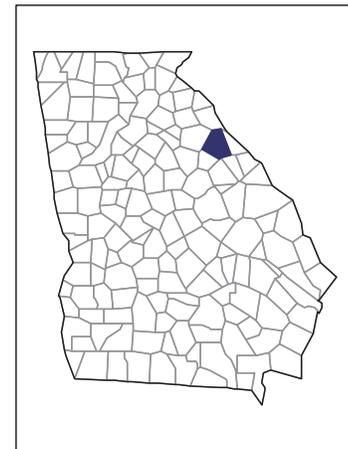


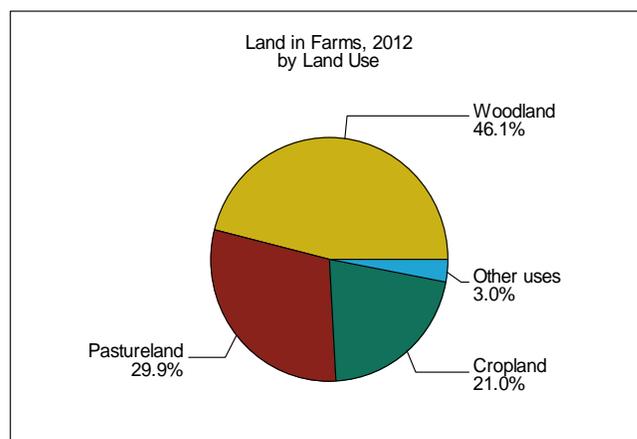
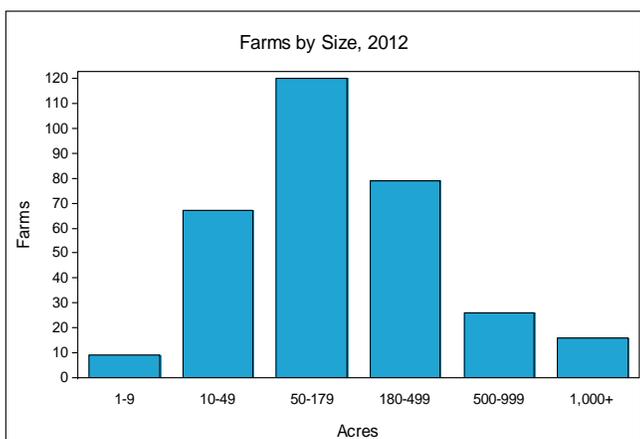
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Wilkes County Georgia

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	317	356	- 11
Land in Farms	93,729 acres	89,785 acres	+ 4
Average Size of Farm	296 acres	252 acres	+ 17
Market Value of Products Sold	\$58,742,000	\$32,525,000	+ 81
Crop Sales \$3,311,000 (6 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$55,431,000 (94 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$185,306	\$91,363	+ 103
Government Payments	\$662,000	\$336,000	+ 97
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,306	\$3,536	+ 78





Wilkes 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	58,742	58	159	1,645	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,311	98	159	2,558	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	55,431	28	159	844	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	48	130	151	2,724	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	6	146	156	2,493	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,986	36	144	774	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	65	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	40,594	31	153	283	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	26	158	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	6,325	12	67	638	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	5	124	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	20	74	154	2,444	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	30	61	143	2,521	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	57	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	64	135	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,856	6	159	1,402	3,057
Short-rotation woody crops	738	1	48	22	793
Sorghum for silage	419	11	44	212	1,076
Corn for silage	330	24	73	1,546	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	(D)	105	120	(D)	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,129,132	28	132	159	2,723
Cattle and calves	21,140	7	158	1,300	3,063
Hogs and pigs	(D)	4	132	(D)	2,889
Goats, all	700	22	155	867	2,996
Layers	354	111	156	2,552	3,040

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	84	Farming	149
\$1,000 to \$2,499	29	Other	168
\$2,500 to \$4,999	30	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	31	Male	266
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35	Female	51
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Average age of principal operator (years)	62.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	Black or African American	21
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	38	White	439
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	52,497	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	165,607	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	10
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,323		
Average per farm (\$)	26,256		

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.