



# Columbia County Georgia

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

|   | 2017       | % change since 2012 |
|---|------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms                                     | 183        | +26                 |
| Land in farms (acres)                               | 22,852     | +74                 |
| Average size of farm (acres)                        | 125        | +38                 |
| <b>Total (\$)</b>                                   |            |                     |
| Market value of products sold                       | 2,783,000  | -7                  |
| Government payments                                 | 50,000     | +385                |
| Farm-related income                                 | 358,000    | -40                 |
| Total farm production expenses                      | 4,648,000  | +9                  |
| Net cash farm income                                | -1,458,000 | -112                |
| <b>Per farm average (\$)</b>                        |            |                     |
| Market value of products sold                       | 15,205     | -26                 |
| Government payments<br>(average per farm receiving) | 3,137      | +21                 |
| Farm-related income                                 | 9,414      | -45                 |
| Total farm production expenses                      | 25,399     | -14                 |
| Net cash farm income                                | -7,965     | -68                 |

## (Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops                            | 51 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 49 |

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

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Cropland    | 15 |
| Pastureland | 16 |
| Woodland    | 63 |
| Other       | 6  |

### Acres irrigated: 110

(Z)% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| No till        | 3  |
| Reduced till   | 1  |
| Intensive till | 8  |
| Cover crop     | 10 |

## Farms by Value of Sales

|                      | Number | Percent of Total <sup>a</sup> |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500    | 114    | 62                            |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999   | 14     | 8                             |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999   | 25     | 14                            |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 15     | 8                             |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 10     | 5                             |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 1      | 1                             |
| \$100,000 or more    | 4      | 2                             |

## Farms by Size

|                  | Number | Percent of Total <sup>a</sup> |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres     | 25     | 14                            |
| 10 to 49 acres   | 78     | 43                            |
| 50 to 179 acres  | 54     | 30                            |
| 180 to 499 acres | 19     | 10                            |
| 500 to 999 acres | 2      | 1                             |
| 1,000 + acres    | 5      | 3                             |

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

|   | Sales<br>(\$1,000) | Rank<br>in<br>State <sup>b</sup> | Counties<br>Producing<br>Item | Rank<br>in<br>U.S. <sup>b</sup> | Counties<br>Producing<br>Item |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>2,783</b>       | <b>143</b>                       | <b>159</b>                    | <b>2,932</b>                    | <b>3,077</b>                  |
| <b>Crops</b>  | <b>1,419</b>       | <b>127</b>                       | <b>159</b>                    | <b>2,756</b>                    | <b>3,073</b>                  |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas                     | (D)                | 115                              | 148                           | (D)                             | 2,916                         |
| Tobacco   | -                  | -                                | 25                            | -                               | 323                           |
| Cotton and cottonseed                                     | -                  | -                                | 90                            | -                               | 647                           |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes              | (D)                | (D)                              | 157                           | (D)                             | 2,821                         |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries                                | 35                 | 127                              | 158                           | 1,619                           | 2,748                         |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod                    | 979                | 58                               | 138                           | 860                             | 2,601                         |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation<br>woody crops | -                  | -                                | 64                            | -                               | 1,384                         |
| Other crops and hay                                       | 346                | 125                              | 155                           | 2,476                           | 3,040                         |
| <b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>                   | <b>1,364</b>       | <b>131</b>                       | <b>159</b>                    | <b>2,796</b>                    | <b>3,073</b>                  |
| Poultry and eggs  | (D)                | (D)                              | 158                           | (D)                             | 3,007                         |
| Cattle and calves   | 290                | 127                              | 158                           | 2,615                           | 3,055                         |
| Milk from cows  | -                  | -                                | 64                            | -                               | 1,892                         |
| Hogs and pigs   | 7                  | 48                               | 129                           | 1,634                           | 2,856                         |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk                          | 9                  | 111                              | 153                           | 2,381                           | 2,984                         |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys                    | 14                 | 94                               | 145                           | 2,239                           | 2,970                         |
| Aquaculture   | (D)                | (D)                              | 54                            | (D)                             | 1,251                         |
| Other animals and animal products                         | (D)                | 8                                | 141                           | (D)                             | 2,878                         |

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Sex</b>                       |     |
| Male                             | 200 |
| Female                           | 132 |
| <b>Age</b>                       |     |
| <35                              | 22  |
| 35 – 64                          | 190 |
| 65 and older                     | 120 |
| <b>Race</b>                      |     |
| American Indian/Alaska Native    | -   |
| Asian                            | 4   |
| Black or African American        | 5   |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | -   |
| White                            | 321 |
| More than one race               | 2   |
| <b>Other characteristics</b>     |     |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 16  |
| With military service            | 54  |
| New and beginning farmers        | 143 |

**Percent of farms that:**

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Have internet access       | <b>85</b> |
| Farm organically           | <b>1</b>  |
| Sell directly to consumers | <b>8</b>  |
| Hire farm labor            | <b>23</b> |
| Are family farms           | <b>95</b> |

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Forage (hay/haylage), all | 1,394 |
| Rye for grain             | (D)   |
| Soybeans for beans        | (D)   |
| Wheat for grain, all      | (D)   |
| Nursery stock crops       | (D)   |

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 87    |
| Cattle and calves                     | 1,290 |
| Goats                                 | 1,451 |
| Hogs and pigs                         | 91    |
| Horses and ponies                     | 535   |
| Layers                                | 1,463 |
| Pullets                               | 80    |
| Sheep and lambs                       | 96    |
| Turkeys                               | 16    |

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.