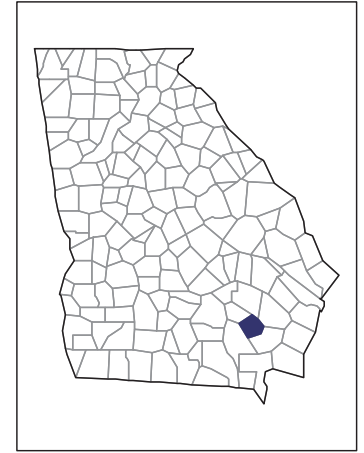


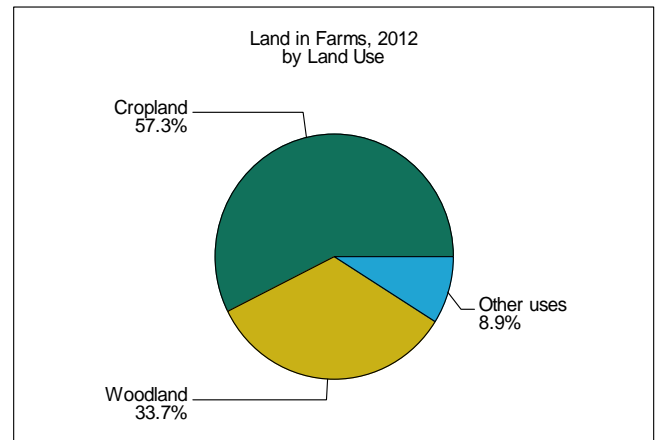
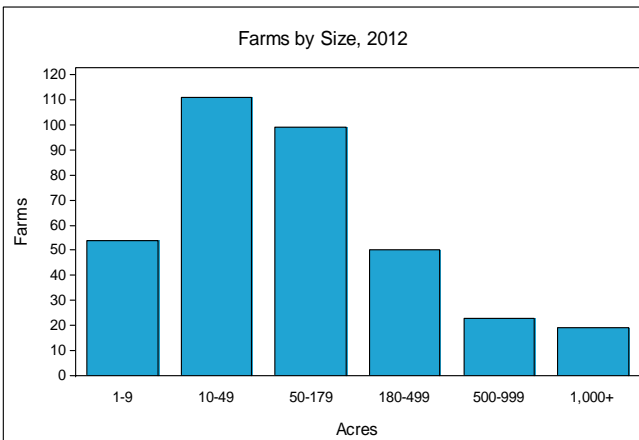
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Pierce County Georgia

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	356	431	- 17
<b>Land in Farms</b>	78,230 acres	71,750 acres	+ 9
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	220 acres	166 acres	+ 33
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$64,360,000	\$24,025,000	+ 168
Crop Sales \$39,347,000 (61 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$25,013,000 (39 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$180,786	\$55,743	+ 224
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$2,363,000	\$2,281,000	+ 4
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$14,320	\$11,071	+ 29





## Pierce 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	64,360	56	159	1,575	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	39,347	36	159	1,300	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	25,013	56	159	1,452	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,256	44	151	1,806	2,926
Tobacco	4,310	2	29	87	436
Cotton and cottonseed	10,298	34	84	171	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	61	152	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	3,955	22	156	211	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	16,186	26	157	201	3,049
Poultry and eggs	23,140	52	153	411	3,013
Cattle and calves	886	106	158	2,650	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	63	67	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	7	57	124	2,241	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	154	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	31	56	143	2,494	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	57	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	744	4	135	323	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Cotton, all	15,276	34	84	174	635
Upland cotton	15,276	34	84	173	635
Peanuts for nuts	13,019	22	75	40	364
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,105	49	159	2,333	3,057
Corn for grain	3,293	31	139	1,550	2,638
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	(D)	(D)	156	(D)	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	5	116	(D)	2,637
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	80	132	(D)	2,723
Colonies of bees	4,595	4	137	169	2,761
Cattle and calves	2,718	105	158	2,643	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	119	Farming	188
\$1,000 to \$2,499	11	Other	168
\$2,500 to \$4,999	36		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	38	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	34	Male	307
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7	Female	49
\$25,000 to \$39,999	16		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	35	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	48,769	Black or African American	32
Average per farm (\$)	136,992	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	444
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	19,142	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	53,770	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	2

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.