

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 210,733 acres in 1992 to 223,685 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 111 acres in 1992 to 108 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 854 farms in 1992 to 805 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

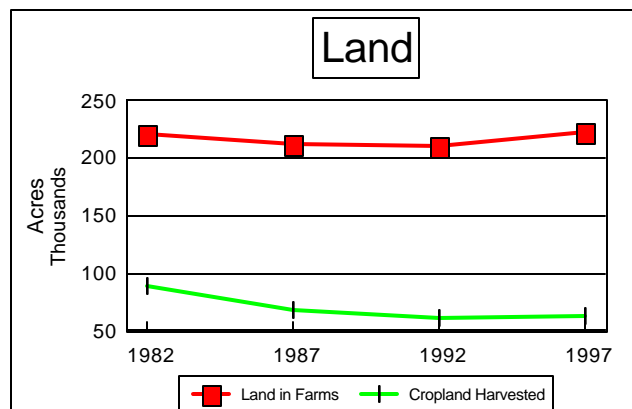
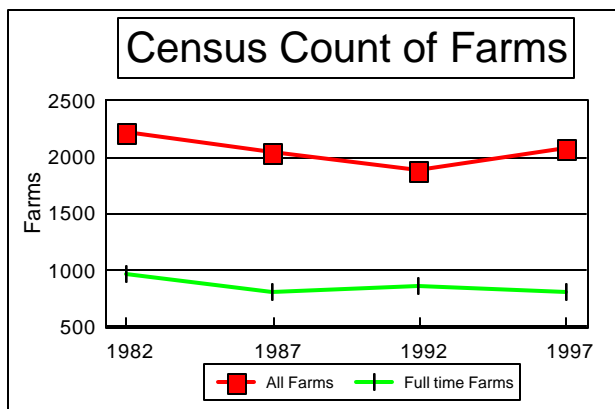
Increased 44 percent to \$234,276,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 32 percent from \$85,626 in 1992 to \$112,633 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	234,276	2	67	106	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	223,344	2	67	52	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	10,932	24	67	1,699	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	208,616	2	66	11	2,901
Cattle and calves	9,939	4	67	898	3,063
Corn for grain	3,531	2	67	921	2,582
Hogs and pigs	2,985	3	67	691	2,976
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	2,435	11	51	330	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	89,407,118	2	51	7	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	2,452,928	2	52	15	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold (D)		5	52	95	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	58,186	1	67	478	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	29,403	2	67	653	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	12,953,525	2	62	8	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,340,681	3	67	59	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	473,225	2	46	20	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	284,520	3	55	46	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	62,392	2	67	420	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	33,145	2	67	583	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	16,218	2	67	887	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	10,827	7	58	972	2,144
Potatoes-acres	2,428	1	35	98	1,733
All nursery-acres	935	6	64	320	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	1,400	1,172	19
\$10,000 or more	680	722	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	193,223	130,124	48
Average per farmdollars..	92,806	68,703	35
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	35,326	28,203	25
Average per farmdollars..	16,967	14,891	14
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,956	1,744	12
Partnership or corporation	121	147	-18
Other	3	3	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	805	854	-6
Other	1,275	1,040	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,896	1,734	9
Female	184	160	15
Operators by race:			
White	2,065	1,891	9
Black and other races	15	3	400
Average age of operator	52.6	53.3	-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.