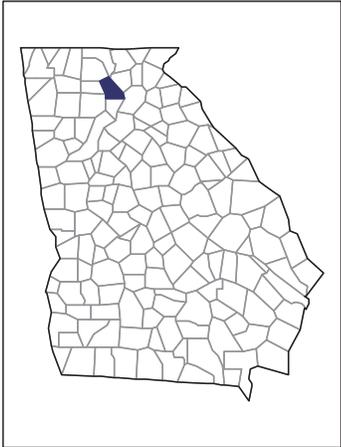


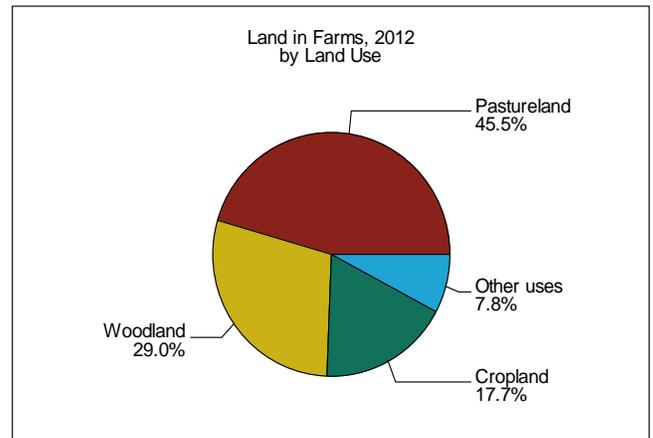
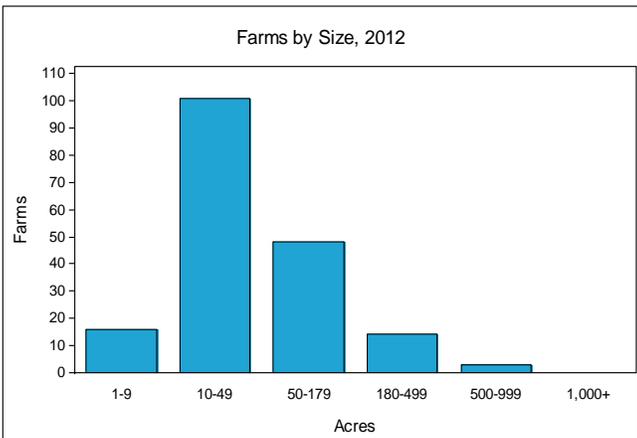
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Dawson County Georgia

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	182	208	- 12
<b>Land in Farms</b>	12,709 acres	16,905 acres	- 25
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	70 acres	81 acres	- 14
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$54,312,000	\$68,233,000	- 20
Crop Sales \$626,000 (1 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$53,686,000 (99 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$298,418	\$328,043	- 9
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$21,000	\$22,000	- 5
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$1,741	\$1,556	+ 12





## Dawson 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	54,312	62	159	1,707	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	626	140	159	2,943	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	53,686	29	159	859	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	237	114	151	2,551	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	14	139	156	2,280	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	86	145	157	2,925	3,049
Poultry and eggs	52,986	28	153	245	3,013
Cattle and calves	613	121	158	2,744	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	67	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	115	124	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	154	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	42	45	143	2,376	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	57	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	38	135	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,498	120	159	2,794	3,057
Corn for grain	244	91	139	2,228	2,638
Vegetables harvested, all	(D)	67	152	(D)	2,801
Beans, snap	(D)	21	133	(D)	2,341
Corn for silage	(D)	63	73	(D)	2,237
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,505,116	25	132	148	2,723
Pullets for laying flock replacement	115,412	20	116	234	2,637
Layers	57,327	42	156	468	3,040
Roosters	6,840	34	105	238	2,120
Cattle and calves	2,611	107	158	2,656	3,063

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	70	Farming	75
\$1,000 to \$2,499	24	Other	107
\$2,500 to \$4,999	19	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	10	Male	158
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12	Female	24
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	31	White	278
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	45,441	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	249,673	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,348		
Average per farm (\$)	51,363		

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.