Thomas County
Georgia

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	408	(Z)
Land in farms (acres)	187,277	+8
Average size of farm (acres)	459	+8
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	78,726,000	-6
Government payments	5,807,000	+117
Farm-related income	5,512,000	+75
Total farm production expenses	74,525,000	-4
Net cash farm income	15,521,000	+37
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	192,956	-6
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	27,264	+133
Farm-related income	31,144	+44
Total farm production expenses	182,659	-5
Net cash farm income	38,041	+36

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	68
Livestock, poultry, and products	32

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	46
Pastureland	4
Woodland	44
Other	6

Acres irrigated: 11,448

6% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	14
Reduced till	15
Intensive till	14
Cover crop	18

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	151	37
$2,500 to $4,999	25	6
$5,000 to $9,999	43	11
$10,000 to $24,999	53	13
$25,000 to $49,999	25	6
$50,000 to $99,999	22	5
$100,000 or more	89	22

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	26	6
10 to 49 acres	101	25
50 to 179 acres	134	33
180 to 499 acres	73	18
500 to 999 acres	23	6
1,000 + acres	51	13

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

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	**78,726**	**40**	**159**	**1,376**	**3,077**
Crops	**53,628**	**22**	**159**	**1,050**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	2,967	31	148	1,812	2,916
Tobacco	(D)	19	25	(D)	323
Cotton and cottonseed	22,763	10	90	77	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	157	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	11,458	10	158	139	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	285	76	138	1,205	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	90	3	64	280	1,384
Other crops and hay	15,429	21	155	160	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**25,099**	**57**	**159**	**1,465**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	17,382	60	158	451	3,007
Cattle and calves	2,807	44	158	2,004	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	23	64	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	129	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	6	117	153	2,430	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	2	145	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	54	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	1,052	7	141	171	2,878

Total Producers [c]	**651**
Sex	
Male	462
Female	189
Age	
<35	57
35 – 64	352
65 and older	242
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	1
Black or African American	38
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	612
More than one race	-
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	9
With military service	99
New and beginning farmers	175

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**79**
Farm organically	**(Z)**
Sell directly to consumers	**2**
Hire farm labor	**36**
Are family farms	**95**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Cotton, all	41,021
Peanuts for nuts	16,358
Pecans, all	(D)
Forage (hay/haylage), all	4,549
Corn for grain	3,349

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	712,054
Cattle and calves	10,215
Goats	279
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Horses and ponies	764
Layers	392
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	188
Turkeys	-

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.