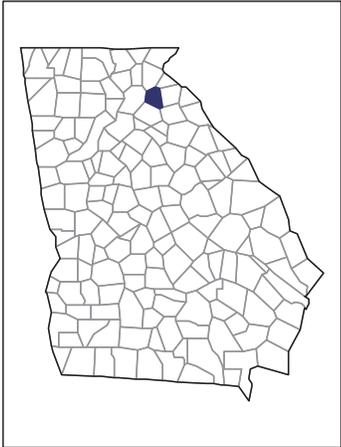


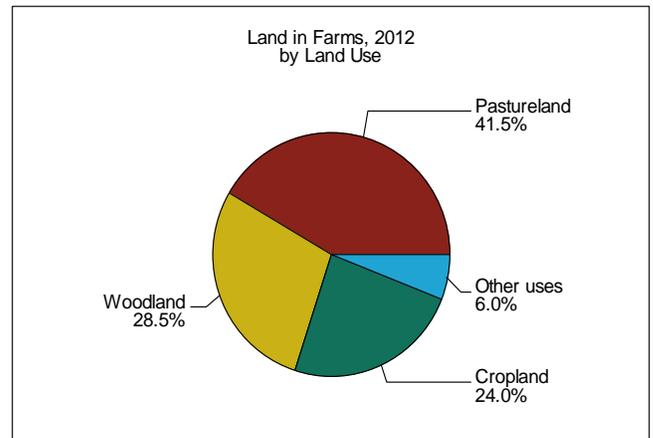
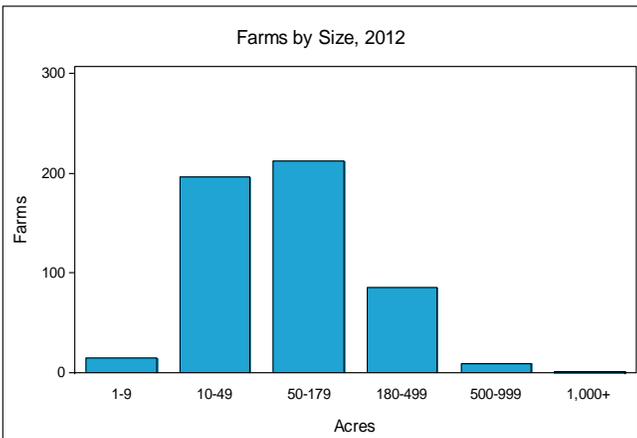
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Banks County Georgia

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	519	530	- 2
Land in Farms	59,680 acres	46,685 acres	+ 28
Average Size of Farm	115 acres	88 acres	+ 31
Market Value of Products Sold	\$179,517,000	\$144,228,000	+ 24
Crop Sales \$1,754,000 (1 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$177,764,000 (99 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$345,891	\$272,128	+ 27
Government Payments	\$247,000	\$105,000	+ 135
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$2,836	\$1,935	+ 47





Banks County – Georgia

Ranked items among the 159 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	179,517	14	159	641	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,754	121	159	2,758	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	177,764	8	159	211	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	151	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	29	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	84	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	152	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	14	138	156	2,279	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	714	64	144	1,201	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	65	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	704	84	157	2,187	3,049
Poultry and eggs	172,171	8	153	50	3,013
Cattle and calves	3,434	39	158	2,047	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	44	67	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	10	124	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	29	56	154	2,254	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	72	35	143	2,072	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	57	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	10	67	135	2,229	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,508	14	159	1,785	3,057
Corn for grain	197	97	139	2,262	2,638
Oats for grain	120	39	70	1,085	1,825
Soybeans for beans	(D)	99	115	(D)	2,162
Sod harvested	(D)	24	40	(D)	690
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	7,805,016	9	132	47	2,723
Pullets for laying flock replacement	652,357	2	116	36	2,637
Layers	635,916	10	156	146	3,040
Roosters	108,212	2	105	7	2,120
Cattle and calves	15,018	19	158	1,586	3,063

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	92	Farming	309
\$1,000 to \$2,499	33	Other	210
\$2,500 to \$4,999	45	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58	Male	447
\$10,000 to \$19,999	53	Female	72
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13	Asian	14
\$100,000 to \$249,999	19	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	39	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	150	White	770
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	149,639	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	288,322	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	11
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	30,839		
Average per farm (\$)	59,421		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. ² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.