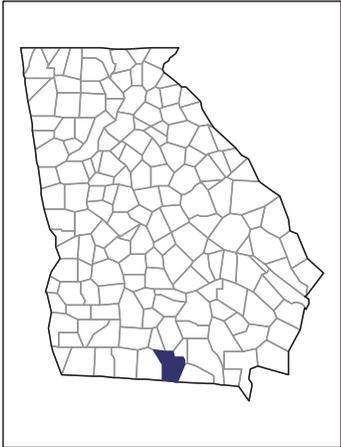


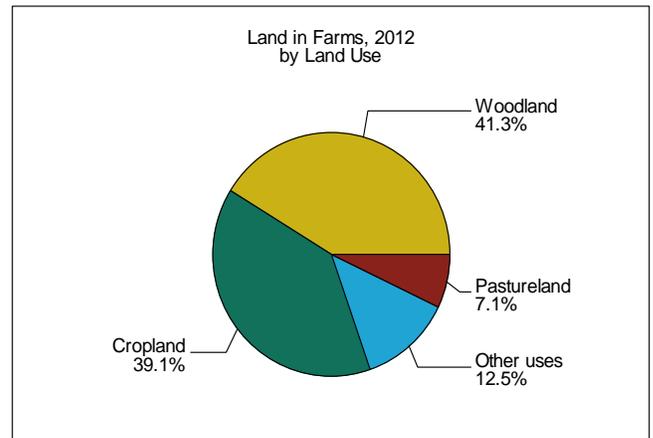
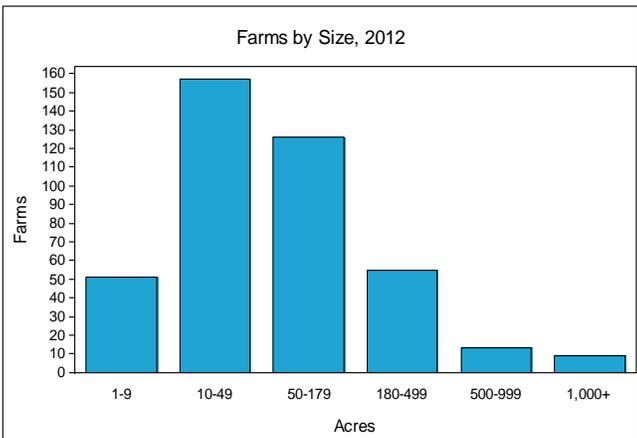
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Lowndes County Georgia

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	411	470	- 13
Land in Farms	64,948 acres	67,922 acres	- 4
Average Size of Farm	158 acres	145 acres	+ 9
Market Value of Products Sold	\$31,148,000	\$22,058,000	+ 41
Crop Sales \$24,638,000 (79 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$6,511,000 (21 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$75,787	\$46,931	+ 61
Government Payments	\$464,000	\$1,372,000	- 66
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$2,809	\$8,796	- 68





Lowndes 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	31,148	84	159	2,121	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	24,638	46	159	1,595	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,511	99	159	2,362	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,358	42	151	1,796	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	4	29	(D)	436
Cotton and cottonseed	2,853	54	84	327	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,730	16	152	386	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	156	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,533	46	144	878	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	9	65	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	6,822	43	157	435	3,049
Poultry and eggs	28	116	153	1,879	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	158	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	67	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	22	34	124	1,775	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	65	26	154	1,715	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	55	37	143	2,224	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	2	57	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	12	135	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Peanuts for nuts	5,681	42	75	85	364
Cotton, all	4,236	52	84	342	635
Upland cotton	4,236	52	84	341	635
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,131	70	159	2,502	3,057
Corn for grain	2,275	43	139	1,675	2,638
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	3,752	91	158	2,522	3,063
Layers	3,469	64	156	956	3,040
Colonies of bees	(D)	7	137	(D)	2,761
Horses and ponies	372	58	159	2,342	3,072
Goats, all	323	81	155	1,735	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	150	Farming	189
\$1,000 to \$2,499	54	Other	222
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	41	Male	343
\$10,000 to \$19,999	34	Female	68
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16	Black or African American	102
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	14	White	467
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	26,370	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	64,161	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	11
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,617		
Average per farm (\$)	16,099		

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.