

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



MADISON ALABAMA

Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 224,370 acres in 1992 to 210,455 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 16 percent from 258 acres in 1992 to 216 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 12 percent from 331 farms in 1992 to 371 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

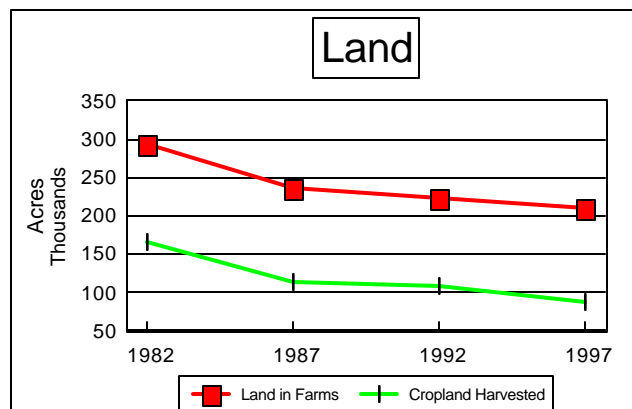
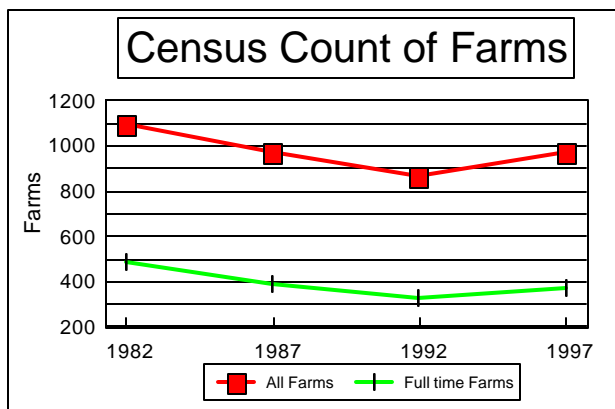
Decreased 40 percent to \$29,160,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 46 percent from \$55,599 in 1992 to \$29,969 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	29,160	35	67	1,755	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	17,381	11	67	1,376	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	11,778	41	67	1,730	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	7,205	1	58	641	2,136
Poultry & poultry products	6,072	37	66	537	2,901
Cattle and calves	4,610	24	67	1,513	3,063
Corn for grain	3,255	3	67	949	2,582
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,904	14	64	566	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,784,500	39	51	399	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)		24	52	366	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	12,483	25	67	1,410	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	5,172	16	67	1,223	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	165	14	67	474	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	174,225	39	62	453	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory (D)		18	67	325	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	24,737	22	67	1,331	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,188	14	67	1,175	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,109	10	67	639	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	43,413	1	58	566	2,144
Hay crops-acres	18,568	11	67	1,103	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	15,038	3	67	910	2,691
Wheat-acres	10,228	1	58	762	2,612
Cotton-acres	5,456	24	57	325	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	683	576	19
\$10,000 or more	290	295	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	29,882	39,231	-24
Average per farmdollars..	30,680	44,939	-32
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(2,510)	8,677	-129
Average per farmdollars..	(2,577)	9,940	-126
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	860	776	11
Partnership or corporation	107	89	20
Other	6	6	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	371	331	12
Other	602	540	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	899	818	10
Female	74	53	40
Operators by race:			
White	902	814	11
Black and other races	71	57	25
Average age of operator	55.6	54.5	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.