



Wilkes County Georgia

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	277	-13
Land in farms (acres)	91,121	-3
Average size of farm (acres)	329	+11
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	154,825,000	+164
Government payments	536,000	-19
Farm-related income	1,243,000	-12
Total farm production expenses	91,472,000	+74
Net cash farm income	65,132,000	+683
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	558,936	+202
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	7,345	+16
Farm-related income	12,184	-21
Total farm production expenses	330,224	+99
Net cash farm income	235,135	+796

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	3
Livestock, poultry, and products	97

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	21
Pastureland	18
Woodland	55
Other	7

Acres irrigated: 561

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	4
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	3
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	94	34
\$2,500 to \$4,999	30	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	22	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	36	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	27	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15	5
\$100,000 or more	53	19

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	13	5
10 to 49 acres	57	21
50 to 179 acres	116	42
180 to 499 acres	63	23
500 to 999 acres	14	5
1,000 + acres	14	5

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	154,825	17	159	735	3,077
Crops	5,406	85	159	2,333	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	(D)	148	(D)	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	25	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	85	90	506	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	131	72	157	1,438	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	20	136	158	1,728	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	26	138	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	64	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,494	73	155	1,515	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	149,420	12	159	307	3,073
Poultry and eggs	140,804	12	158	88	3,007
Cattle and calves	4,035	32	158	1,809	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	20	64	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	8	129	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	37	53	153	1,921	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	23	80	145	2,120	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	46	54	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	11	60	141	1,483	2,878

Total Producers ^c	464	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Forage (hay/haylage), all 11,032
Male	305		Corn for silage or greenchop 367
Female	159		Sorghum for silage/greenchop (D)
Age		Farm organically	Nursery stock crops (D)
<35	22		Wheat for grain, all (D)
35 – 64	268		
65 and older	174		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	9		Broilers and other meat-type chickens 7,287,301
Asian	3		Cattle and calves 13,780
Black or African American	10		Goats 559
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	Hire farm labor	Hogs and pigs (D)
White	441		Horses and ponies 189
More than one race	1		Layers (D)
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets 58
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	12		Sheep and lambs 376
With military service	82		Turkeys -
New and beginning farmers	134		

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

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

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e 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.