

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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## WASHINGTON ALABAMA

### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 85,086 acres in 1992 to 87,143 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 236 acres in 1992 to 220 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 11 percent from 133 farms in 1992 to 147 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

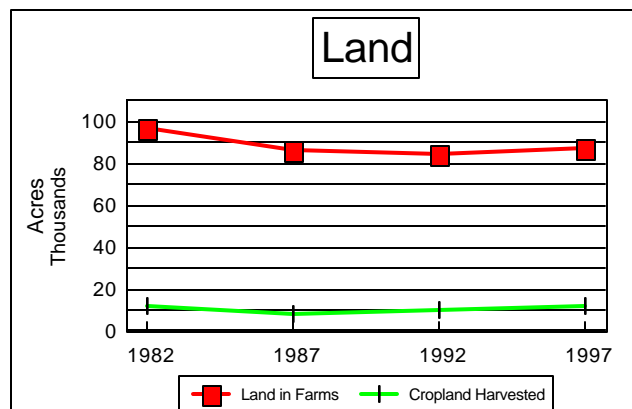
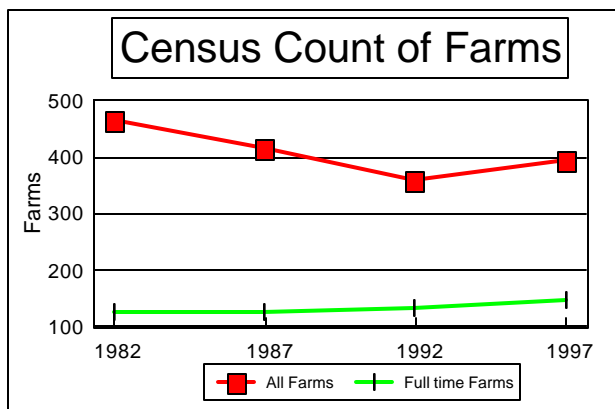
Increased 34 percent to \$21,886,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 22 percent from \$45,107 in 1992 to \$55,127 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	21,886	43	67	2,031	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	19,674	33	67	1,262	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,212	47	67	2,477	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	16,600	30	66	331	2,901
Cattle and calves	2,111	55	67	2,124	3,063
Cotton, cottonseed	(D)	32	57	408	709
Corn for grain	672	24	67	1,464	2,582
Hogs and pigs	544	14	67	1,182	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,496,188	32	51	282	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	348,895	13	52	234	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	16,150	12	52	209	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	5,840	55	67	2,033	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	5,428	14	67	1,207	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	612,087	32	62	303	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	212,294	14	67	285	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	13	46	229	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	22	55	362	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	11,123	58	67	2,044	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	6,454	53	67	2,097	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,012	27	67	1,513	2,691
Cotton-acres	(D)	37	57	456	713
Wheat-acres	1,205	19	58	1,602	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,171	37	58	1,546	2,144

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 .....	269	236	14
\$10,000 or more .....	128	125	2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	16,954	12,971	31
Average per farm .....dollars..	42,705	35,932	19
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,442	2,050	19
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,152	5,677	8
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	376	339	11
Partnership or corporation .....	19	22	-14
Other .....	2	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	147	133	11
Other .....	250	228	10
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	362	327	11
Female .....	35	34	3
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	390	350	11
Black and other races .....	7	11	-36
Average age of operator .....	56.6	54.4	4

(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.