

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 138,437 acres in 1992 to 127,334 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 445 acres in 1992 to 424 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 108 farms in 1992 to 94 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

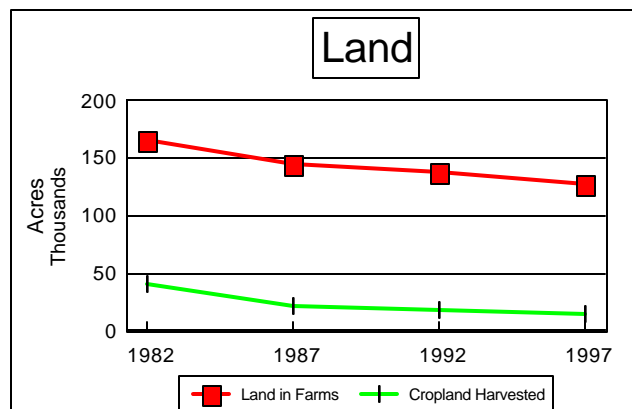
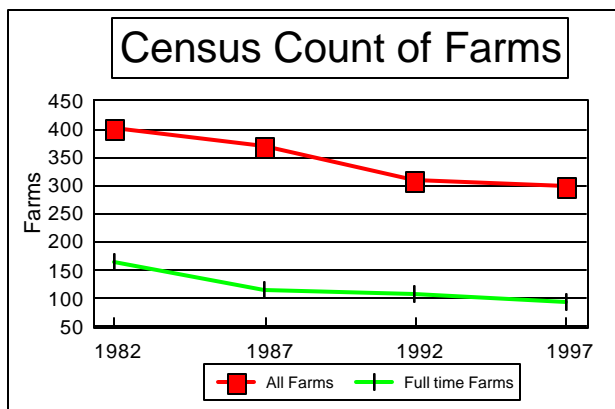
Increased 5 percent to \$9,577,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 9 percent from \$29,323 in 1992 to \$31,923 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	9,577	55	67	2,526	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	6,706	30	67	1,975	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,871	62	67	2,603	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	3,202	21	57	288	709
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,833	15	64	578	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,951	56	67	2,182	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	384	49	66	1,139	2,901
Dairy products	(D)	37	52	1,871	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	110,025	1	52	49	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	5,362	58	67	2,114	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	37	52	931	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	1,057	43	67	1,795	2,976
All goats sold	60	43	65	1,287	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	30,369	3	64	61	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	12,548	54	67	1,943	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	37	67	871	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	424	38	67	1,812	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	358	48	67	2,008	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	5,964	22	57	317	713
Hay crops-acres	5,763	56	67	2,168	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	1,054	45	67	1,851	2,691
All nursery-acres	485	16	64	546	2,619
Land in orchards-acres	482	15	66	486	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	219	224	-2
\$10,000 or more	81	87	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,046	9,302	-14
Average per farmdollars..	26,820	29,911	-10
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,031	49	2004
Average per farmdollars..	3,435	157	2088
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	264	273	-3
Partnership or corporation	35	36	-3
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	94	108	-13
Other	206	203	1
Operators by sex:			
Male	273	280	-3
Female	27	31	-13
Operators by race:			
White	226	229	-1
Black and other races	74	82	-10
Average age of operator	56.4	57.0	-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.