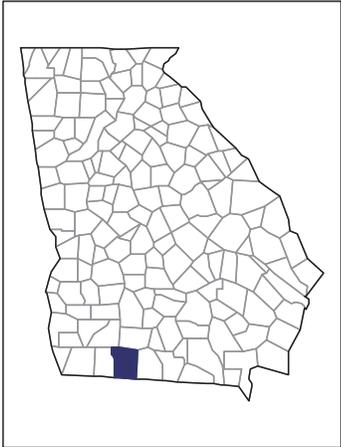


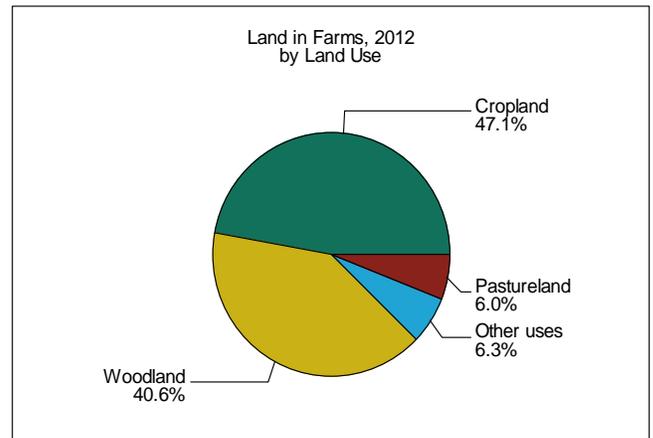
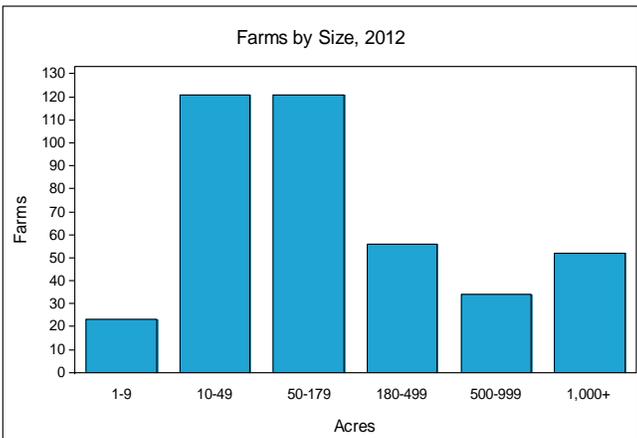
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Thomas County Georgia

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	407	485	- 16
<b>Land in Farms</b>	173,208 acres	204,216 acres	- 15
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	426 acres	421 acres	+ 1
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$83,460,000	\$59,644,000	+ 40
Crop Sales \$64,950,000 (78 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$18,510,000 (22 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$205,061	\$122,977	+ 67
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$2,676,000	\$5,539,000	- 52
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$11,683	\$23,471	- 50





## Thomas 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	83,460	36	159	1,331	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	64,950	21	159	967	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	18,510	67	159	1,669	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	8,509	26	151	1,580	2,926
Tobacco	(D)	24	29	(D)	436
Cotton and cottonseed	35,063	8	84	37	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	166	71	152	1,604	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	5,660	15	156	183	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,305	49	144	947	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	4	65	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	13,951	31	157	231	3,049
Poultry and eggs	9,755	74	153	611	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	25	158	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	234	16	124	1,056	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	154	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	86	28	143	1,939	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	57	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	126	135	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Cotton, all	40,594	8	84	60	635
Upland cotton	40,594	8	84	56	635
Peanuts for nuts	10,865	30	75	50	364
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,692	35	159	2,132	3,057
Corn for grain	5,499	20	139	1,390	2,638
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	469,000	71	132	399	2,723
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	27	116	(D)	2,637
Layers	(D)	43	156	(D)	3,040
Cattle and calves	12,043	26	158	1,789	3,063
Roosters	(D)	35	105	(D)	2,120

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	154	Farming	221
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16	Other	186
\$2,500 to \$4,999	36		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	33	Male	349
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Female	58
\$25,000 to \$39,999	20		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	27	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$500,000 or more	58	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	77,929	Black or African American	38
Average per farm (\$)	191,473	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
		White	525
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	11,354	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	27,898	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	25

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.