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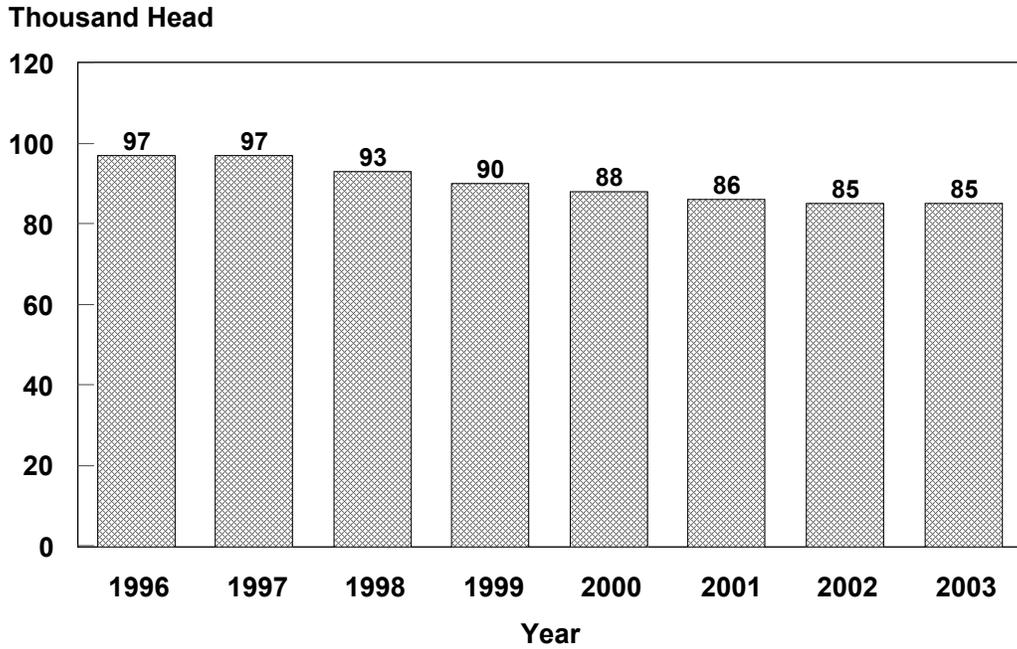
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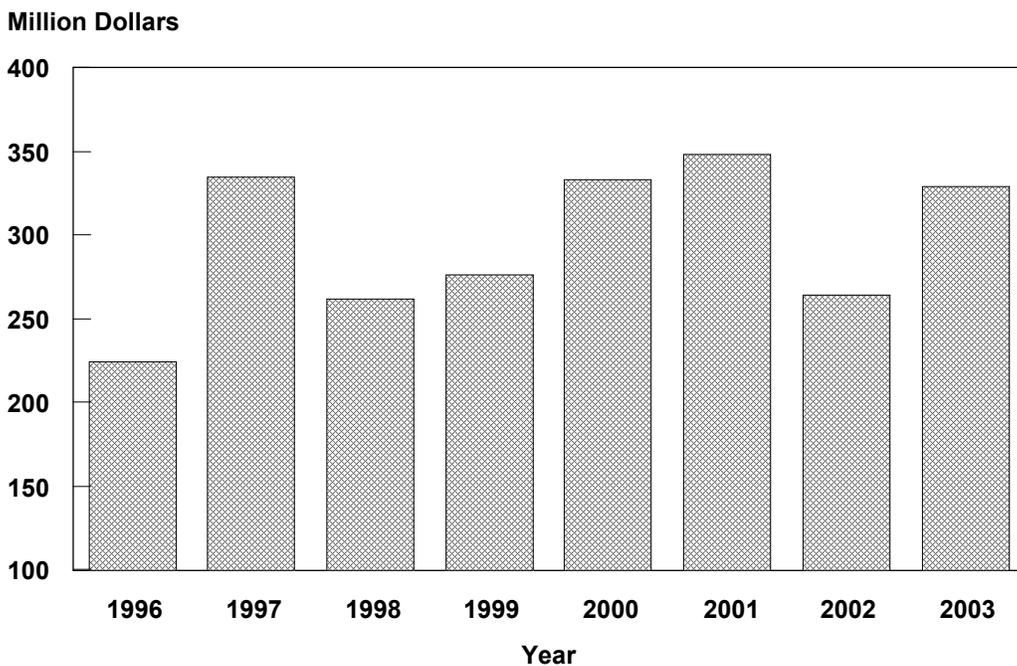
# LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY

