

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 40,832 acres in 1992 to 41,716 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 214 acres in 1992 to 196 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 9 percent from 64 farms in 1992 to 70 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

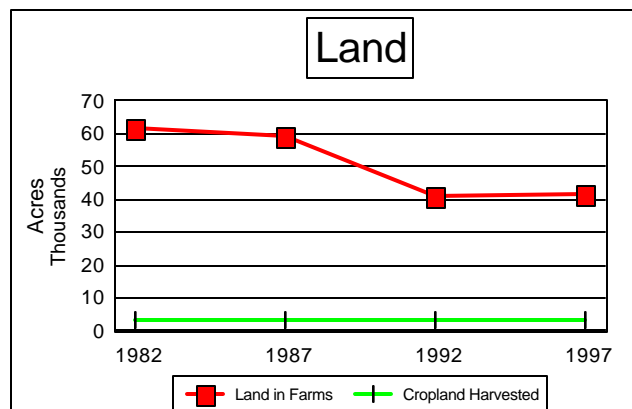
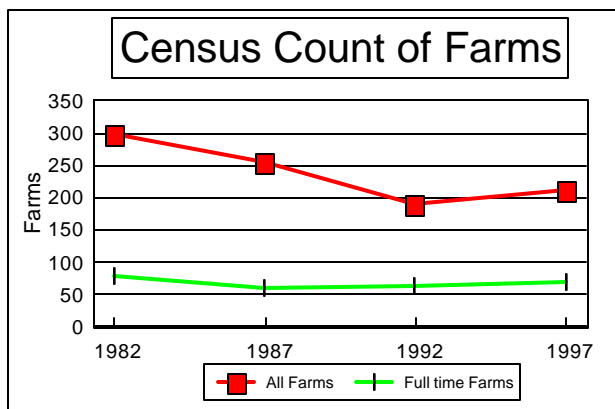
Decreased 5 percent to \$1,323,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 15 percent from \$7,303 in 1992 to \$6,210 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	1,323	67	67	2,982	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,064	67	67	2,864	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	259	66	67	2,963	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,016	66	67	2,531	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	115	64	67	2,624	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	86	49	64	2,072	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	38	49	67	1,766	2,739
Horses and ponies	37	49	67	2,192	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,060	67	67	2,474	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	41	65	67	2,760	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	33	52	67	2,063	3,015
All goats sold	22	60	65	1,971	2,686
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	49	52	2,056	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	6,879	66	67	2,416	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	228	62	67	2,480	3,066
All goat inventory	177	50	67	1,276	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	61	63	67	2,767	3,002
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	21	61	1,344	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	3,546	67	67	2,486	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	114	64	67	2,346	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	27	56	67	1,832	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	16	59	66	1,974	2,693
Total berries-acres	11	16	56	725	2,058

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	178	151	18
\$10,000 or more	35	40	-13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,332	1,363	-2
Average per farmdollars..	6,253	7,137	-12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(90)	(189)	52
Average per farmdollars..	(421)	(990)	57
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	204	187	9
Partnership or corporation	8	4	100
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	70	64	9
Other	143	127	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	198	180	10
Female	15	11	36
Operators by race:			
White	207	188	10
Black and other races	6	3	100
Average age of operator	55.8	58.2	-4

(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.