

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



LOWNDES ALABAMA

Land in farms

Decreased 13 percent from 199,714 acres in 1992 to 173,049 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 17 percent from 634 acres in 1992 to 524 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 130 farms in 1992 to 133 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

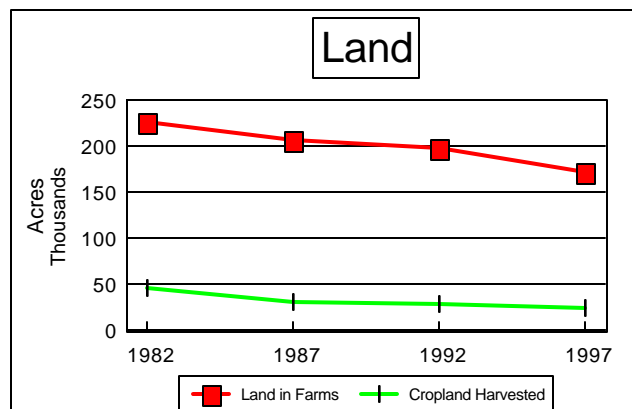
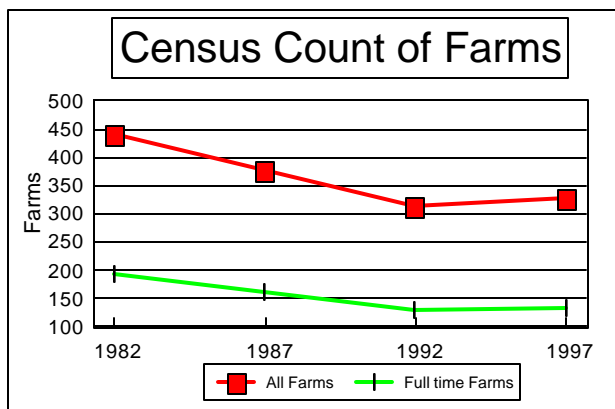
Increased 35 percent to \$31,024,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 29 percent from \$72,805 in 1992 to \$94,012 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	31,024	32	67	1,686	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	25,720	27	67	1,004	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	5,304	37	67	2,095	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	13,147	31	66	373	2,901
Cattle and calves	11,792	1	67	769	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	(D)	19	57	283	709
Corn for grain	(D)	23	67	1,454	2,582
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	34	64	1,411	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	5,703,000	30	51	246	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	6	52	104	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	24,588	4	67	787	3,063
Turkeys sold	(D)	1	17	354	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	24	67	1,409	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	774,022	31	62	270	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	24	67	428	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	2	64	35	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	39,053	8	67	856	3,064
All turkeys inventory	(D)	1	50	293	2,361
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	13,463	16	67	1,404	3,061
Cotton-acres	(D)	21	57	297	713
Corn for grain-acres	2,575	32	67	1,562	2,691
Wheat-acres	(D)	24	58	1,652	2,612
Land in orchards-acres	948	7	66	335	2,693

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	185	172	8
\$10,000 or more	145	143	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	25,545	20,610	24
Average per farmdollars..	77,408	65,428	18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,069	1,860	119
Average per farmdollars..	12,329	5,904	109
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	297	282	5
Partnership or corporation	33	32	3
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	133	130	2
Other	197	185	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	300	293	2
Female	30	22	36
Operators by race:			
White	266	269	-1
Black and other races	64	46	39
Average age of operator	55.6	56.7	-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.