

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Forsyth, Georgia

### Number of farms

528 farms in 2002, 578 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Land in farms

33,932 acres in 2002, 35,923 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

### Average size of farm

64 acres in 2002, 62 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$55,848,000 in 2002, \$66,938,000 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,716,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$50,132,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

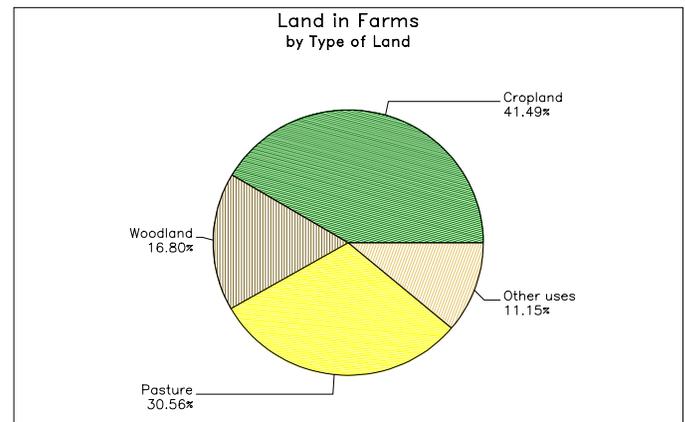
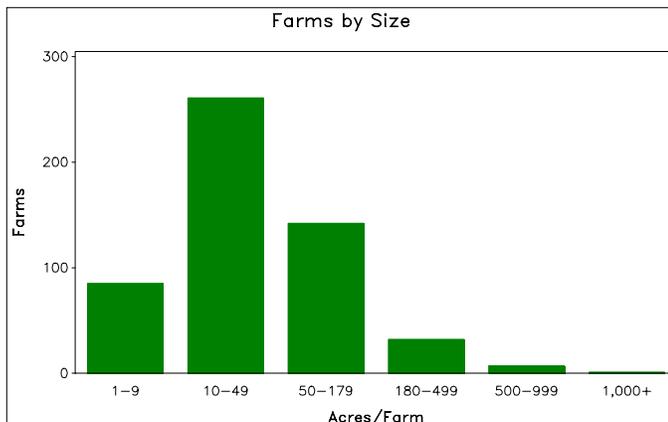
\$105,773 in 2002, \$115,810 in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Government Payments

\$156,000 in 2002, \$12,000 in 1997, up 1,200 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,898 in 2002, \$788 in 1997, up 141 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	55,848	21	159	1,029	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,716	67	159	2,015	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	50,132	19	159	545	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	-	-	50	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	93	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	75	91	149	1,853	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	49	105	151	1,596	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,198	16	148	453	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	84	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	260	91	158	2,391	3,046
Poultry and eggs	47,700	19	142	141	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,990	43	159	2,173	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	53	95	111	2,242	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	135	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	3	114	152	2,698	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	128	38	151	1,539	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	108	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,359,520	20	111	125	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	431,035	12	143	180	2,983
Cattle and calves	9,058	54	159	2,134	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,086	13	158	1,172	3,065
Colonies of bees	482	22	96	631	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,874	59	159	2,448	3,059
Corn for grain	(D)	92	145	(D)	2,592
Nursery stock	164	16	120	521	2,129
All Wheat for grain	(D)	102	129	(D)	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	34	94	149	1,765	2,710

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	166
\$1,000 to \$2,499	99
\$2,500 to \$4,999	56
\$5,000 to \$9,999	71
\$10,000 to \$19,999	31
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17
\$100,000 to \$249,999	18
\$250,000 to \$499,999	26
\$500,000 or more	29
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	38,595
Average per farm (\$)	73,097
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	19,809
Average per farm (\$)	37,517

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	272
Other	256
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	431
Female	97
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	707
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5
Asian	-
More than one race	-
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.