



Ben Hill County Georgia

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	167	-23
Land in farms (acres)	40,197	-23
Average size of farm (acres)	241	-1
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	21,898,000	+5
Government payments	1,002,000	+12
Farm-related income	2,185,000	+49
Total farm production expenses	17,710,000	-1
Net cash farm income	7,375,000	+40
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	131,127	+36
Government payments ^a	15,659	+69
Farm-related income ^a	37,029	+97
Total farm production expenses	106,047	+28
Net cash farm income	44,163	+82

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	69
Livestock, poultry, and products	31

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	16,503
Pastureland	1,467
Woodland	19,760
Other	2,467

Acres irrigated: 7,235

18% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	5
Reduced till	8
Intensive till	17
Cover crop	4

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	81	49
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22	13
\$5,000 to \$9,999	17	10
\$10,000 to \$24,999	20	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	8	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3	2
\$100,000 or more	16	10

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	9	5
10 to 49 acres	55	33
50 to 179 acres	67	40
180 to 499 acres	22	13
500 to 999 acres	4	2
1,000+ acres	10	6

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	21,898	103	159	2,449	3,078
Crops	15,132	71	159	1,999	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	2,944	58	147	1,946	2,917
Tobacco	(D)	14	17	(D)	267
Cotton and cottonseed	4,088	60	92	317	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	155	676	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	916	56	157	626	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	104	139	(D)	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	49	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	4,833	49	152	708	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	6,767	100	159	2,331	3,076
Poultry and eggs	6,185	86	154	658	3,027
Cattle and calves	516	109	156	2,519	3,047
Milk from cows	-	-	66	-	1,770
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	124	(D)	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	60	35	155	1,742	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	-	-	140	-	2,907
Aquaculture	(D)	27	41	(D)	1,190
Other animals and animal products	(D)	111	143	1,965	2,909

Producers ^d	253	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	68
Male	168		
Female	85	Farm organically	-
Age		Sell directly to consumers	5
<35	2	Hire farm labor	25
35 – 64	122	Are family farms	96
65 and older	129		
Race			
American Indian/Alaska Native	1		
Asian	-		
Black or African American	22		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	230		
More than one race	-		
Other characteristics			
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	1		
With military service	30		
New and beginning farmers	76		
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
			Cattle and calves 1,597
			Goats 469
			Hogs and pigs (D)
			Horses and ponies (D)
			Layers 266
			Pullets -
			Sheep and lambs -
			Turkeys -

^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.