

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 16 percent from 138,135 acres in 1992 to 115,542 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 27 percent from 283 acres in 1992 to 207 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 200 farms in 1992 to 176 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

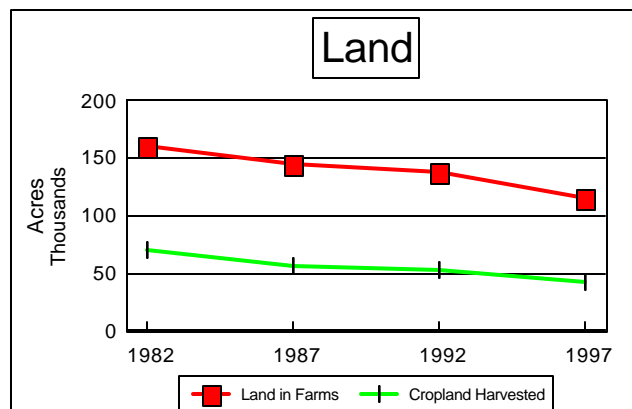
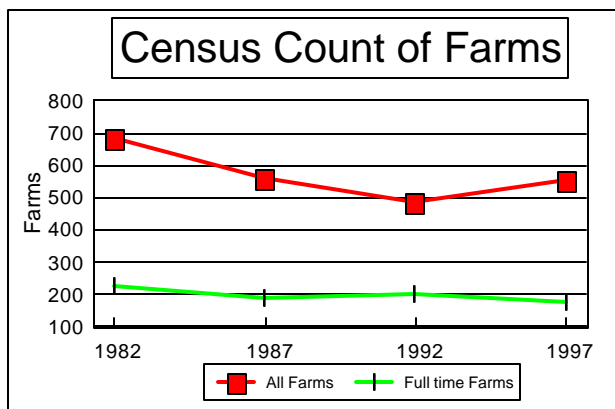
Increased 18 percent to \$32,590,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 36 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 64 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 4 percent from \$56,360 in 1992 to \$58,509 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	32,590	30	67	1,640	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	20,809	32	67	1,205	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	11,780	22	67	1,650	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	17,559	29	66	316	2,901
Cotton, cottonseed	9,022	5	57	163	709
Cattle and calves	3,001	43	67	1,848	3,063
Corn for grain	1,250	13	67	1,269	2,582
Soybeans	634	19	58	1,278	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	9,094,226	26	51	199	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	21	52	327	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	8,113	44	67	1,777	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	36	67	1,600	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	5	21	396	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	1,266,750	27	62	217	2,620
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	7	46	154	1,790
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	51,847	30	67	576	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	17	55	282	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	17,905	38	67	1,639	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	25,509	3	57	140	713
Hay crops-acres	9,048	39	67	1,803	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	4,712	15	67	1,337	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,401	22	58	1,286	2,144
All nursery-acres	189	25	64	934	2,619

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	408	340	20
\$10,000 or more	149	148	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	26,857	22,238	21
Average per farmdollars..	48,131	45,570	6
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,126	3,979	29
Average per farmdollars..	9,186	8,153	13
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	511	440	16
Partnership or corporation	45	47	-4
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	176	200	-12
Other	381	288	32
Operators by sex:			
Male	516	454	14
Female	41	34	21
Operators by race:			
White	541	474	14
Black and other races	16	14	14
Average age of operator	54.1	55.1	-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.