

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 231,243 acres in 1992 to 240,951 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 387 acres in 1992 to 368 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 229 farms in 1992 to 239 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

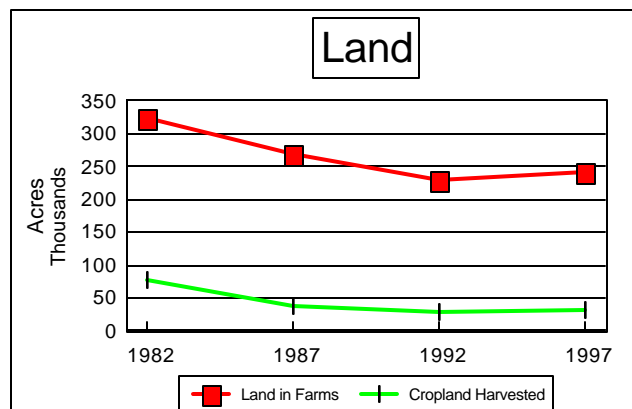
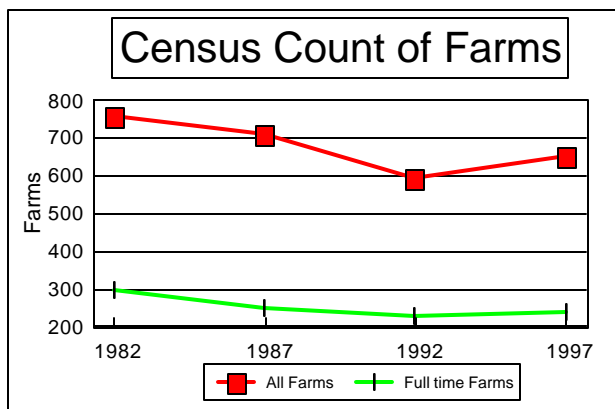
Increased 9 percent to \$33,114,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased slightly from \$50,860 in 1992 to \$50,633 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	33,114	29	67	1,629	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	23,488	30	67	1,095	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,626	25	67	1,780	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	11,547	2	67	786	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	8,508	35	66	480	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	7,271	6	64	285	2,790
Aquaculture	(D)	7	63	76	1,505
Dairy products	994	22	52	1,420	2,563
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,722,000	34	51	344	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	27,294	3	67	717	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	13	52	210	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	236	7	51	1,637	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	202	7	67	351	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	470,000	33	62	337	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	19	67	333	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	44,154	4	67	721	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	5,829	13	64	216	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	1,560	3	67	345	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	24,266	7	67	847	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,241	28	58	1,384	2,144
Cotton-acres	1,372	36	57	453	713
Corn for grain-acres	975	47	67	1,873	2,691
Wheat-acres	722	29	58	1,769	2,612

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	411	367	12
\$10,000 or more .....	243	231	5
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	26,810	25,268	6
Average per farm .....dollars..	41,056	42,324	-3
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	6,496	5,939	9
Average per farm .....dollars..	9,948	9,949	-0
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	585	530	10
Partnership or corporation .....	66	62	6
Other .....	3	6	-50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	239	229	4
Other .....	415	369	12
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	604	545	11
Female .....	50	53	-6
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	586	532	10
Black and other races .....	68	66	3
Average age of operator .....	57.4	56.1	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.