

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service



CHAMBERS ALABAMA

Land in farms

Decreased 14 percent from 109,555 acres in 1992 to 94,277 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 319 acres in 1992 to 291 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 13 percent from 104 farms in 1992 to 118 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

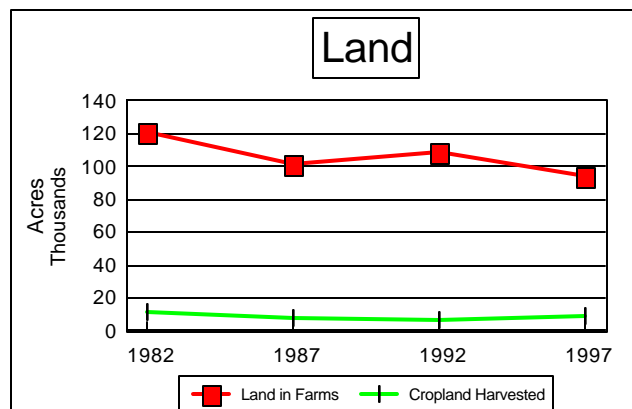
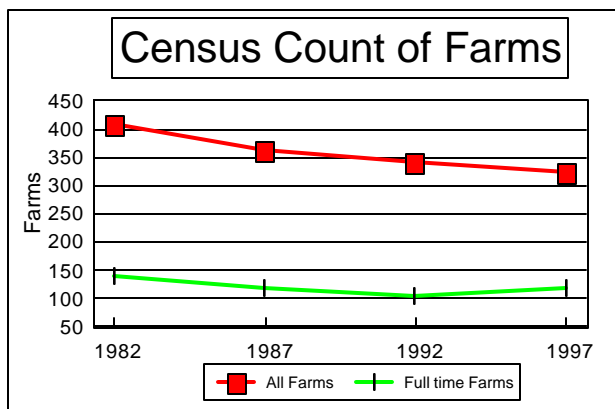
Increased 3 percent to \$4,269,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 28 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 72 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 9 percent from \$12,095 in 1992 to \$13,176 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	4,269	64	67	2,808	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,084	61	67	2,581	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,185	56	67	2,681	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	2,791	48	67	1,909	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	732	26	64	1,137	2,790
Dairy products	(D)	40	52	2,038	2,563
Cotton, cottonseed	(D)	48	57	542	709
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	151	60	67	2,503	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	8,034	46	67	1,793	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	13	51	1,924	2,765
All goats sold	68	39	65	1,182	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	54	64	67	2,715	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	45	52	1,562	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	16,951	44	67	1,700	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	43	64	1,306	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	299	52	67	2,214	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	18	58	1,968	2,864
All goat inventory	63	63	67	2,089	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	7,361	50	67	1,980	3,061
Cotton-acres	(D)	48	57	559	713
Land in orchards-acres	317	22	66	598	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	155	61	67	2,296	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	40	65	2,053	2,473

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	247	265	-7
\$10,000 or more	77	78	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,972	3,855	29
Average per farmdollars..	15,347	11,208	37
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(847)	173	-590
Average per farmdollars..	(2,615)	504	-619
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	298	314	-5
Partnership or corporation	24	28	-14
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	118	104	13
Other	206	239	-14
Operators by sex:			
Male	294	323	-9
Female	30	20	50
Operators by race:			
White	314	330	-5
Black and other races	10	13	-23
Average age of operator	58.1	58.4	-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.