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**MILK COWS**  
**Number on Farms**  
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# LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY

## HIGHLIGHTS -- 2003

Cattle and hog inventory levels declined from the previous year, while prices regained some of the losses from 2002. All cattle and calves on January 1, 2004, totaled 1,250,000 head, down 40,000 from January 1, 2003. Prices for cattle weighing more than 500 pounds averaged \$53.60 per hundredweight (cwt) in 2003, compared with \$49.20 per cwt. in 2002. Calves less than 500 pounds, averaged \$95.80 per cwt. in 2003, \$8.80 cwt. more than in 2002. Hogs on December 1, 2003 totaled 295,000 head, 50,000 less than on December 1, 2002. Prices averaged \$36.40 per cwt. for the 2003 marketing year, compared with \$33.20 per cwt. for 2002.

Milk prices in 2003 averaged \$13.40 per cwt., up from \$13.20 per cwt. in 2002. Georgia ranked 23rd in the nation in pounds of milk produced in 2003.

Cash receipts from marketing of dairy and livestock products totaled \$590 million during 2003, up 14 percent from 2002.

## CATTLE

Georgia's cattle herd totaled 1.25 million head on January 1, 2004, down 3 percent from the previous year. Georgia's inventory ranked 26th in the nation. The United States' cattle inventory on January 1, 2004 amounted to 94.9 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2003.

Beef cows numbered 616,000 in Georgia on January 1, 2004, down 1 percent from 2003. Heifers for beef cow replacement totaled 85,000 head, 6 percent less than the 90,000 the previous year. Milk cows, including those dry and being milked, dropped to 84,000 head on January 1, 2004, down 1,000 head from a year earlier. Milk cow replacement heifers were also down from last year, to 26,000 head, 10 percent less than January 1, 2003. The 2003 calf crop totaled 580,000 head, 3 percent less than the 2002 calf crop. There were 21,000 operations with cattle in Georgia in 2003, down 1,000 from 2002.

The value of all cattle and calves on Georgia farms on January 1, 2004 amounted to \$813 million, 5 percent more than a year earlier. Value per head averaged \$650, compared with \$600 on January 1 a year earlier. Cash receipts from the sale of cattle and calves in 2003 jumped to nearly \$329 million, a hike of 24 percent from 2002. Marketings gained 12 percent to 623,000 head compared with 555,000 head marketed in 2002.

Jackson County, with 29,000 head, is the leading county in the number of cattle and calves on January 1, 2004. Carroll County, although gaining 800 head from the previous year, fell to second place with 27,800 head. Franklin, Madison, and Morgan round out the top five counties in Georgia in total cattle and calves.

## MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Georgia totaled 1.44 billion pounds in 2003, 2 percent less than the 2002 production. The annual average number of milk cows equaled 85,000 head, the same as in 2002. Production per cow averaged 16,988 pounds for 2003, a decline of 306 pounds from the previous year. Six hundred and forty operations in Georgia had milk cows in 2003, 20 operations less than in 2002. Cash receipts from marketings of Georgia produced milk totaled \$192 million, down \$698 thousand from 2002. Prices received in 2003 averaged \$13.40 per cwt., compared with \$13.20 per cwt. in 2002.

Macon County continues as the leading county in number of milk cows with 10,800 head on January 1, 2004, followed by Putnam County with 7,300 head and Morgan County with 5,900.

## RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Red meat production in commercial plants in Georgia during 2003 totaled 248 million pounds, down 3 percent from the 257 million pounds produced in 2002. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton slaughtered. Calves, hogs, and sheep totals are not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. Per capita consumption of red meat in the U.S. in 2003 slumped to 118 pounds, off 2 percent from the 120 pounds consumed in 2002.

## HOGS

Hog and pigs in Georgia on December 1, 2003 numbered 295,000 head, 14 percent less than a year earlier. Breeding inventory, at 48,000 head, dropped 4 percent from December 1, 2002, while market hogs dipped to 247,000 head, 16 percent less than the previous year. The annual pig crop for 2003 totaled 846,000 head, 96 percent of the 884,000 born during 2002. Sows farrowing during 2003, at 96,000 head, were also down 4 percent from the previous year's farrowings of 100,000. The annual pigs per litter rate averaged 8.81 for 2003, compared with 8.84 pigs saved per litter for 2002. The number of operations with hogs in 2003 totaled 1,100, the same as 2002. Georgia ranked 21st among all States in the number of hogs and pigs on December 1, 2003.

The value of hogs and pigs in Georgia on December 1, 2003, totaled \$18 million, 14 percent less than a year earlier. The value per head equaled last year's average of \$61.00. Marketings of hogs and pigs in 2003 reached 949,000 head, 9 percent more than the 867,000 head marketed in 2002. Cash receipts amounted to \$68.8 million in 2003, compared with \$58.8 million for 2002. Prices averaged \$36.40 per cwt., up \$3.20 from 2002.

**CATTLE AND CALVES—Inventory and Value, January 1, Georgia, 1996-2004**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
All Cattle and Calves	1,000 Head	1,470	1,390	1,300	1,300	1,310	1,270	1,240	1,290	1,250
Value										
Average per Head	Dollars	425	410	500	520	590	630	640	600	650
Total	1,000 \$	624,750	569,900	650,000	676,000	772,900	800,100	793,600	774,000	812,500

**CATTLE AND CALVES—Inventory, January 1, Georgia, 1996-2004**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Cows and Heifers that have Calved										
Beef Cows	1,000 Head	692	672	624	620	620	614	594	625	616
Milk Cows	1,000 Head	98	98	96	90	90	86	86	85	84
All Cows	1,000 Head	790	770	720	710	710	700	680	710	700
Heifers 500 pounds and over										
Beef Cow Replacements	1,000 Head	100	102	94	85	85	78	87	90	85
Milk Cow Replacements	1,000 Head	35	34	32	29	35	31	29	29	26
Other Heifers	1,000 Head	45	38	33	35	35	31	30	36	30
Total Heifers	1,000 Head	180	174	159	149	155	140	146	155	141

**CATTLE AND CALVES—Inventory, January 1, Georgia, 1996-2004**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Steers										
500 Pounds & Over	1,000 Head	51	42	40	50	50	46	40	50	40
Bulls										
500 Pounds & Over	1,000 Head	44	43	41	41	40	39	39	40	39
Steer, Heifer, & Bull Calves										
Under 500 Pounds	1,000 Head	405	361	340	350	355	345	335	335	330
Cattle & Calves on Feed	1,000 Head	10	5	5	2	3	3	3	3	1/

1/ Included in Other States beginning in 2004.

**CATTLE AND CALVES—Number of Operations and Percent of Inventory by Size Groups, Georgia, 1996-2003**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Operations Having:									
1-49 Head	Number	17,200	17,200	16,300	16,000	16,000	15,000	14,800	13,500
50-99 Head	Number	3,600	3,700	3,700	3,810	3,810	3,890	4,200	4,300
100-499 Head	Number	3,000	2,800	2,700	2,900	2,900	2,800	2,700	2,900
500-999 Head	Number	160	250	240	240	240	250	250	240
1,000+ Head	Number	40	50	60	50	50	60	50	60
Inventory on Operation Having:									
1-49 Head	Percent	25.0	24.0	23.0	22.0	21.0	20.0	20.0	16.5
50-99 Head	Percent	19.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	21.0	21.0	22.0
100-499 Head	Percent	44.0	39.0	38.0	40.0	41.0	40.0	40.0	42.0
500-999 Head	Percent	7.5	11.0	11.0	11.5	11.5	11.5	12.0	12.0
1,000+ Head	Percent	4.5	6.0	8.0	6.5	6.5	7.5	7.0	7.5

