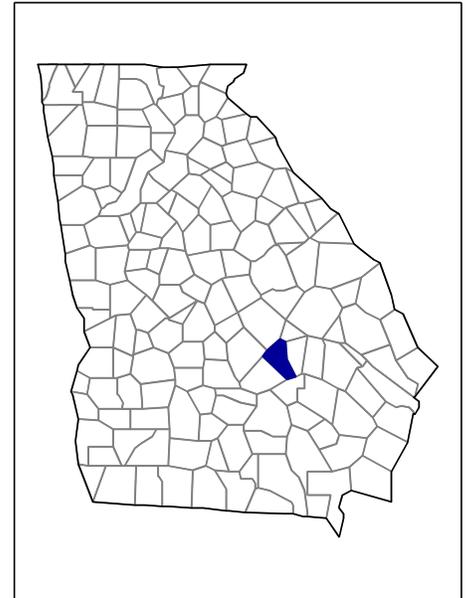


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Wheeler, Georgia



### Number of farms

156 farms in 2002, 206 farms in 1997, down 24 percent.

### Land in farms

59,723 acres in 2002, 74,253 acres in 1997, down 20 percent.

### Average size of farm

383 acres in 2002, 360 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$9,957,000 in 2002, \$8,828,000 in 1997, up 13 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,476,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$481,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

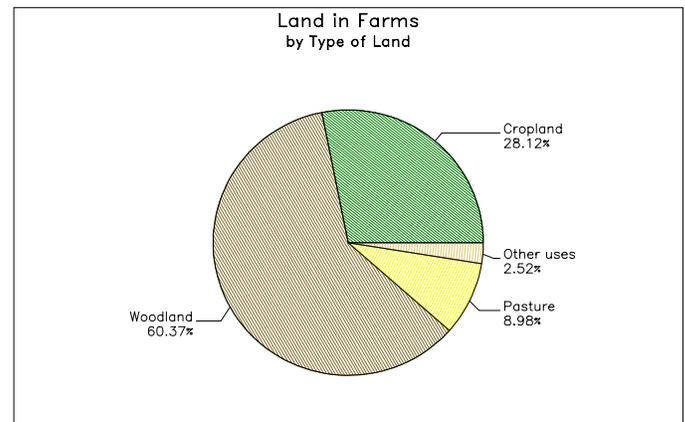
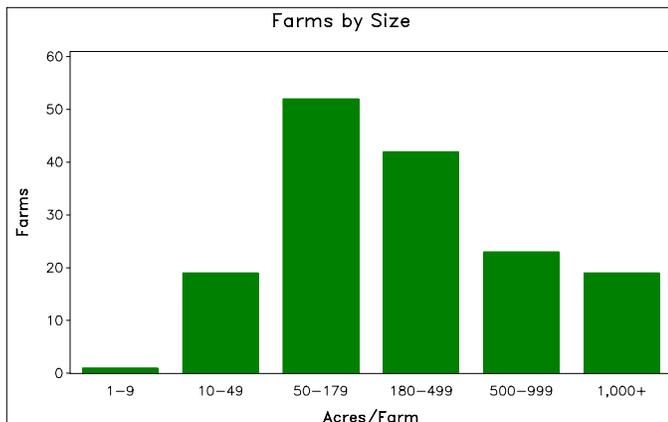
\$63,829 in 2002, \$42,852 in 1997, up 49 percent.

### Government Payments

\$338,000 in 2002, \$475,000 in 1997, down 29 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,980 in 2002, \$3,085 in 1997, up 29 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	9,957	107	159	2,507	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,476	48	159	1,691	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	481	146	159	2,955	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	207	81	150	2,224	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	50	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	1,434	51	93	319	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	149	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	95	89	151	1,273	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,095	57	148	1,049	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	84	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	442	65	158	2,002	3,046
Poultry and eggs	-	-	142	-	2,918
Cattle and calves	460	130	159	2,769	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	111	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	135	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	3	117	152	2,720	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	9	138	151	2,916	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>					
Cattle and calves	3,209	125	159	2,693	3,059
All Goats	130	125	155	2,126	2,971
Horses and ponies	100	141	158	2,955	3,065
Colonies of bees	(D)	51	96	(D)	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Cotton	3,891	61	93	364	663
All Vegetables harvested	1,813	17	149	297	2,710
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,579	125	159	2,791	3,059
Dry onions	(D)	3	22	(D)	853
Peanuts	553	58	79	181	398

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	86	Farming	86
\$1,000 to \$2,499	13	Other	70
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	13	Male	135
\$10,000 to \$19,999	16	Female	21
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	1	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	White	183
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4	Black or African American	12
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	3	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	7,199	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	45,855	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,377		
Average per farm (\$)	27,879		

(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.