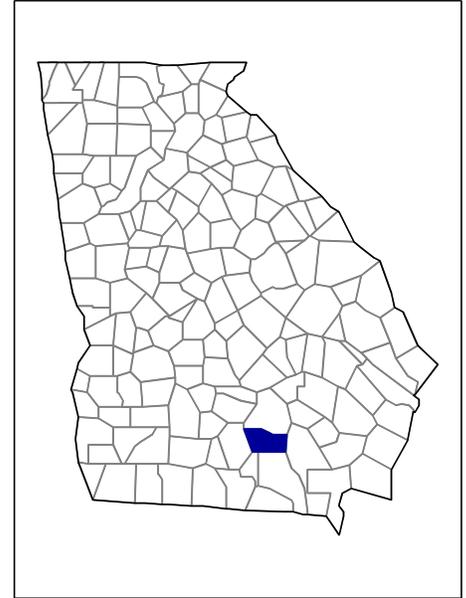


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Number of farms

194 farms in 2002, 220 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

Land in farms

70,718 acres in 2002, 62,363 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

Average size of farm

365 acres in 2002, 283 acres in 1997, up 29 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$41,630,000 in 2002, \$59,519,000 in 1997, down 30 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,261,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$32,368,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

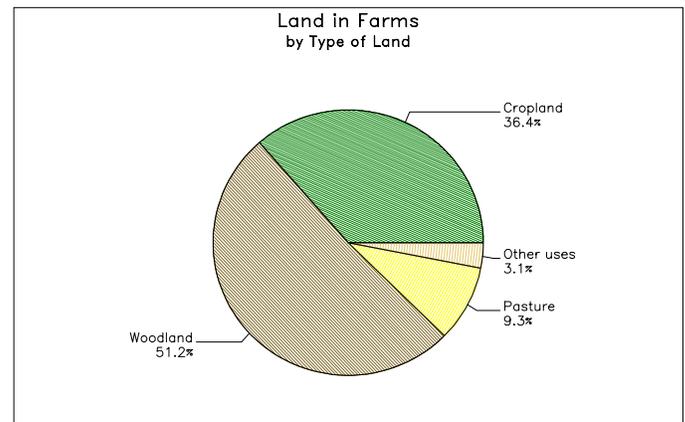
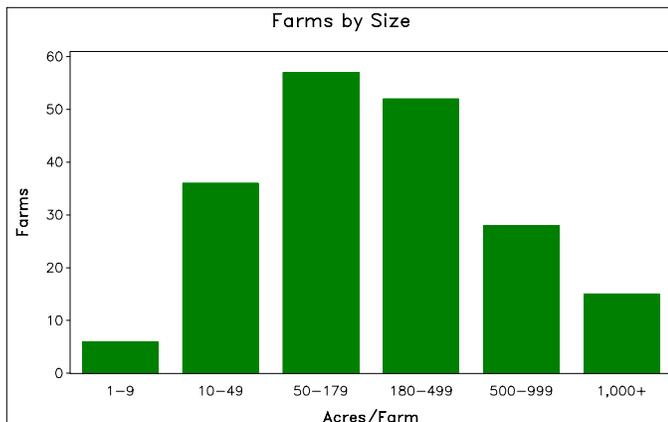
\$214,587 in 2002, \$270,542 in 1997, down 21 percent.

Government Payments

\$780,000 in 2002, \$295,000 in 1997, up 164 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,799 in 2002, \$3,728 in 1997, up 109 percent.



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Ranked items among the 159 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

| 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 | 41,630 | 38 | 159 | 1,384 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 9,261 | 50 | 159 | 1,705 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 32,368 | 31 | 159 | 876 | 3,070 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 481 | 56 | 150 | 2,008 | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | 1,966 | 18 | 50 | 190 | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | 2,843 | 39 | 93 | 241 | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 1,727 | 33 | 149 | 574 | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | (D) | (D) | 151 | (D) | 2,638 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | (D) | (D) | 148 | (D) | 2,708 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | - | - | 84 | - | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | 1,906 | 36 | 158 | 679 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | 30,832 | 28 | 142 | 230 | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | 973 | 91 | 159 | 2,557 | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | - | - | 111 | - | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | (D) | 135 | (D) | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | (D) | (D) | 152 | (D) | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | (D) | (D) | 151 | (D) | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 64 | - | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | (D) | (D) | 108 | (D) | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 3,454,500 | 17 | 111 | 120 | 2,599 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | (D) | 65 | 143 | (D) | 2,983 |
| Cattle and calves | 8,247 | 64 | 159 | 2,217 | 3,059 |
| Hogs and pigs | 2,907 | 23 | 141 | 1,032 | 2,926 |
| All Goats | 813 | 20 | 155 | 612 | 2,971 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| All Cotton | 10,795 | 42 | 93 | 252 | 663 |
| Peanuts | 3,162 | 40 | 79 | 91 | 398 |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 2,831 | 88 | 159 | 2,618 | 3,059 |
| Corn for grain | 2,025 | 41 | 145 | 1,558 | 2,592 |
| Soybeans | 690 | 53 | 111 | 1,605 | 2,076 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 40 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 23 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 15 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 15 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 13 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 6 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 18 |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 7 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 13 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 4 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 11 |
| \$500,000 or more | 29 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 31,267 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 162,847 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 10,513 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 54,757 |

| Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Farming | 131 |
| Other | 63 |
| Principal operators by sex: | |
| Male | 167 |
| Female | 27 |
| Average age of principal operator (years) | 54.4 |
| All operators ² by race: | |
| White | 277 |
| Black or African American | - |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | - |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| Asian | - |
| More than one race | - |
| All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | - |

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.