

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



PICKENS ALABAMA

Land in farms

Increased 16 percent from 106,206 acres in 1992 to 123,132 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 263 acres in 1992 to 271 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 186 farms in 1992 to 172 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

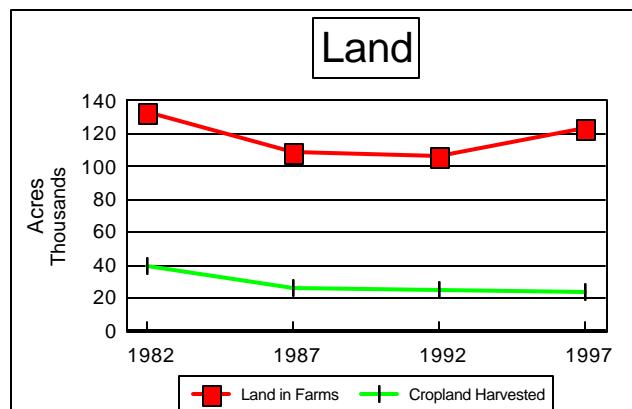
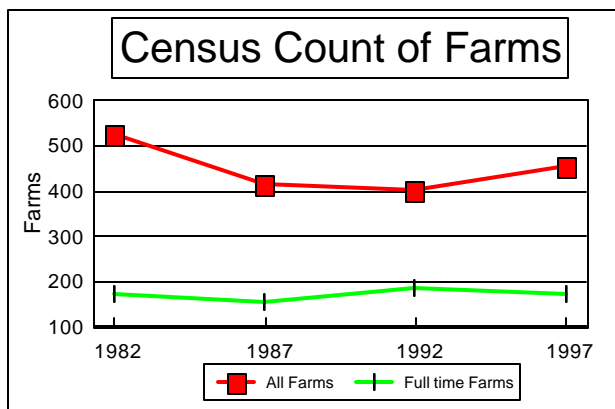
Increased 23 percent to \$60,574,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$121,488 in 1992 to \$133,424 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	60,574	15	67	975	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	57,772	11	67	415	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,802	44	67	2,395	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	48,307	13	66	126	2,901
Hogs and pigs	4,416	2	67	575	2,976
Cattle and calves	3,652	31	67	1,715	3,063
Aquaculture	(D)	8	63	127	1,505
Soybeans	773	18	58	1,240	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	23,799,092	10	51	77	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	489,120	10	52	179	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	43,375	4	67	574	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	8,521	40	67	1,743	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	39	41	67	1,901	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	3,993,139	9	62	80	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	284,310	8	67	241	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	82,046	10	55	169	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	16	46	270	1,790
Hogs and pigs inventory	18,062	3	67	629	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	10,118	33	67	1,711	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	6,675	16	58	1,126	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	2,863	28	67	1,529	2,691
Wheat-acres	2,312	12	58	1,375	2,612
Cotton-acres	1,291	39	57	464	713

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	284	220	29
\$10,000 or more	170	184	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	49,292	40,502	22
Average per farmdollars..	108,572	100,501	8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,315	6,739	38
Average per farmdollars..	20,517	16,721	23
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	407	363	12
Partnership or corporation	47	40	18
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	172	186	-8
Other	282	218	29
Operators by sex:			
Male	421	374	13
Female	33	30	10
Operators by race:			
White	427	380	12
Black and other races	27	24	13
Average age of operator	54.1	54.9	-1

(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.