**CATTLE AND CALVES--Production and Income, Georgia, 1996-2003**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Production 1/	1,000 Lbs	472,922	438,265	433,297	443,164	426,592	442,152	465,041	448,139
Marketings 2/	1,000 Lbs	588,120	626,920	513,000	504,020	523,740	539,290	455,090	519,990
Price per 100 Lbs									
Cattle	Dollars	34.20	44.50	43.30	45.30	52.20	54.20	49.20	53.60
Calves	Dollars	49.20	78.40	73.00	81.70	98.20	95.70	87.00	95.80
Cash Receipts 3/	1,000 \$	224,171	335,213	261,725	276,049	333,477	347,677	264,214	328,798
Value of Home Consumption	1,000 \$	2,948	3,233	3,699	3,547	4,260	4,398	3,139	3,626
Gross Income	1,000 \$	227,119	338,446	265,424	279,596	337,737	352,075	267,353	332,424

1/ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments. 2/ Excludes interfarm sales. 3/ Receipts from marketings and sales of farm slaughter.

**CALF CROP AND CATTLE DISPOSITION--Georgia, 1996-2003**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Calves Born	1,000 Head	620	580	590	590	580	580	600	580
Cows that have Calved	1,000 Head	790	770	720	710	710	700	680	710
Inshipments	1,000 Head	111	186	125	114	110	125	67	65
Marketings 1/									
Cattle	1,000 Head	392	411	340	333	354	359	305	345
Calves	1,000 Head	353	380	307	301	314	317	250	278
Farm Slaughter									
Cattle & Calves	1,000 Head	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Deaths									
Cattle	1,000 Head	26	23	26	23	23	23	24	25
Calves	1,000 Head	37	39	39	34	36	33	35	34

1/ Excludes interfarm sales.

**COW AND HEIFERS--Kept for Milk, Inventory and Value, Georgia, January 1, 1996-2004**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Cows and Heifers										
that have calved	1,000 Head	98	98	96	90	90	86	86	85	84
Value per Head 1/	Dollars	1,140	1,150	1,150	1,340	1,370	1,570	1,650	1,410	
Heifers, 500 lbs and Over	1,000 Head	35	34	32	29	35	31	29	29	26

1/ Calendar year average.

**MILK COWS--Number of Operations and Percent of Inventory by Size Groups, Georgia, 1996-2003**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Operations Having:									
1-29 Head	Number	540	520	500	400	370	320	290	290
30-49 Head	Number	20	20	20	20	20	20	15	15
50-99 Head	Number	140	120	100	110	110	90	85	75
100-199 Head	Number	210	200	190	190	180	170	160	150
200+ Head	Number	140	140	140	130	130	120	110	110
Inventory on Operation Having:									
1-29 Head	Percent	1.1	2.1	3.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8
30-49 Head	Percent	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.7
50-99 Head	Percent	11.0	10.0	8.0	9.5	9.0	8.0	7.5	6.5
100-199 Head	Percent	30.0	29.0	28.0	31.0	29.0	28.0	26.0	25.0
200+ Head	Percent	57.0	58.0	60.0	58.0	60.0	62.0	65.0	67.0

**MILK COWS--Average Inventory, Quarterly, Georgia, 1996-2003**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Jan-Mar	1,000	97	97	95	90	89	86	85	85
Apr-Jun	1,000	96	97	95	90	88	86	85	85
Jul-Sep	1,000	97	96	93	90	87	86	85	85
Oct-Dec	1,000	98	96	90	90	86	86	85	84
Annual Average	1,000	97	97	93	90	88	86	85	85

