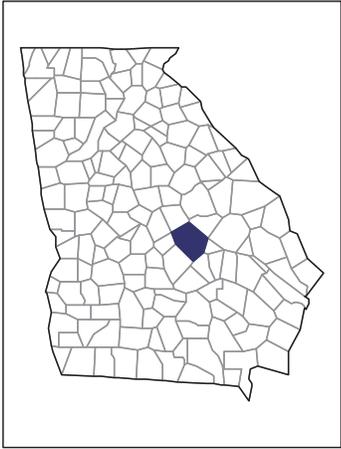


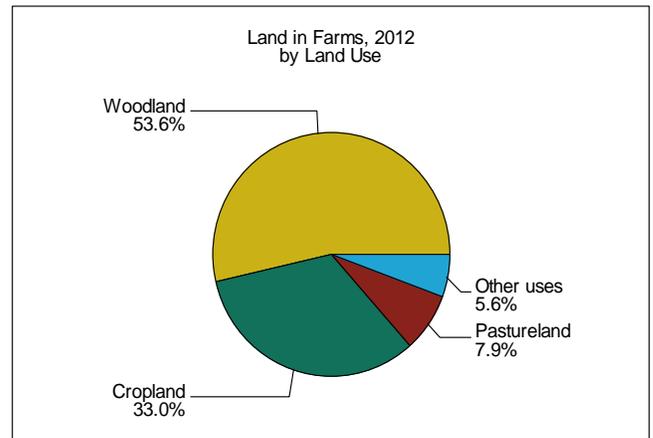
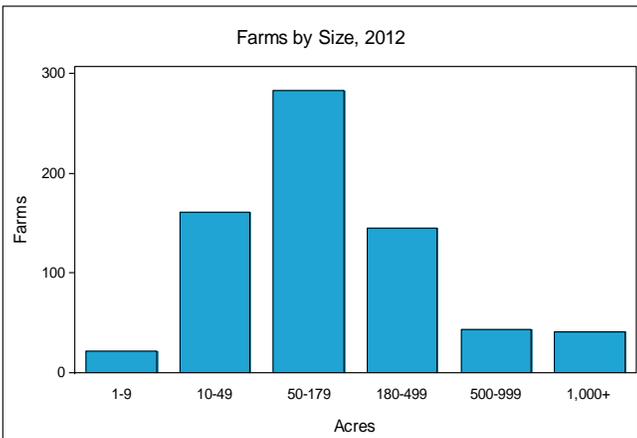
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Laurens County Georgia

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	694	664	+ 5
<b>Land in Farms</b>	184,227 acres	164,989 acres	+ 12
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	265 acres	248 acres	+ 7
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$35,889,000	\$14,530,000	+ 147
Crop Sales \$30,344,000 (85 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$5,545,000 (15 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$51,713	\$21,882	+ 136
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$2,023,000	\$2,914,000	- 31
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$4,770	\$8,140	- 41





## Laurens 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	35,889	79	159	2,015	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	30,344	41	159	1,469	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,545	102	159	2,430	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	11,819	17	151	1,451	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	29	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	7,164	43	84	222	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	55	152	1,366	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	435	62	156	761	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	927	60	144	1,105	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	22	65	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	9,709	37	157	300	3,049
Poultry and eggs	6	134	153	2,552	3,013
Cattle and calves	2,696	47	158	2,143	3,056
Milk from cows	2,699	24	67	924	2,038
Hogs and pigs	46	23	124	1,476	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	51	33	154	1,896	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	43	42	143	2,359	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	57	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	3	102	135	2,625	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	10,722	1	115	1,100	2,162
Cotton, all	9,086	43	84	249	635
Upland cotton	9,086	43	84	247	635
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,107	18	159	1,829	3,057
Peanuts for nuts	7,710	36	75	66	364
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	8,816	40	158	2,023	3,063
Horses and ponies	656	23	159	1,741	3,072
Goats, all	631	28	155	980	2,996
Layers	567	93	156	2,296	3,040
Sheep and lambs	(D)	(D)	120	(D)	2,897

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	328	Farming	223
\$1,000 to \$2,499	48	Other	471
\$2,500 to \$4,999	38	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	65	Male	597
\$10,000 to \$19,999	66	Female	97
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28	Average age of principal operator (years)	62.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	30	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	Black or African American	63
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	39	White	876
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	38,347	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	55,255	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	21
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,242		
Average per farm (\$)	3,230		

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.