

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



BLOUNT ALABAMA

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 137,426 acres in 1992 to 138,509 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 6 percent from 123 acres in 1992 to 116 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 485 farms in 1992 to 455 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

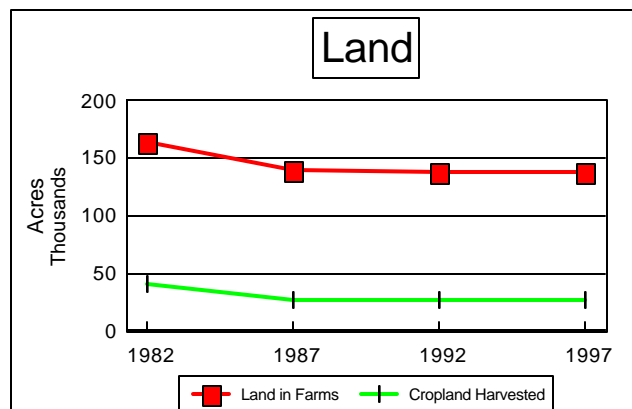
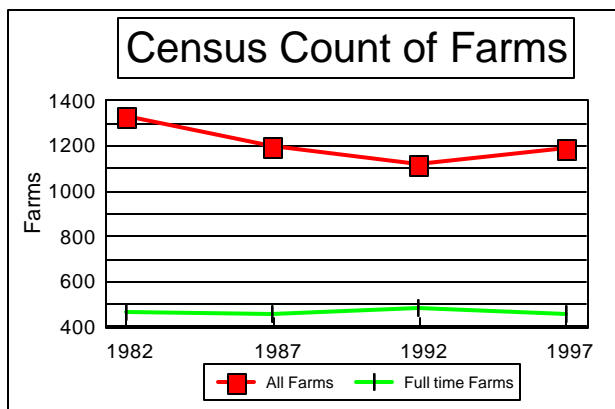
Increased 42 percent to \$137,982,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 34 percent from \$86,462 in 1992 to \$115,854 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	137,982	4	67	291	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	132,887	4	67	110	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	5,096	38	67	2,117	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	123,687	4	66	27	2,901
Cattle and calves	7,343	6	67	1,147	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,144	4	67	349	2,739
Dairy products	1,677	9	52	1,140	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	701	28	64	1,158	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	61,547,838	4	51	16	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	705,314	5	52	125	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	19,201	10	67	1,033	3,063
All goats sold	303	10	65	324	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	156	9	51	1,832	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	10,220,614	3	62	15	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	419,824	7	67	178	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	86,061	8	55	164	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	42,173	5	67	766	3,064
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	17	46	275	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	18,419	12	67	1,114	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,222	23	58	1,292	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	1,630	39	67	1,708	2,691
Cotton-acres	1,394	35	57	452	713
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,390	3	67	365	2,741

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	807	715	13
\$10,000 or more	384	406	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	115,662	79,905	45
Average per farmdollars..	96,869	71,280	36
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	19,106	13,883	38
Average per farmdollars..	16,002	12,384	29
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,103	1,029	7
Partnership or corporation	86	88	-2
Other	2	4	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	455	485	-6
Other	736	636	16
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,094	1,026	7
Female	97	95	2
Operators by race:			
White	1,184	1,120	6
Black and other races	7	1	600
Average age of operator	54.1	54.3	-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.