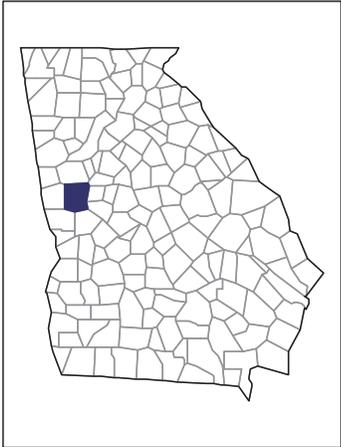


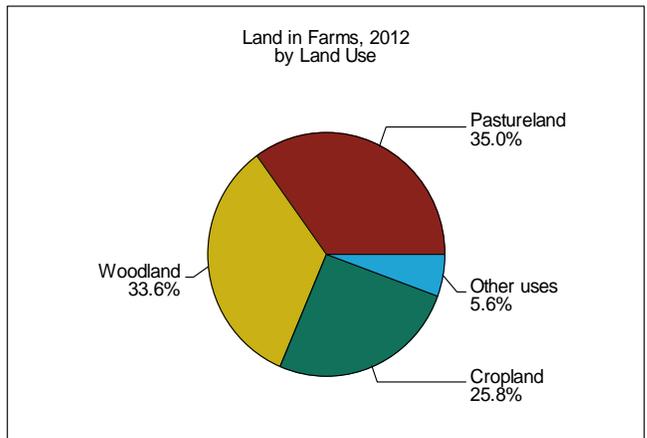
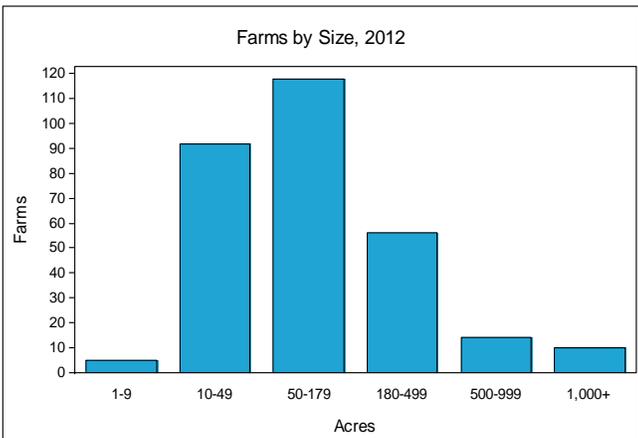
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Meriwether County Georgia

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	295	437	- 32
Land in Farms	62,054 acres	81,489 acres	- 24
Average Size of Farm	210 acres	186 acres	+ 13
Market Value of Products Sold	\$12,391,000	\$8,558,000	+ 45
Crop Sales \$5,701,000 (46 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$6,690,000 (54 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$42,003	\$19,585	+ 114
Government Payments	\$287,000	\$267,000	+ 7
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,855	\$4,109	+ 42





Meriwether 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	12,391	112	159	2,593	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,701	83	159	2,366	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,690	98	159	2,348	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	151	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	29	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	84	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	17	136	152	2,495	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	156	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,267	24	144	575	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	65	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	697	86	157	2,198	3,049
Poultry and eggs	25	117	153	1,946	3,013
Cattle and calves	5,984	20	158	1,686	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	21	124	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	103	11	154	1,326	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	37	49	143	2,431	3,011
Aquaculture	241	11	57	472	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	123	135	2,867	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,969	21	159	1,845	3,057
Peaches, all	(D)	5	83	(D)	1,855
Wheat for grain, all	462	85	120	1,894	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	462	85	120	1,813	2,480
Nursery stock crops	330	7	113	256	2,077
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	7,039	57	158	2,197	3,063
Layers	909	77	156	1,939	3,040
Goats, all	573	38	155	1,094	2,996
Horses and ponies	482	40	159	2,088	3,072
Hogs and pigs	375	23	132	1,342	2,889

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	105	Farming	132
\$1,000 to \$2,499	44	Other	163
\$2,500 to \$4,999	30		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	33	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	36	Male	257
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Female	38
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	8	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	13,812	Black or African American	19
Average per farm (\$)	46,821	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	396
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-92	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	-311	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	8

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. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.