

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



## DALE ALABAMA

### Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 134,555 acres in 1992 to 130,975 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 334 acres in 1992 to 310 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 196 farms in 1992 to 179 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

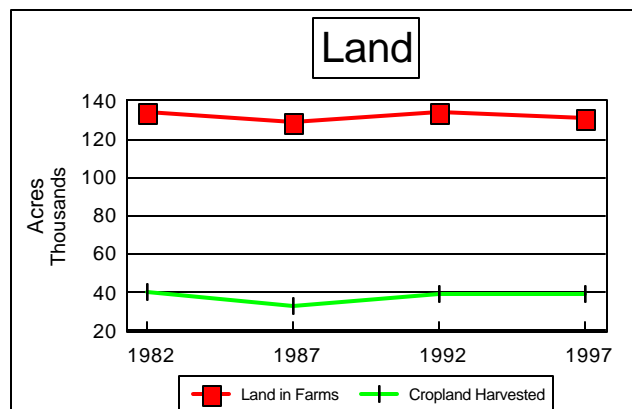
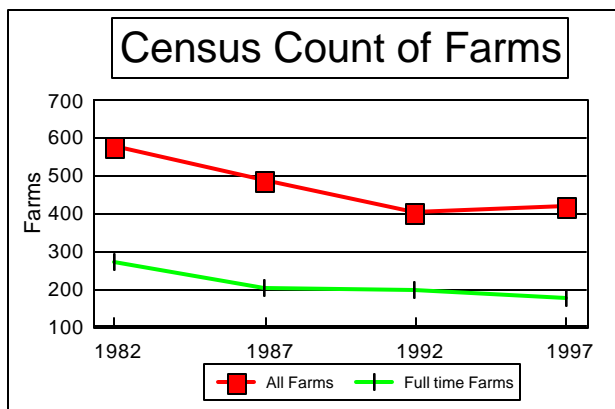
Decreased 1 percent to \$34,339,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 6 percent from \$86,391 in 1992 to \$81,371 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	34,339	28	67	1,593	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	22,922	31	67	1,114	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	11,417	23	67	1,672	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	19,391	28	66	292	2,901
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	7,059	5	51	175	2,237
Cattle and calves	3,268	37	67	1,797	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	2,760	22	57	304	709
Corn for grain	874	20	67	1,377	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	11,317,040	22	51	174	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	9,365	33	67	1,667	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,839	35	67	1,595	2,976
All goats sold	217	13	65	437	2,686
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	40	52	1,531	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	1,740,476	22	62	174	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	17,535	41	67	1,667	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,620	27	67	1,421	3,005
All goat inventory	427	27	67	575	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	326	47	67	2,121	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Peanuts-acres	15,512	5	35	27	466
Cotton-acres	10,359	18	57	255	713
Hay crops-acres	6,474	51	67	2,094	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	4,169	20	67	1,401	2,691
Wheat-acres	1,373	16	58	1,564	2,612

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 .....	254	205	24
\$10,000 or more .....	168	198	-15
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	30,597	27,644	11
Average per farm .....dollars..	72,504	68,596	6
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,128	7,476	-58
Average per farm .....dollars..	7,412	18,552	-60
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	386	373	3
Partnership or corporation .....	34	27	26
Other .....	2	3	-33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	179	196	-9
Other .....	243	207	17
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	396	380	4
Female .....	26	23	13
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	412	394	5
Black and other races .....	10	9	11
Average age of operator .....	55.9	56.2	-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.