

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



SUMTER ALABAMA

Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 167,923 acres in 1992 to 174,769 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 500 acres in 1992 to 474 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 136 farms in 1992 to 141 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

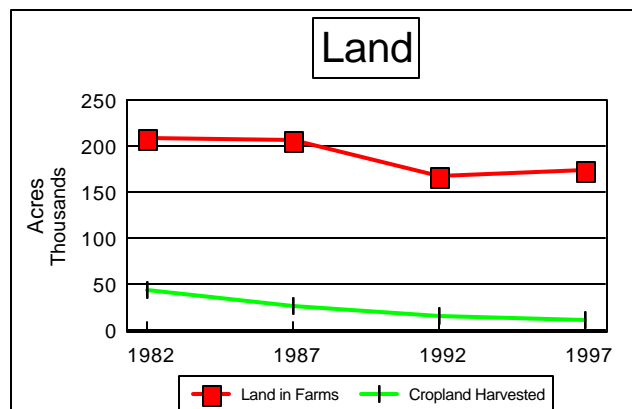
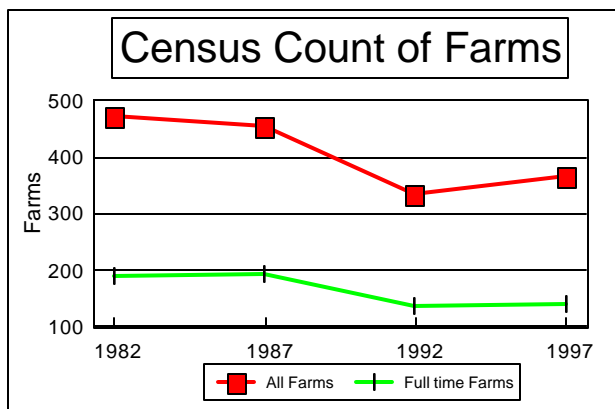
Increased 4 percent to \$11,237,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 5 percent from \$32,193 in 1992 to \$30,454 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	11,237	51	67	2,444	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	10,344	43	67	1,833	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	893	59	67	2,751	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	6,051	14	67	1,299	3,063
Aquaculture	(D)	4	63	39	1,505
Soybeans	328	28	58	1,432	2,136
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	316	30	67	2,029	3,043
Corn for grain	182	45	67	1,853	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	9	52	140	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	15,994	14	67	1,188	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	126	57	67	2,519	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	35	45	67	1,999	3,015
All goats sold	30	56	65	1,744	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	25,198	21	67	1,306	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	15	64	242	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	398	39	67	1,886	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	104	57	67	2,617	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	55	59	67	2,652	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	10,040	35	67	1,724	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,836	31	58	1,434	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	896	49	67	1,894	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	36	65	2,012	2,473
Field seeds-acres	90	20	50	569	1,212

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	253	216	17
\$10,000 or more	116	120	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	11,151	7,900	41
Average per farmdollars..	30,219	23,582	28
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,201	1,865	-36
Average per farmdollars..	3,254	5,566	-42
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	331	290	14
Partnership or corporation	37	43	-14
Other	1	3	-67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	141	136	4
Other	228	200	14
Operators by sex:			
Male	311	295	5
Female	58	41	41
Operators by race:			
White	265	227	17
Black and other races	104	109	-5
Average age of operator	56.9	57.2	-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.