

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



## TUSCALOOSA ALABAMA

### Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 96,194 acres in 1992 to 99,827 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 221 acres in 1992 to 196 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 185 farms in 1992 to 190 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

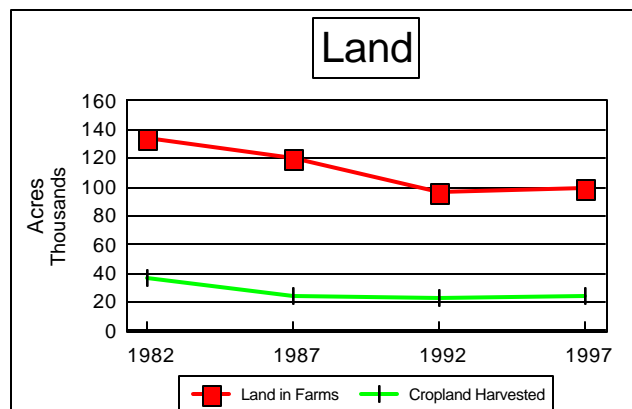
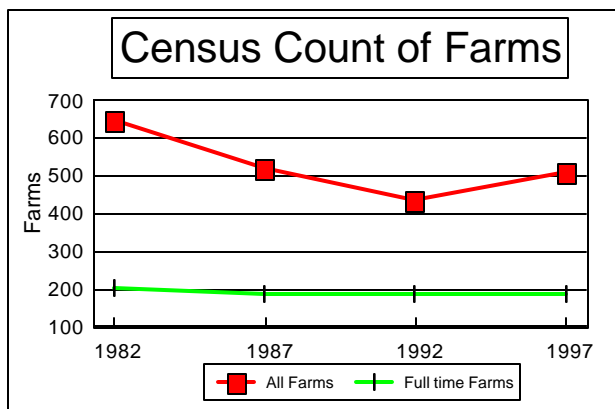
Decreased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 15 percent from \$47,175 in 1992 to \$40,254 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	20,529	44	67	2,080	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	14,342	38	67	1,552	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	6,188	32	67	2,020	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	10,541	34	66	425	2,901
Cattle and calves	2,606	51	67	1,960	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	2,198	24	57	319	709
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,717	19	64	753	2,790
Corn for grain	1,232	14	67	1,272	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	5,852,481	29	51	242	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	6,905	52	67	1,902	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	44	67	1,856	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	182	11	67	407	3,015
All goats sold	118	26	65	806	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	1,158,496	28	62	224	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	13,547	51	67	1,876	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	893	19	67	864	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	544	36	64	981	2,884
All goat inventory	479	22	67	497	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	11,043	24	67	1,613	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	4,464	18	67	1,366	2,691
Cotton-acres	4,313	25	57	341	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,118	29	58	1,398	2,144
Wheat-acres	1,162	20	58	1,611	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 .....	382	310	23
\$10,000 or more .....	128	126	2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	18,399	17,045	8
Average per farm .....dollars..	36,005	39,006	-8
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,499	2,415	-38
Average per farm .....dollars..	2,934	5,525	-47
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	443	382	16
Partnership or corporation .....	64	51	25
Other .....	3	3	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	190	185	3
Other .....	320	251	27
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	459	404	14
Female .....	51	32	59
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	501	428	17
Black and other races .....	9	8	13
Average age of operator .....	56.7	56.0	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.