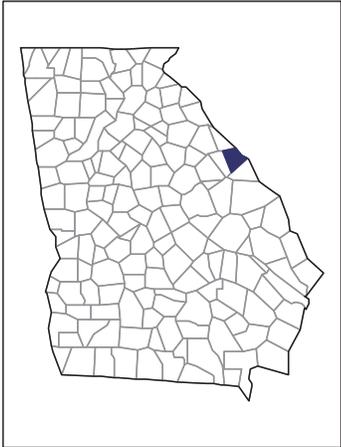


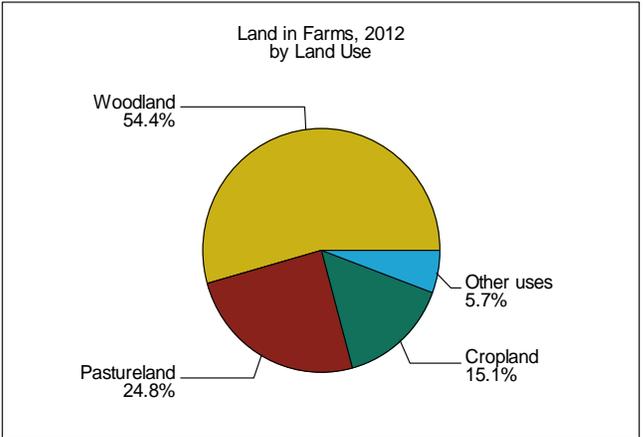
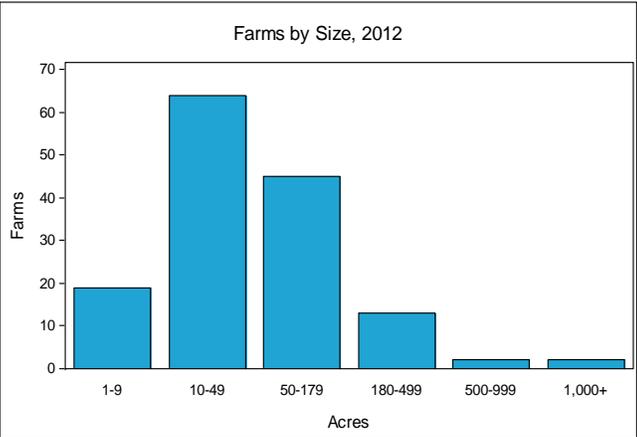
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Columbia County Georgia

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	145	186	- 22
Land in Farms	13,099 acres	18,836 acres	- 30
Average Size of Farm	90 acres	101 acres	- 11
Market Value of Products Sold	\$2,978,000	\$3,731,000	- 20
Crop Sales \$1,935,000 (65 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$1,043,000 (35 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$20,540	\$20,057	+ 2
Government Payments	\$10,000	\$13,000	- 23
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$2,587	\$744	+ 248





Columbia County – Georgia

Ranked items among the 159 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	2,978	144	159	2,936	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,935	118	159	2,732	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,043	135	159	2,874	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	29	135	151	2,778	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	29	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	84	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	152	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	156	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,590	44	144	862	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	65	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	234	121	157	2,729	3,049
Poultry and eggs	20	122	153	2,058	3,013
Cattle and calves	260	141	158	2,895	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	67	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	3	78	124	2,477	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	14	95	154	2,570	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	143	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	57	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	5	135	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,189	131	159	2,844	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	90	109	120	2,274	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	90	109	120	2,199	2,480
Pecans, all	(D)	80	139	(D)	1,263
Nursery stock crops	66	28	113	687	2,077
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Horses and ponies	(D)	1	159	(D)	3,072
Cattle and calves	1,112	139	158	2,861	3,063
Layers	502	99	156	2,374	3,040
Goats, all	297	88	155	1,828	2,996
Ducks	115	12	95	742	2,480

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	54	Farming	66
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16	Other	79
\$2,500 to \$4,999	11	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	30	Male	111
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Female	34
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	3	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	Black or African American	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	3	White	209
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	4,276	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	29,491	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-689		
Average per farm (\$)	-4,750		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.