Laurens County
Georgia

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	626	-10
Land in farms (acres)	154,799	-16
Average size of farm (acres)	247	-7
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	25,668,000	-28
Government payments	2,465,000	+22
Farm-related income	6,407,000	+139
Total farm production expenses	27,862,000	-27
Net cash farm income	6,678,000	+198
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	41,004	-21
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	6,885	+44
Farm-related income	28,603	+102
Total farm production expenses	44,508	-19
Net cash farm income	10,668	+230

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	72
Livestock, poultry, and products	28

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	28
Pastureland	9
Woodland	60
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 9,326

6% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	8
Reduced till	9
Intensive till	11
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	370	59
$2,500 to $4,999	47	8
$5,000 to $9,999	56	9
$10,000 to $24,999	45	7
$25,000 to $49,999	32	5
$50,000 to $99,999	26	4
$100,000 or more	50	8

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	48	8
10 to 49 acres	142	23
50 to 179 acres	231	37
180 to 499 acres	143	23
500 to 999 acres	36	6
1,000 + acres	26	4

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales ($1,000)	Rank in State [b]	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. [b]	Counties Producing Item
Total	**25,668**	**92**	**159**	**2,241**	**3,077**
Crops	**18,389**	**50**	**159**	**1,706**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	2,907	32	148	1,816	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	25	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	6,803	38	90	231	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	1,936	29	157	575	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	67	158	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	469	66	138	1,061	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	9	64	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	5,813	44	155	433	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**7,279**	**93**	**159**	**2,277**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	(D)	105	158	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	2,100	58	158	2,140	3,055
Milk from cows	3,595	19	64	694	1,892
Hogs and pigs	105	15	129	895	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	69	21	153	1,523	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	120	27	145	1,326	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	54	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	141	(D)	2,878

Total Producers [c]   883

Sex
Male	614
Female	269

Age
<35	45
35 – 64	474
65 and older	364

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	2
Black or African American	65
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	809
More than one race	7

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	6
With military service	103
New and beginning farmers	259

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**74**
Farm organically	**-**
Sell directly to consumers	**3**
Hire farm labor	**16**
Are family farms	**96**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Cotton, all	10,493
Peanuts for nuts	5,895
Forage (hay/haylage), all	5,492
Soybeans for beans	2,985
Corn for grain	1,862

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	470
Cattle and calves	8,536
Goats	1,438
Hogs and pigs	762
Horses and ponies	419
Layers	(D)
Pullets	536
Sheep and lambs	145
Turkeys	13

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

[a] May not add to 100% due to rounding. [b] Among counties whose rank can be displayed. [c] Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.
[d] Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. [e] Position below the line does not indicate rank.
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.