**MILK PRODUCTION--Pounds per Cow, Quarterly, Georgia, 1996-2003**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Jan-Mar	Lbs	4,247	4,247	4,242	4,444	4,517	4,512	4,647	4,694
Apr-Jun	Lbs	3,979	4,072	4,011	4,356	4,364	4,488	4,718	4,576
Jul-Sep	Lbs	3,320	3,375	3,333	3,478	3,563	3,663	3,882	3,753
Oct-Dec	Lbs	3,776	3,719	3,811	3,822	3,919	4,000	4,047	4,012
Annual Average	Lbs	15,320	15,340	15,452	16,100	16,284	16,663	17,294	16,988

**MILK PRODUCTION--Total Pounds Produced, Quarterly, Georgia, 1996-2003**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Jan-Mar	Mil Lbs	412	412	403	400	402	388	395	399
Apr-Jun	Mil Lbs	382	395	381	392	384	386	401	389
Jul-Sep	Mil Lbs	322	324	310	313	310	315	330	319
Oct-Dec	Mil Lbs	370	357	343	344	337	344	344	337
Annual	Mil Lbs	1,486	1,488	1,437	1,449	1,433	1,433	1,470	1,444

**MILK PRODUCTION--Utilization, Milkfat and Value, Georgia, 1996-2003**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total Milk Production	Mil Lbs	1,486	1,488	1,437	1,449	1,433	1,433	1,470	1,444
Milk Marketed by Producers 1/	Mil Lbs	1,470	1,475	1,425	1,435	1,420	1,420	1,460	1,433
Price per 100 Pounds	Dollars	16.30	14.70	16.60	16.00	12.90	15.90	13.20	13.40
Used on Farms	Mil Lbs	16	13	12	14	13	13	10	11
Milkfat	Percent	3.60	3.58	3.61	3.60	3.64	3.64	3.65	3.62
Cash Receipts from Marketings	1,000 \$	239,610	216,825	236,550	229,600	183,180	225,780	192,720	192,022

1/ Milk sold to plants and dealers as whole milk and equivalent amounts of milk for cream. Includes milk produced by dealers' own herds and milk sold directly to consumers.

**HOGS AND PIGS--Inventory and Value, December 1, Georgia, 1996-2003**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total Inventory	1,000 Head	650	520	480	480	380	315	345	295
Breeding	1,000 Head	80	70	70	60	55	50	50	48
Market	1,000 Head	570	450	410	420	325	265	295	247
Value									
Average per Head	Dollars	86.00	81.00	43.00	65.00	71.00	68.00	61.00	61.00
Total	1,000 \$	55,900	42,120	20,640	31,200	26,980	21,420	21,045	17,995

**HOGS--Production and Income, Georgia, 1996-2003**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Production 1/	1,000 Lbs	266,456	230,861	185,623	226,207	226,396	176,834	161,852	155,543
Marketings 2/	1,000 Lbs	272,115	254,877	195,213	236,863	240,148	188,726	163,081	169,916
Price per 100 Pounds	Dollars	49.00	48.60	32.40	30.20	40.50	42.40	33.20	36.40
Cash Receipts 3/	1,000 \$	135,503	127,292	65,321	74,056	103,676	87,546	58,824	68,834
Value of Home Consumption	1,000 \$	1,205	964	482	443	417	462	345	369
Gross Income	1,000 \$	136,708	128,256	65,803	74,499	104,093	88,008	59,169	69,203

