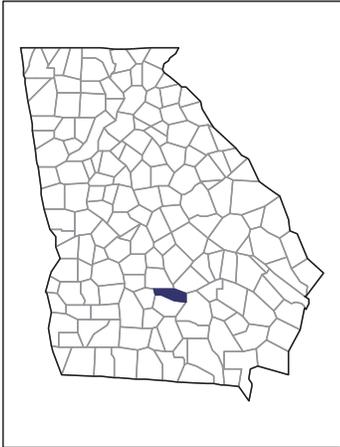


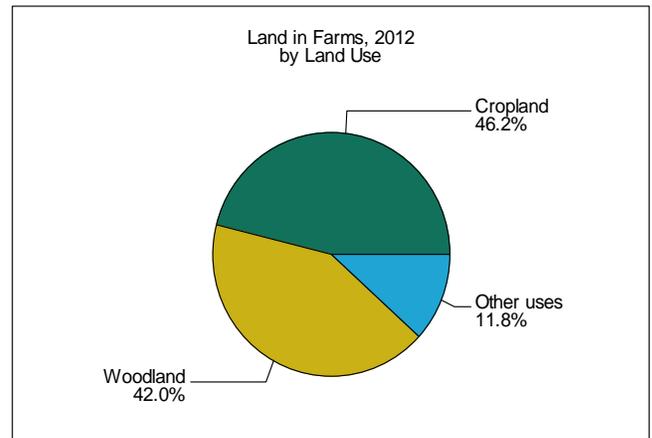
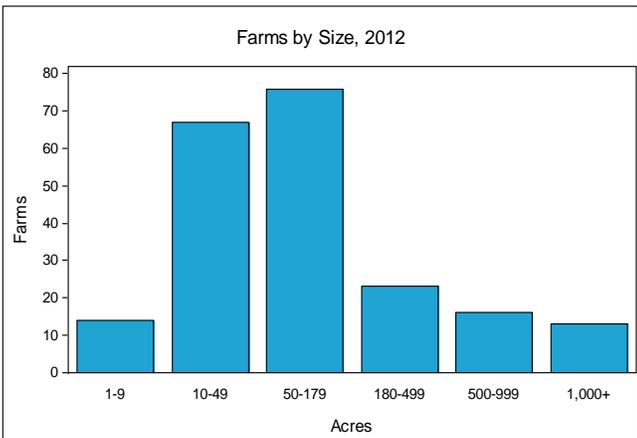
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Ben Hill County Georgia

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	209	227	- 8
<b>Land in Farms</b>	57,314 acres	74,739 acres	- 23
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	274 acres	329 acres	- 17
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$26,967,000	\$20,096,000	+ 34
Crop Sales \$23,374,000 (87 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$3,593,000 (13 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$129,027	\$88,530	+ 46
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$762,000	\$2,191,000	- 65
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$6,192	\$15,538	- 60





## Ben Hill County – Georgia

### Ranked items among the 159 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	26,967	92	159	2,210	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	23,374	48	159	1,624	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,593	109	159	2,598	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,612	39	151	1,781	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	23	29	(D)	436
Cotton and cottonseed	5,022	49	84	267	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	836	36	152	905	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	971	48	156	491	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	144	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	65	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	11,653	34	157	262	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	92	153	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	158	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	67	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	2	87	124	2,550	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	41	44	154	2,051	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	24	69	143	2,607	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	34	57	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	39	135	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Peanuts for nuts	10,360	31	75	51	364
Cotton, all	6,137	49	84	303	635
Upland cotton	6,137	49	84	301	635
Corn for grain	3,005	36	139	1,587	2,638
Sorghum for grain	1,270	8	70	350	1,220
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	79	132	(D)	2,723
Cattle and calves	1,668	127	158	2,781	3,063
Goats, all	613	29	155	1,012	2,996
Colonies of bees	(D)	19	137	(D)	2,761
Rabbits, live	(D)	3	83	(D)	2,157

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	75	Farming	92
\$1,000 to \$2,499	21	Other	117
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23	Male	175
\$10,000 to \$19,999	22	Female	34
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	Black or African American	23
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	17	White	275
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,450	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	102,632	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,647		
Average per farm (\$)	41,374		

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.