

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



CLARKE ALABAMA

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 61,426 acres in 1992 to 61,436 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 14 percent from 288 acres in 1992 to 248 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 60 farms in 1992 to 62 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

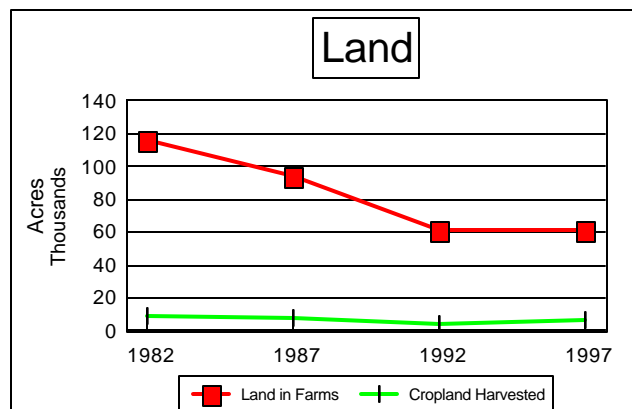
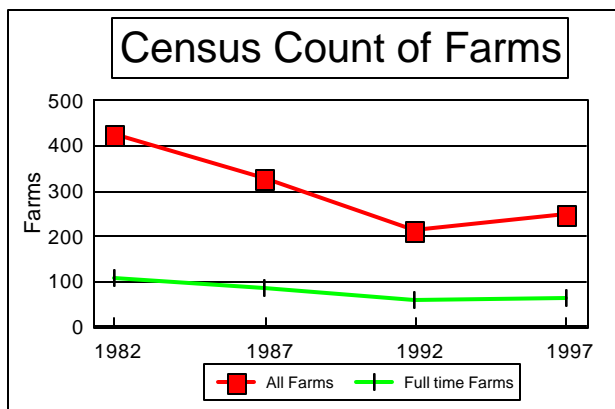
Increased 21 percent to \$1,998,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 4 percent from \$7,763 in 1992 to \$8,055 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	1,998	66	67	2,948	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,351	66	67	2,825	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	647	61	67	2,823	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,157	63	67	2,469	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	(D)	44	57	504	709
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	192	54	67	2,389	3,043
Horses and ponies	127	26	67	1,167	3,015
Nursery and greenhouse crops	84	50	64	2,082	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,408	64	67	2,414	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	31	52	764	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	553	48	67	2,021	2,976
All goats sold	170	20	65	561	2,686
Turkeys sold	(D)	4	17	607	1,353
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	7,266	64	67	2,381	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	504	45	67	1,876	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	289	54	67	2,241	3,066
All goat inventory	222	43	67	1,073	2,983
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	146	47	64	1,774	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	5,000	62	67	2,288	3,061
Cotton-acres	(D)	45	57	517	713
Corn for grain-acres	358	55	67	2,141	2,691
Oats-acres	(D)	14	48	1,622	2,332
Land in orchards-acres	46	52	66	1,457	2,693

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	205	171	20
\$10,000 or more	43	42	2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,886	1,784	6
Average per farmdollars..	7,603	8,374	-9
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(552)	(105)	-426
Average per farmdollars..	(2,225)	(494)	-350
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	228	196	16
Partnership or corporation	20	17	18
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	62	60	3
Other	186	153	22
Operators by sex:			
Male	236	201	17
Female	12	12	
Operators by race:			
White	236	203	16
Black and other races	12	10	20
Average age of operator	55.7	55.2	1

(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.