

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



PERRY ALABAMA

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 144,193 acres in 1992 to 144,648 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 462 acres in 1992 to 425 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 133 farms in 1992 to 137 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

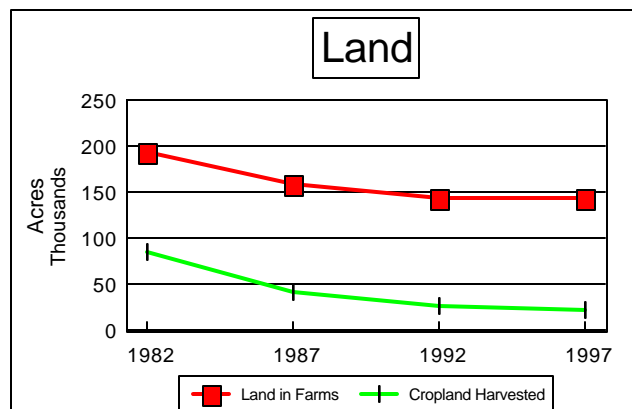
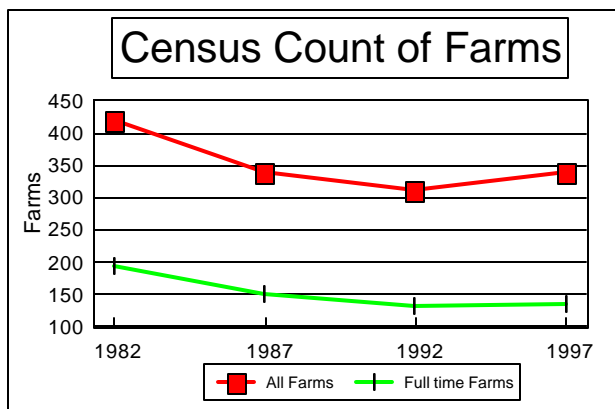
Decreased 23 percent to \$10,214,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 24 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 76 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 30 percent from \$42,748 in 1992 to \$30,040 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	10,214	54	67	2,490	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	7,779	47	67	2,059	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,434	46	67	2,440	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	3,344	36	67	1,780	3,063
Aquaculture	(D)	5	63	50	1,505
Soybeans	1,427	8	58	1,082	2,136
Dairy products	1,227	16	52	1,310	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	271	40	67	2,143	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	14	52	220	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	8,826	38	67	1,710	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	21	67	665	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	121	58	67	2,531	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	11	21	933	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	18,544	34	67	1,606	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	8	64	154	2,884
All goat inventory	240	39	67	998	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	185	47	67	2,352	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	182	66	67	2,638	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	10,869	25	67	1,627	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	8,640	10	58	1,048	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	1,310	42	67	1,773	2,691
Wheat-acres	1,029	23	58	1,651	2,612
Sweetpotatoes-acres	(D)	4	27	41	465

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	240	194	24
\$10,000 or more	100	118	-15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,085	11,815	-32
Average per farmdollars..	23,849	37,870	-37
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	692	980	-29
Average per farmdollars..	2,036	3,142	-35
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	304	266	14
Partnership or corporation	34	43	-21
Other	2	3	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	137	133	3
Other	203	179	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	301	299	1
Female	39	13	200
Operators by race:			
White	265	245	8
Black and other races	75	67	12
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.