

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
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LAUDERDALE ALABAMA

Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 201,892 acres in 1992 to 211,586 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 12 percent from 177 acres in 1992 to 156 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 9 percent from 384 farms in 1992 to 420 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

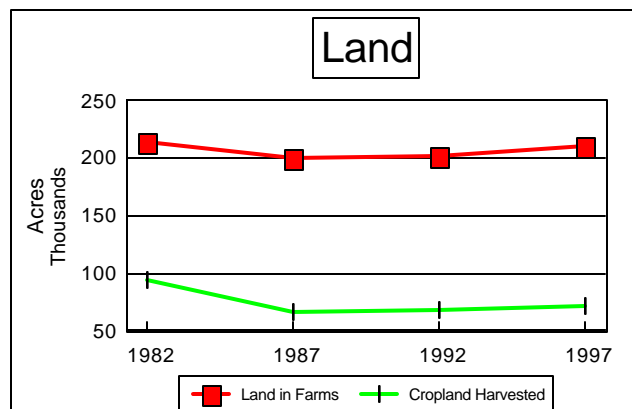
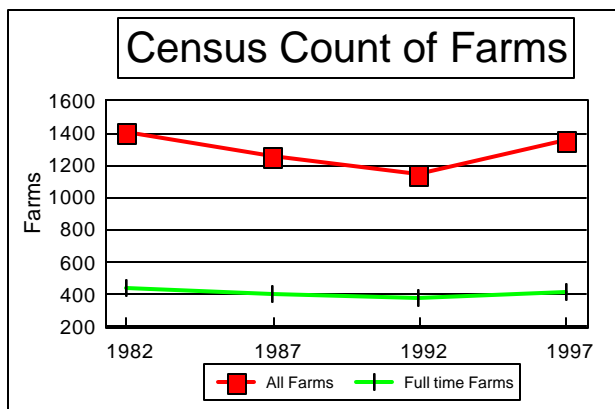
Increased 8 percent to \$29,079,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 9 percent from \$23,534 in 1992 to \$21,461 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	29,079	36	67	1,762	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	14,941	35	67	1,515	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	14,138	17	67	1,519	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	8,002	8	57	175	709
Cattle and calves	7,432	5	67	1,139	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	5,672	38	66	566	2,901
Soybeans	1,934	6	58	992	2,136
Corn for grain	1,465	10	67	1,210	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,701,110	35	51	346	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)		32	52	543	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	20,039	7	67	988	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	4,229	19	67	1,293	2,976
All goats sold	808	3	65	108	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	467,186	34	62	338	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	40,213	7	67	819	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	39,024	33	67	630	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory (D)		21	55	351	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,492	18	67	1,254	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	26,092	4	67	787	3,061
Cotton-acres	22,968	5	57	159	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	11,994	6	58	941	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	7,097	10	67	1,192	2,691
Wheat-acres	5,314	4	58	1,026	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	1,077	835	29
\$10,000 or more	278	308	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	24,898	22,386	11
Average per farmdollars..	18,362	19,585	-6
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,213	2,638	22
Average per farmdollars..	2,369	2,308	3
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,235	1,048	18
Partnership or corporation	114	94	21
Other	6	1	500
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	420	384	9
Other	935	759	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,260	1,064	18
Female	95	79	20
Operators by race:			
White	1,335	1,124	19
Black and other races	20	19	5
Average age of operator	54.4	53.4	2

(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.