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2022 Georgia Agricultural Census: Fruits & Tree Nuts

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| Berries, Fruits & Tree Nuts Acres, bearing and non-bearing | | | |
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| | 2017 | 2022 | % Change |
| Blueberries | 18,361 | 27,996 | 52% |
| Blackberries, Incl. Dewberries & Marionberries | 880 | 1,858 | 111% |
| Strawberries | 143 | 269 | 88% |
| Apples | 558 | 984 | 76% |
| Grapes | 2,086 | 2084 | 0% |
| Olives (farms) | 32 | 29 | -9% |
| Peaches | 11,877 | 9,206 | -22% |
| Citrus | 248 | 1,583 | 538% |
| Pecans | 161,401 | 180,295 | 12% |

- Blueberry, the number one fruit crop in GA in terms of farm gate value increased its acreages by 52% in the past five years.
- Although other crops such as strawberries, apples, and pecans increased their acreages by 88%, 76%, and 12% respectively, citrus, the new kid in town recorded 538% increase in the past five years.
- In the berries, fruits and tree nuts categories, only olives and peaches recorded declining trends of 9% and 22% respectively.
- The GA Peach Industry has suffered from two consecutive weather-related problems in 2022 and 2023 respectively with huge impacts.

- In the berries, fruits and tree nuts category, berry sales recorded 84% increase from 2017 to 2022.
- The percentage of total berry farm sales also increased by 60% in the same time period.
- On the other hand, fruit and tree nut (excluding berries) declined by 30% while the percentage of total farm sales (excluding berries) declined by 41% during the study period, i.e. 2017-2022.

| Berries, Fruits & Tree Nut Sales | | | |
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| | 2017 | 2022 | % Change |
| Berry Sales | \$117,140,799 | \$215,589,000 | 84% |
| Berry Sales, % of Total Farm Sales | 1% | 1.6% | 60% |
| Fruit & Tree Nut Sales (excl. Berries) | \$386,501,120 | \$271,308,000 | -30% |
| Fruit & Tree Nut Sales % of Total Farm Sales (excl. Berries) | 3.4% | 2.0% | -41% |

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