

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



## CHOCTAW ALABAMA

### Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 67,950 acres in 1992 to 65,027 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 316 acres in 1992 to 289 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 81 farms in 1992 to 75 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

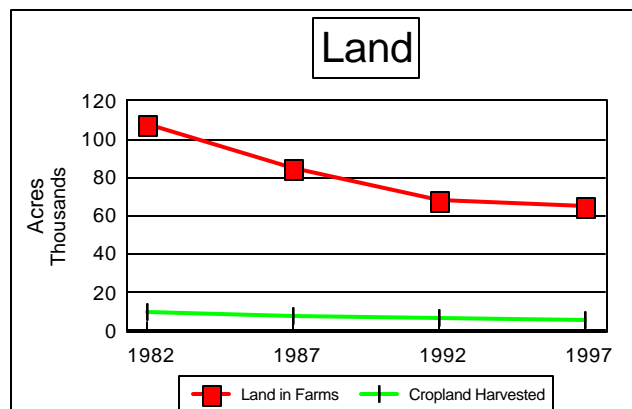
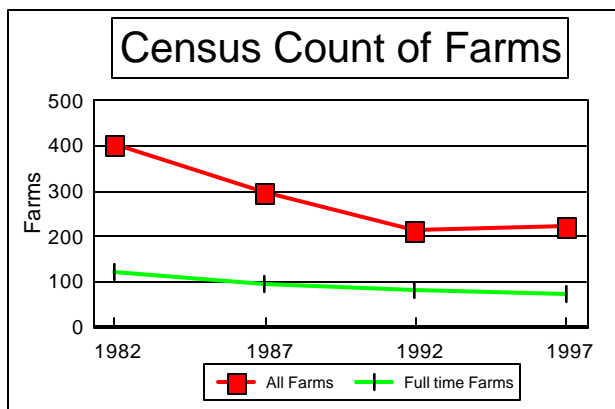
Increased 24 percent to \$6,669,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 19 percent from \$24,925 in 1992 to \$29,641 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	6,669	61	67	2,678	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	6,105	50	67	2,241	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	564	63	67	2,851	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	4,731	41	66	617	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,153	64	67	2,472	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	(D)	43	57	492	709
Aquaculture	115	17	63	375	1,505
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	108	24	67	1,342	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,460,000	37	51	363	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	34	52	590	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	3,512	63	67	2,392	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	1,754	1	21	138	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	151	55	67	2,479	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	377,020	36	62	365	2,620
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	22	46	318	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	7,256	65	67	2,383	3,064
Rabbit inventory	912	1	45	97	2,456
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	260	43	67	2,166	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	4,706	63	67	2,317	3,061
Cotton-acres	(D)	44	57	511	713
Corn for grain-acres	201	58	67	2,246	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	116	28	67	1,169	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	72	44	66	1,221	2,693

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	181	162	12
\$10,000 or more .....	44	53	-17
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	6,146	4,630	33
Average per farm .....dollars..	27,316	21,533	27
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	658	865	-24
Average per farm .....dollars..	2,923	4,022	-27
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	211	200	6
Partnership or corporation .....	13	15	-13
Other .....	1	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	75	81	-7
Other .....	150	134	12
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	210	202	4
Female .....	15	13	15
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	179	167	7
Black and other races .....	46	48	-4
Average age of operator .....	56.7	56.6	0

(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.