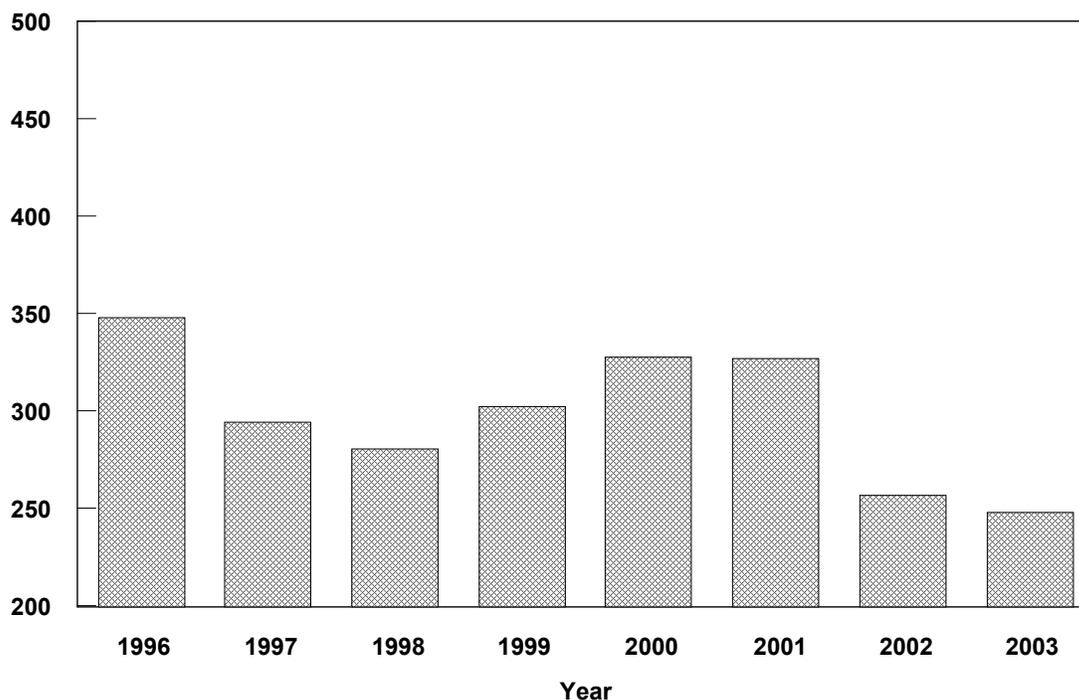
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**RED MEAT PRODUCTION--Georgia, 1996-2003**

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
--Million Pounds--							
348.4	294.9	280.9	302.2	328.0	327.0	256.6	248.0

**RED MEAT PRODUCTION  
Georgia, 1996-2003**

Million Pounds



**COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER  
Number, Average and Total Live Weight, by Class, Georgia, 1996-2003 1/**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>CATTLE</b>									
Number Slaughtered	1,000	*	*	359.1	404.0	452.0	461.4	362.9	361.0
Average Live Weight	Pounds	*	*	1,131	1,131	1,139	1,144	1,228	1,206
Total Live Weight	1,000 Lbs	*	*	406,008	456,881	514,753	527,955	445,472	435,420
<b>CALVES</b>									
Number Slaughtered	1,000	0.7	4.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Average Live Weight	Pounds	376	139	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total Live Weight	1,000 Lbs	268	589	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>HOGS</b>									
Number Slaughtered	1,000	*	309.6	296.5	249.7	212.6	182.2	155.2	*
Average Live Weight	Pounds	*	265	273	291	316	298	251	*
Total Live Weight	1,000 Lbs	*	82,098	81,002	72,659	67,071	54,212	38,899	*
<b>SHEEP</b>									
Number Slaughtered	1,000	2.1	2.4	3.4	4.5	5.1	4.6	7.1	*
Average Live Weight	Pounds	86	101	102	101	82	104	103	*
Total Live Weight	1,000 Lbs	178	245	345	456	414	481	738	*

1/ Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. \* Indicates estimates not shown to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**BEES--Colonies of Bees, Production, Price and Value, Georgia, 1996-2003**

	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Colonies of Bees	1,000 Colonies	75	75	75	65	55	55	50	52
Yield per Colony	Pounds	68	46	56	51	57	57	52	65
Honey Production	1,000 Pounds	5,100	3,450	4,200	3,315	3,135	3,135	2,600	3,380
Average Price per Pound	Dollars	0.880	0.790	0.690	0.640	0.630	0.700	1.130	1.280
Value of Honey Production	1,000 Dollars	4,488	2,726	2,898	2,122	1,975	2,195	2,938	4,326

**BEES - Colonies, Honey Production,  
Value of Honey Production  
Georgia, 1996-2003**

