336 acres in 2002, 18,665 acres in 1997, up 57 percent.

### Average size of farm

376 acres in 2002, 228 acres in 1997, up 65 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$23,821,000 in 2002, \$5,293,000 in 1997, up 350 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$23,383,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$438,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

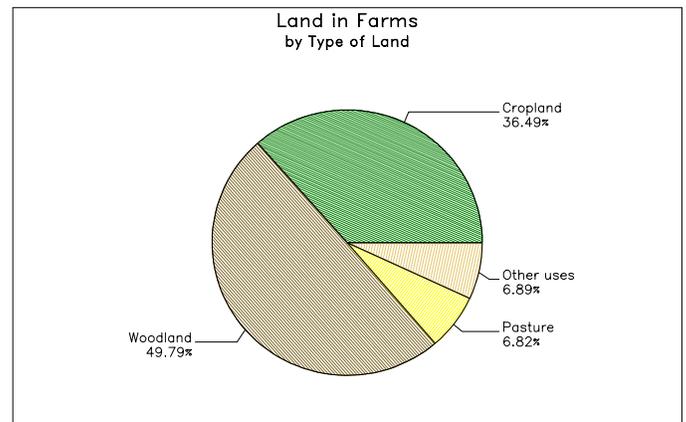
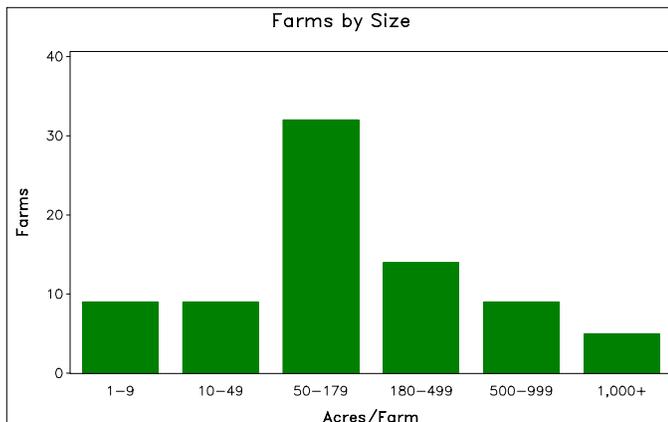
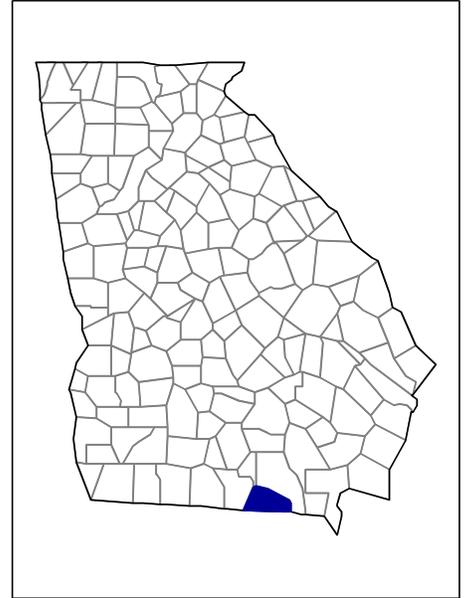
\$305,392 in 2002, \$64,553 in 1997, up 373 percent.

### Government Payments

\$55,000 in 2002, \$30,000 in 1997, up 83 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,541 in 2002, \$1,099 in 1997, up 40 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	23,821	69	159	1,931	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	23,383	21	159	1,054	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	438	148	159	2,961	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	150	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	743	30	50	289	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	93	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	21,982	5	149	97	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	151	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	148	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	84	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	158	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	-	-	142	-	2,918
Cattle and calves	222	145	159	2,897	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	111	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	135	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	152	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	151	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	64	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	210	10	108	583	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Colonies of bees	4,243	5	96	134	2,392
Cattle and calves	818	152	159	2,940	3,059
All Goats	98	133	155	2,291	2,971
Horses and ponies	20	157	158	3,047	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	139	143	(D)	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Vegetables harvested	8,277	5	149	78	2,710
Snap beans	(D)	3	104	(D)	1,833
Carrots	(D)	1	17	(D)	519
Cucumbers and pickles	1,258	3	72	40	1,517
Bell peppers	1,006	2	41	16	1,379

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	26
\$1,000 to \$2,499	9
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5
\$10,000 to \$19,999	8
\$20,000 to \$24,999	-
\$25,000 to \$39,999	3
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1
\$500,000 or more	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,647
Average per farm (\$)	226,245
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,619
Average per farm (\$)	84,856

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	29
Other	49
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	66
Female	12
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.9
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	113
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.