

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 27 percent from 56,102 acres in 1992 to 71,351 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 188 acres in 1992 to 184 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 19 percent from 96 farms in 1992 to 114 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

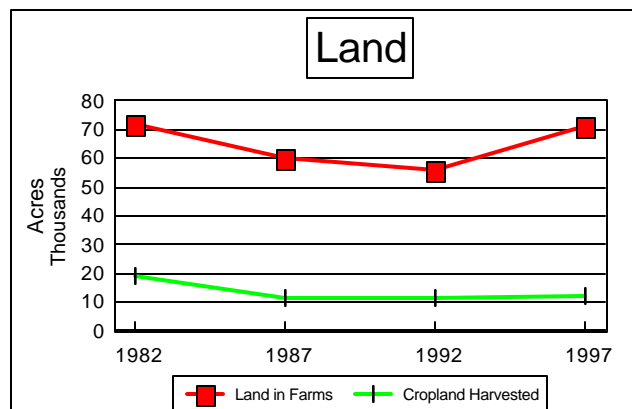
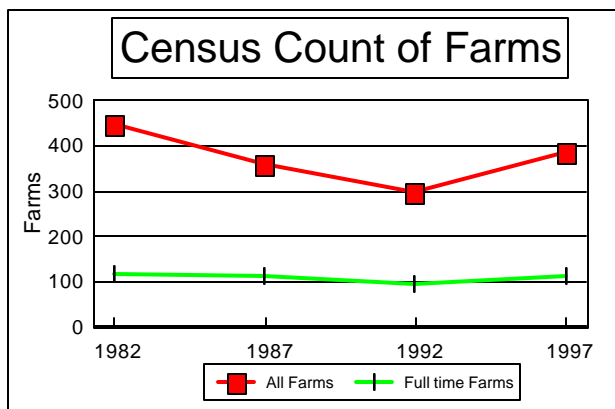
Increased 17 percent to \$5,389,000 in 1997.

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 10 percent from \$15,434 in 1992 to \$13,926 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	5,389	63	67	2,742	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	4,313	54	67	2,423	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,076	58	67	2,711	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	1,833	44	66	823	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,423	61	67	2,369	3,063
Dairy products	976	23	52	1,430	2,563
Soybeans	331	27	58	1,429	2,136
Corn for grain	254	41	67	1,758	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	964,000	41	51	454	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	18	52	296	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	4,355	60	67	2,259	3,063
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	2	10	76	611
Hogs and pigs sold	303	52	67	2,256	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	44	62	549	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	9,666	60	67	2,177	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	21	64	467	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	302	50	67	2,205	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	278	49	67	2,110	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	7,794	46	67	1,928	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,352	27	58	1,374	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	1,803	38	67	1,681	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	436	17	65	1,496	2,473
Wheat-acres	333	43	58	2,019	2,612

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	315	225	40
\$10,000 or more	72	74	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,928	3,963	24
Average per farmdollars..	12,735	13,254	-4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	86	408	-79
Average per farmdollars..	223	1,364	-84
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	353	272	30
Partnership or corporation	32	27	19
Other	2	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	114	96	19
Other	273	203	34
Operators by sex:			
Male	358	283	27
Female	29	16	81
Operators by race:			
White	379	292	30
Black and other races	8	7	14
Average age of operator	54.5	56.4	-3

(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.