

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



MARION ALABAMA

Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 89,228 acres in 1992 to 98,078 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 158 acres in 1992 to 145 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 14 percent from 177 farms in 1992 to 201 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

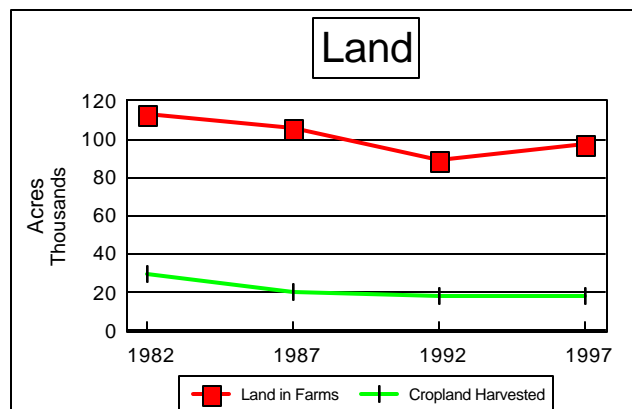
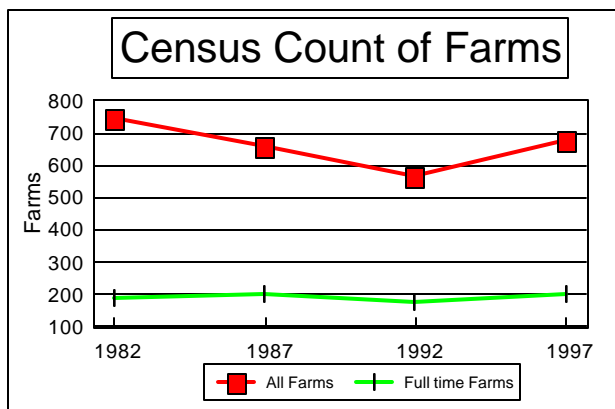
Increased 66 percent to \$26,143,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 39 percent from \$27,745 in 1992 to \$38,616 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	26,143	38	67	1,879	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	24,373	28	67	1,056	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,770	52	67	2,553	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	21,048	25	66	267	2,901
Cattle and calves	3,040	42	67	1,838	3,063
Corn for grain	671	25	67	1,465	2,582
Soybeans	(D)	23	58	1,317	2,136
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	338	25	67	1,984	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	11,109,100	23	51	176	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	30	52	500	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	8,488	41	67	1,746	3,063
All goats sold	1,198	2	65	74	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	464	49	67	2,087	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	1,708,800	24	62	179	2,620
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	14	46	246	1,790
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	34	67	642	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	17,765	39	67	1,650	3,064
All goat inventory	1,169	3	67	169	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	10,298	30	67	1,685	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,820	23	67	1,436	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,423	21	58	1,284	2,144
Wheat-acres	450	38	58	1,937	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	307	21	65	1,659	2,473

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	530	428	24
\$10,000 or more	147	138	7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	21,204	13,567	56
Average per farmdollars..	31,320	23,970	31
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,749	1,451	89
Average per farmdollars..	4,061	2,564	58
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	627	525	19
Partnership or corporation	46	41	12
Other	4	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	201	177	14
Other	476	389	22
Operators by sex:			
Male	622	515	21
Female	55	51	8
Operators by race:			
White	669	563	19
Black and other races	8	3	167
Average age of operator	55.0	54.9	0

(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.