

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



MOBILE ALABAMA

Land in farms

Increased 16 percent from 104,342 acres in 1992 to 121,320 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 156 acres in 1992 to 161 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 296 farms in 1992 to 299 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

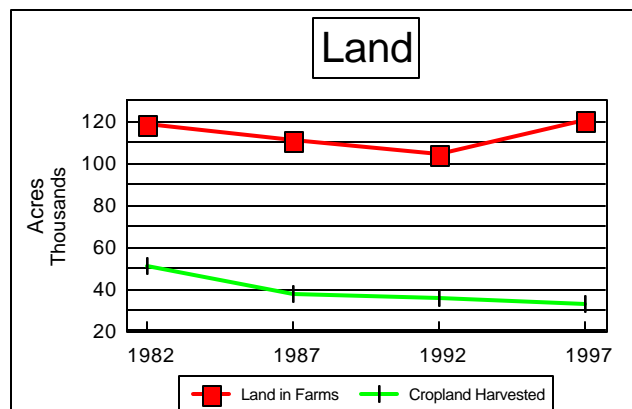
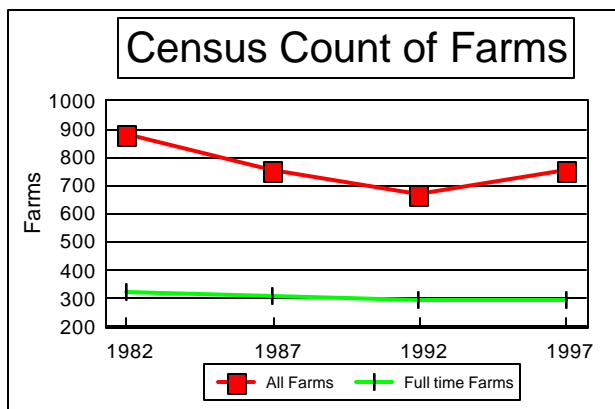
Increased 15 percent to \$62,661,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 2 percent from \$81,651 in 1992 to \$82,994 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	62,661	12	67	931	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	52,946	1	67	503	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,715	45	67	1,879	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	44,108	1	64	43	2,790
Cotton, cottonseed	6,745	11	57	203	709
Cattle and calves	4,539	26	67	1,532	3,063
Dairy products	2,708	4	52	920	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	45	66	903	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	36	52	664	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	11,918	26	67	1,449	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	5,291	15	67	1,216	2,976
All goats sold	543	4	65	167	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	319	2	67	166	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	28	67	501	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	22,917	27	67	1,406	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	13	67	1,171	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	1,084	12	67	652	3,066
All goat inventory	802	8	67	258	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	13,313	15	57	224	713
Hay crops-acres	7,627	49	67	1,947	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,778	24	58	1,330	2,144
Land in orchards-acres	2,761	2	66	177	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	2,737	29	67	1,543	2,691

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	524	438	20
\$10,000 or more	231	232	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	44,952	45,556	-1
Average per farmdollars..	59,698	68,096	-12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	15,101	8,888	70
Average per farmdollars..	20,054	13,285	51
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	645	579	11
Partnership or corporation	102	88	16
Other	8	3	167
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	299	296	1
Other	456	374	22
Operators by sex:			
Male	676	604	12
Female	79	66	20
Operators by race:			
White	740	656	13
Black and other races	15	14	7
Average age of operator	56.1	57.2	-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.