

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



HALE ALABAMA

Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 167,583 acres in 1992 to 157,743 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 13 percent from 439 acres in 1992 to 384 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 174 farms in 1992 to 164 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

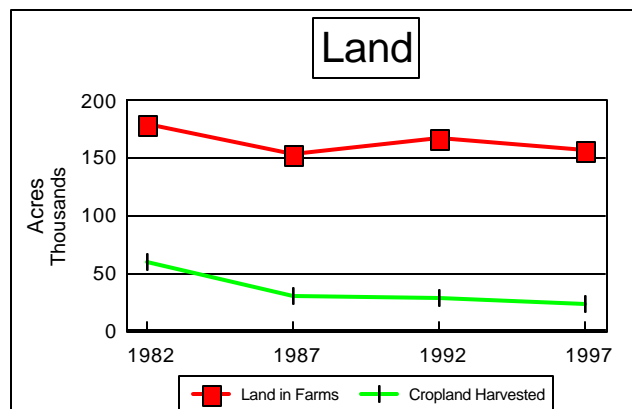
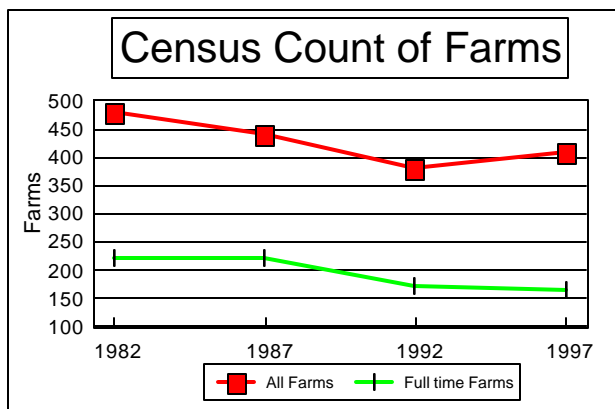
Increased 25 percent to \$32,222,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 17 percent from \$67,266 in 1992 to \$78,399 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	32,222	31	67	1,654	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	30,195	23	67	873	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,026	48	67	2,508	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Aquaculture	(D)	1	63	6	1,505
Cattle and calves	5,248	21	67	1,433	3,063
Dairy products	1,168	18	52	1,335	2,563
Soybeans	856	17	58	1,221	2,136
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	47	66	1,094	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	44	51	568	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	13,937	21	67	1,300	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	21	52	522	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	39	67	1,630	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	149	16	67	561	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	43	62	548	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	24,259	24	67	1,352	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	42	67	1,688	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	34	64	885	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	299	52	67	2,214	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	11,646	20	67	1,543	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	7,195	14	58	1,103	2,144
Wheat-acres	2,656	10	58	1,318	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	1,153	44	67	1,817	2,691
Cotton-acres	(D)	47	57	548	713

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	243	218	11
\$10,000 or more	168	164	2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	25,342	20,017	27
Average per farmdollars..	61,659	52,538	17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,513	4,996	30
Average per farmdollars..	15,846	13,114	21
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	332	333	-0
Partnership or corporation	76	48	58
Other	3	1	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	164	174	-6
Other	247	208	19
Operators by sex:			
Male	380	356	7
Female	31	26	19
Operators by race:			
White	338	324	4
Black and other races	73	58	26
Average age of operator	55.7	55.3	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.