

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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## CLAY ALABAMA

### Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 68,478 acres in 1992 to 75,249 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 185 acres in 1992 to 190 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 16 percent from 144 farms in 1992 to 167 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

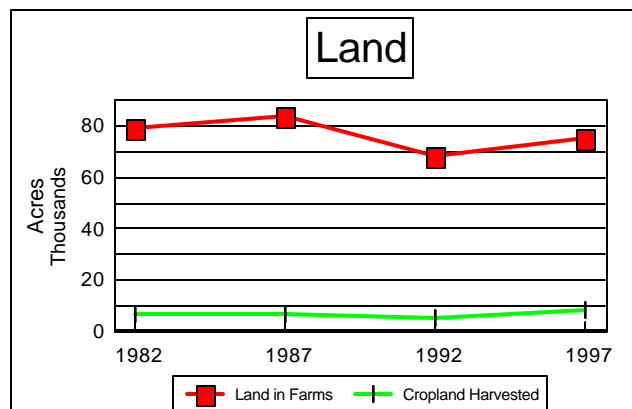
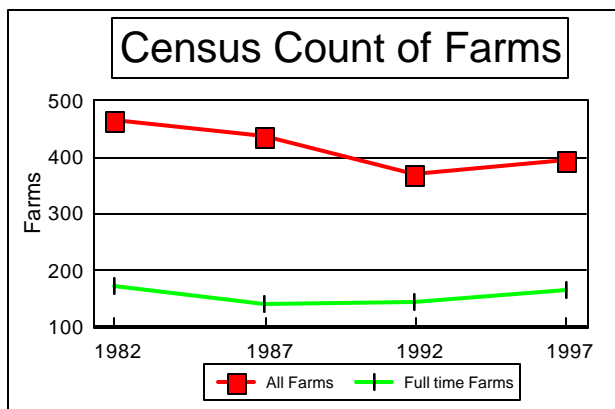
Increased 12 percent to \$24,729,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 5 percent from \$59,493 in 1992 to \$62,290 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	24,729	39	67	1,928	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	24,314	29	67	1,062	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	416	64	67	2,907	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	20,332	26	66	276	2,901
Cattle and calves	3,128	38	67	1,823	3,063
Dairy products	493	34	52	1,760	2,563
Hogs and pigs	(D)	29	67	1,503	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	172	57	67	2,441	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	8,753,648	27	51	206	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	190,500	22	52	341	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	9,004	36	67	1,691	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	30	67	1,543	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	37	43	67	1,953	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	1,571,383	25	62	187	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	210,530	15	67	288	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	19,587	33	67	1,557	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	31	67	1,460	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	261	57	67	2,353	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	7,846	45	67	1,926	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	165	60	67	2,290	2,691
Field seeds-acres	150	9	50	434	1,212
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	42	65	2,083	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	70	45	66	1,229	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 .....	272	244	11
\$10,000 or more .....	125	126	-1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	20,321	18,259	11
Average per farm .....dollars..	51,186	49,216	4
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,266	3,269	-0
Average per farm .....dollars..	8,228	8,811	-7
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	381	341	12
Partnership or corporation .....	16	29	-45
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	167	144	16
Other .....	230	226	2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	376	353	7
Female .....	21	17	24
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	393	369	7
Black and other races .....	4	1	300
Average age of operator .....	54.8	56.1	-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.