



Wilkes County Georgia

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	248	-10
Land in farms (acres)	83,917	-8
Average size of farm (acres)	338	+3
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	123,925,000	-20
Government payments	320,000	-40
Farm-related income	1,444,000	+16
Total farm production expenses	74,031,000	-19
Net cash farm income	51,657,000	-21
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	499,696	-11
Government payments ^a	21,307	+190
Farm-related income ^a	21,881	+80
Total farm production expenses	298,514	-10
Net cash farm income	208,294	-11

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	7
Livestock, poultry, and products	93

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	18,056
Pastureland	17,453
Woodland	39,209
Other	9,199

Acres irrigated: 1,473

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	13
Reduced till	10
Intensive till	8
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	75	30
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8	3
\$5,000 to \$9,999	48	19
\$10,000 to \$24,999	44	18
\$25,000 to \$49,999	25	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16	6
\$100,000 or more	32	13

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	3	1
10 to 49 acres	47	19
50 to 179 acres	79	32
180 to 499 acres	85	34
500 to 999 acres	22	9
1,000+ acres	12	5

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	123,925	32	159	1,225	3,078
Crops	8,971	84	159	2,232	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	419	95	147	2,309	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	17	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	92	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	422	47	155	1,174	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	69	118	157	1,635	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	7,276	21	139	379	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	49	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	786	100	152	2,217	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	114,953	24	159	597	3,076
Poultry and eggs	107,357	24	154	204	3,027
Cattle and calves	4,103	31	156	1,789	3,047
Milk from cows	(D)	19	66	651	1,770
Hogs and pigs	-	-	124	-	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	54	41	155	1,802	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	140	(D)	2,907
Aquaculture	(D)	31	41	(D)	1,190
Other animals and animal products	31	48	143	1,424	2,909

Producers ^d	410	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	85
Male	262		
Female	148		
Age		Farm organically	-
<35	14		
35 – 64	230		
65 and older	166		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	6
American Indian/Alaska Native	1		
Asian	4		
Black or African American	15		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	386	Hire farm labor	24
More than one race	4		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	96
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	-		
With military service	58		
New and beginning farmers	125		
		Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)	
		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,983,985
		Cattle and calves	11,740
		Goats	641
		Hogs and pigs	6
		Horses and ponies	213
		Layers	979
		Pullets	44
		Sheep and lambs	148
		Turkeys	(D)

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f 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.