

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



ST CLAIR ALABAMA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 78,176 acres in 1992 to 76,849 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 141 acres in 1992 to 129 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 236 farms in 1992 to 222 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

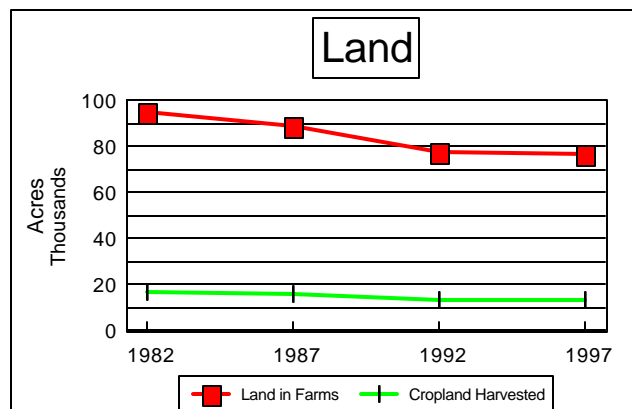
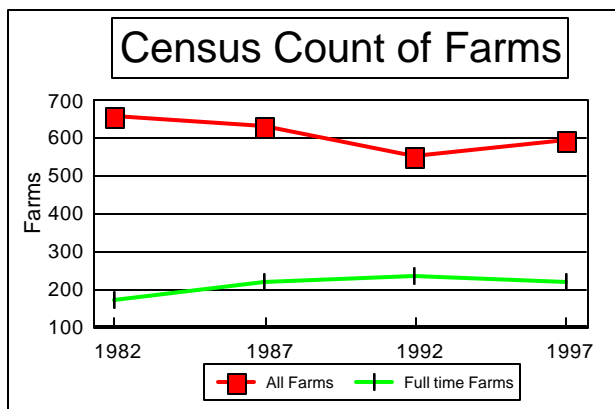
Increased 30 percent to \$51,728,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 12 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 88 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 21 percent from \$71,879 in 1992 to \$87,084 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	51,728	24	67	1,162	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	45,461	20	67	579	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	6,267	31	67	2,009	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	36,933	21	66	171	2,901
Hogs and pigs	5,379	1	67	510	2,976
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,143	13	64	548	2,790
Cattle and calves	2,903	45	67	1,876	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,626	3	67	301	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	19,713,468	16	51	100	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	48,597	3	67	529	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	7,711	49	67	1,821	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	17	51	2,006	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	88	27	67	1,056	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	3,018,358	17	62	107	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	22,945	2	67	542	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	18,064	36	67	1,634	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	941	18	67	812	3,066
All goat inventory	259	38	67	935	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	11,780	19	67	1,528	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	940	6	67	474	2,741
All nursery-acres	(D)	7	64	328	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	166	59	67	2,288	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	78	42	66	1,175	2,693

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	452	389	16
\$10,000 or more	142	166	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	42,524	32,499	31
Average per farmdollars..	71,589	58,557	22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,675	5,448	41
Average per farmdollars..	12,920	9,817	32
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	546	507	8
Partnership or corporation	46	45	2
Other	2	3	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	222	236	-6
Other	372	319	17
Operators by sex:			
Male	532	513	4
Female	62	42	48
Operators by race:			
White	585	554	6
Black and other races	9	1	800
Average age of operator	54.6	55.4	-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.