



# Ben Hill County Georgia

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	217	+4
Land in farms (acres)	52,542	-8
Average size of farm (acres)	242	-12
<b>Total (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	20,885,000	-23
Government payments	891,000	+17
Farm-related income	1,466,000	-38
Total farm production expenses	17,969,000	-16
Net cash farm income	5,273,000	-39
<b>Per farm average (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	96,242	-25
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	9,281	+50
Farm-related income	18,798	-43
Total farm production expenses	82,804	-19
Net cash farm income	24,300	-41

## (Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	69
Livestock, poultry, and products	31

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	43
Pastureland	8
Woodland	42
Other	7

### Acres irrigated: 5,330

10% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	3
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	21
Cover crop	6

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	95	44
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27	12
\$5,000 to \$9,999	22	10
\$10,000 to \$24,999	29	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	9	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13	6
\$100,000 or more	22	10

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	19	9
10 to 49 acres	70	32
50 to 179 acres	77	35
180 to 499 acres	27	12
500 to 999 acres	12	6
1,000 + acres	12	6

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,885</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>14,409</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,030	60	148	2,110	2,916
Tobacco	914	17	25	165	323
Cotton and cottonseed	5,699	41	90	256	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	58	157	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	923	53	158	491	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	95	138	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	64	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	5,511	46	155	452	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>6,476</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>2,337</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	5,548	85	158	624	3,007
Cattle and calves	801	95	158	2,443	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	64	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	129	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	65	24	153	1,562	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	24	75	145	2,102	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	36	54	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	141	(D)	2,878

<b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b>	<b>321</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	Cotton, all 8,838
Male	232	<b>71</b>	Peanuts for nuts 6,323
Female	89		Corn for grain 1,591
<b>Age</b>		Farm organically	Forage (hay/haylage), all 1,452
<35	19	<b>-</b>	Pecans, all 674
35 – 64	196		
65 and older	106		
<b>Race</b>		Sell directly to consumers	<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b>
American Indian/Alaska Native	4	<b>4</b>	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 345,620
Asian	-		Cattle and calves 3,154
Black or African American	27	Hire farm labor	Goats 520
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	<b>27</b>	Hogs and pigs 80
White	286		Horses and ponies 237
More than one race	4	Are family farms	Layers 243
<b>Other characteristics</b>		<b>95</b>	Pullets -
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	-		Sheep and lambs (D)
With military service	30		Turkeys -
New and beginning farmers	85		

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.