

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



MARSHALL ALABAMA

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 142,873 acres in 1992 to 146,129 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 12 percent from 105 acres in 1992 to 92 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 566 farms in 1992 to 584 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

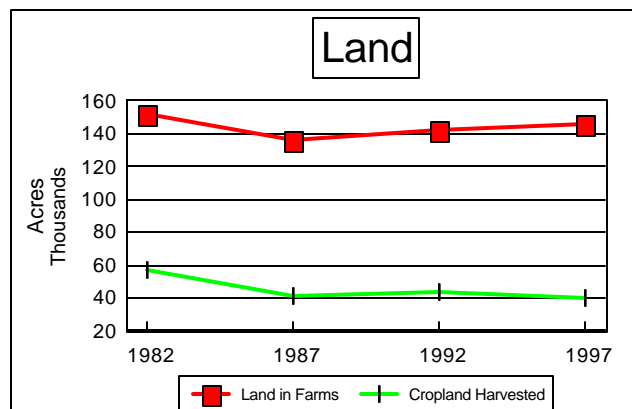
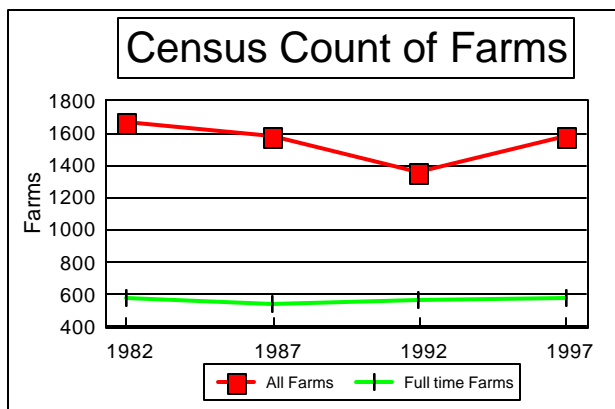
Increased 48 percent to \$200,632,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 27 percent from \$99,426 in 1992 to \$126,742 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	200,632	3	67	135	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	195,752	3	67	60	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,880	40	67	2,138	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	185,764	3	66	14	2,901
Cattle and calves	7,176	10	67	1,166	3,063
Hogs and pigs	1,697	5	67	864	2,976
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,353	22	64	858	2,790
Soybeans	1,315	10	58	1,105	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	63,740,099	3	51	15	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	1,705,654	3	52	39	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	21,377	5	67	916	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	16,818	7	67	871	2,976
All goats sold	239	11	65	404	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	9,528,897	4	62	18	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,408,227	2	67	53	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	335,234	2	55	38	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	224,020	3	46	68	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	45,226	3	67	698	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	24,774	5	67	822	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	7,679	11	58	1,079	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	6,999	11	67	1,197	2,691
Wheat-acres	1,352	17	58	1,571	2,612
All nursery-acres	317	21	64	736	2,619

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	1,141	874	31
\$10,000 or more	442	490	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	161,948	113,253	43
Average per farmdollars..	102,305	83,091	23
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	34,033	19,709	73
Average per farmdollars..	21,499	14,460	49
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,474	1,241	19
Partnership or corporation	105	120	-13
Other	4	3	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	584	566	3
Other	999	798	25
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,471	1,251	18
Female	112	113	-1
Operators by race:			
White	1,573	1,360	16
Black and other races	10	4	150
Average age of operator	53.5	53.3	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.