



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Heard, Georgia

Number of farms

209 farms in 2002, 203 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

Land in farms

42,082 acres in 2002, 31,278 acres in 1997, up 35 percent.

Average size of farm

201 acres in 2002, 154 acres in 1997, up 31 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$22,017,000 in 2002, \$21,144,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$289,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$21,728,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

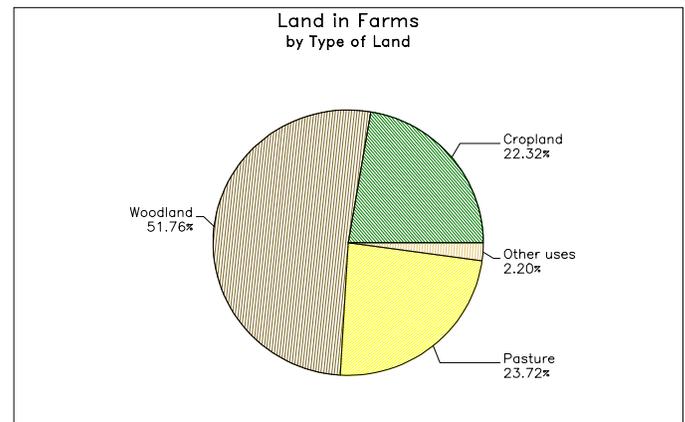
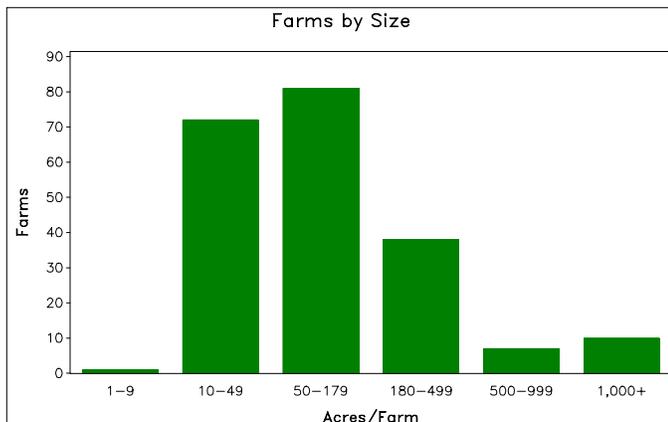
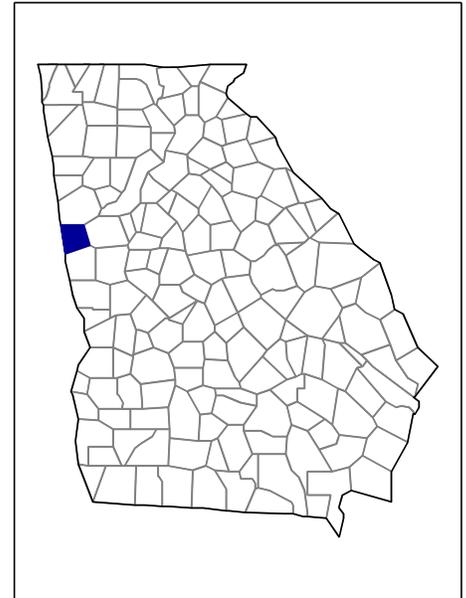
\$105,344 in 2002, \$104,159 in 1997, up 1 percent.

Government Payments

\$35,000 in 2002, \$29,000 in 1997, up 21 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,120 in 2002, \$1,818 in 1997, down 38 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	22,017	77	159	2,005	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	289	151	159	2,965	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	21,728	42	159	1,233	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
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	(D)	(D)	149	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	16	130	151	2,028	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	146	116	158	2,665	3,046
Poultry and eggs	20,433	37	142	303	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,171	80	159	2,482	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	111	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5	99	135	2,496	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	152	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	70	65	151	2,105	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	108	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,005,500	33	111	193	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	67	143	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	5,866	92	159	2,439	3,059
Horses and ponies	393	74	158	2,390	3,065
All Goats	338	84	155	1,377	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,521	98	159	2,664	3,059
Sod harvested	(D)	25	45	(D)	740
Corn for grain	(D)	107	145	(D)	2,592
Pecans	86	88	139	477	1,194
Soybeans	(D)	99	111	(D)	2,076

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	69
\$1,000 to \$2,499	34
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27
\$5,000 to \$9,999	24
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1
\$500,000 or more	14
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	18,248
Average per farm (\$)	87,312
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,176
Average per farm (\$)	34,335

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	92
Other	117
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	197
Female	12
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.4
All operators ² by race:	
White	305
Black or African American	5
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² 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.

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.