

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



CHEROKEE ALABAMA

Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 121,504 acres in 1992 to 123,122 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 10 percent from 276 acres in 1992 to 249 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 202 farms in 1992 to 192 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

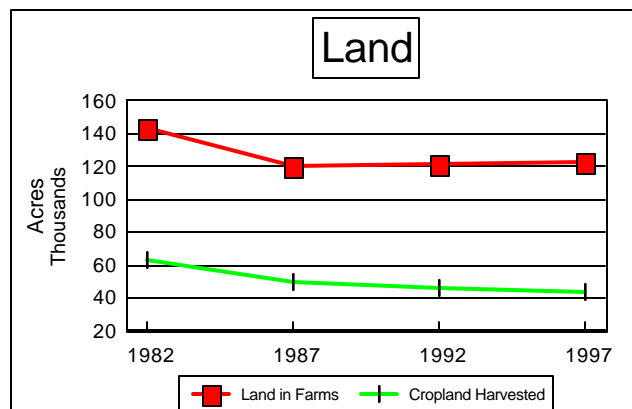
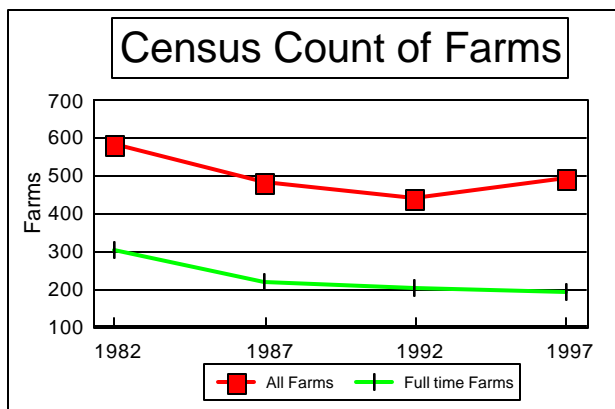
Increased 24 percent to \$49,324,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 11 percent from \$90,062 in 1992 to \$99,847 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	49,324	25	67	1,214	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	25,722	26	67	1,003	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	23,602	5	67	1,127	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	19,485	27	66	291	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	12,980	5	64	160	2,790
Cotton, cottonseed	8,357	7	57	170	709
Cattle and calves	5,547	17	67	1,389	3,063
Soybeans	1,391	9	58	1,092	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	10,071,909	24	51	190	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	96,000	29	52	478	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	11,561	27	67	1,484	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,012	31	67	1,550	2,976
All goats sold	77	37	65	1,085	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	1,469,017	26	62	198	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory (D)		31	67	592	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	15,476	47	67	1,786	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	895	38	67	1,655	3,005
All goat inventory	484	21	67	495	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	20,041	8	57	176	713
Hay crops-acres	10,183	32	67	1,701	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	10,123	8	58	994	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	2,115	36	67	1,623	2,691
Wheat-acres	1,001	25	58	1,657	2,612

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	322	274	18
\$10,000 or more	172	167	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	36,058	31,317	15
Average per farmdollars..	72,992	71,013	3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,803	8,452	40
Average per farmdollars..	23,892	19,166	25
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	449	384	17
Partnership or corporation	43	54	-20
Other	2	3	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	192	202	-5
Other	302	239	26
Operators by sex:			
Male	463	402	15
Female	31	39	-21
Operators by race:			
White	485	437	11
Black and other races	9	4	125
Average age of operator	53.4	54.3	-2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.