



2022 Georgia Agricultural Census: General Agriculture

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Farms in Georgia			
	2017	2022	% Change
# of Farms	42,439	39,264	-7%
Land in Farms (acres)	9,953,730	9,939,313	-0.14%
Average Size (acres)	235	253	8%
Mkt. Value. of Ag Products Sold	\$11,429,748,956	\$13,239,372,000	16%

- The number of farms in Georgia declined by 7% in line with the nation.
- Nationally, nearly 20 million acres (2%) of farmland were lost, but Georgia only saw 14,417 acres (0.14%) of farmland lost.
- Average farm size increased by 8% in Georgia compared to about 5% nationally.

- Small and medium farms have exited Georgia's economy, consistent with national trends.
- Surprisingly, growth in Georgia farms over 2,000 acres is not matched by the rest of the country. Nationally, much of the growth occurred in 1,000 to 1,999 acres category.

# of Farms by Size					
	2017		2022		% Change
	#	%	#	%	
1 to 9	4,516	11%	3,345	9%	-26%
10 to 49	13,444	32%	12,508	32%	-7%
50 to 179	13,479	32%	12,823	33%	-5%
180 to 499	6,514	15%	6,144	16%	-6%
500 to 999	2,233	5%	2,212	6%	-1%
1,000 to 1,999	1,498	4%	1,312	3%	-12%
2,000 or more	755	2%	920	2%	22%

Farms by Legal Status					
	2017		2022		% Change
	#	%	#	%	
Family or Individual	36,233	85%	32,831	84%	-9%
Partnership	2,733	6%	2,549	6%	-7%
Corporation	2,882	7%	3,404	9%	18%
Other	591	1%	480	1%	-19%

- With the increase in average farm size and growth of farms with 2,000 acres or more in Georgia
 - The number of family and individual farms had the highest decline between 2017 and 2022.
- Corporate farms' share in total number of farms increased from 6.8% in 2017 to 10.3% in 2022. Nationally, corporate farms' share increased from 5.7 to 6.7% only during the same time.

Sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2017 Census of Agriculture and 2022 Census of Agriculture, calculations made by authors, adjusted to 2022 dollars



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Operations with Commodity Sales					
	2017		2022		% Change
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< \$1,000	14,907	35%	11,822	30%	-21%
\$1,000-\$2,499	3,687	9%	3,436	9%	-7%
\$2,500-\$4,999	4,216	10%	3,562	9%	-16%
\$5,000-\$9,999	4,492	11%	4,825	12%	7%
\$10,000-\$19,999	3,746	9%	3,746	10%	0%
\$20,000-\$24,999	1,043	2%	1,052	3%	1%
\$25,000-\$39,999	1,678	4%	1,875	5%	12%
\$40,000-\$49,999	657	2%	743	2%	13%
\$50,000-\$99,999	1,498	4%	1,590	4%	6%
\$100,000-\$249,999	1,226	3%	1,269	3%	4%
\$250,000-\$499,999	1,031	2%	1,012	3%	-2%
\$500,000-\$999,999	1,783	4%	1,258	3%	-29%
\$1,000,000-\$2,499,999	1,527	4%	1,385	4%	-9%
\$2,500,000-\$4,999,999	699	2%	1,183	3%	69%
\$5,000,000+	249	1%	506	1%	103%

- Again, in line with increase in the number of farms with 2,000 or more acres and corporate farming in Georgia,
 - Operations with sales over \$2.5 million have increased their share of total number of operations from 3% to 5% between 2017 and 2022.
- Modest growth in operations with sales of \$20,000 - \$249,999 is observed between 2017 and 2022.

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