

2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

Alabama

Number of farms

45,126 farms in 2002, 49,872 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

Land in farms

8,904,387 acres in 2002, 9,517,377 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

197 acres in 2002, 191 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$3,264,949,000 in 2002, \$3,198,630,000 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$590,268,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,674,681,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

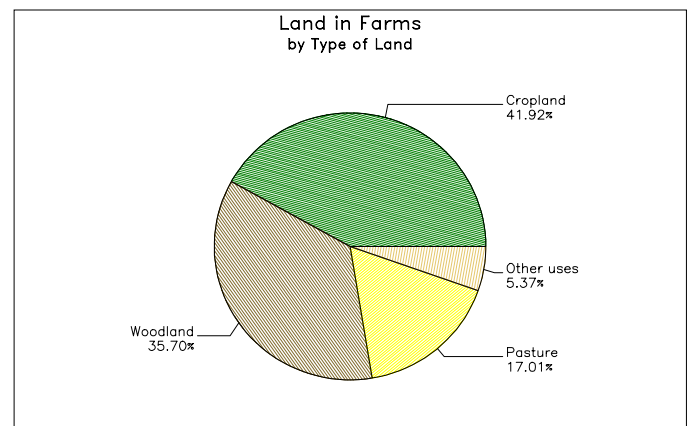
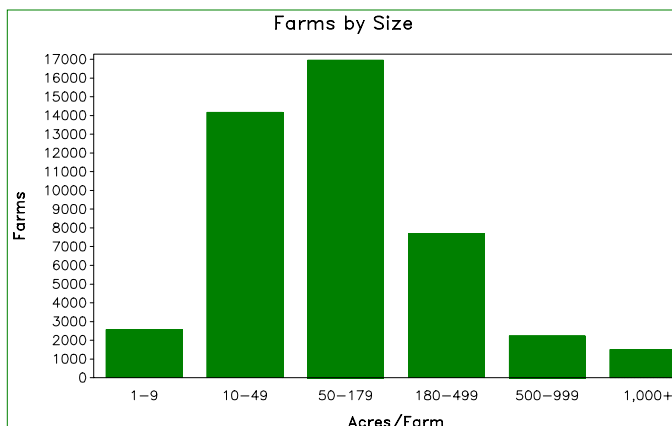
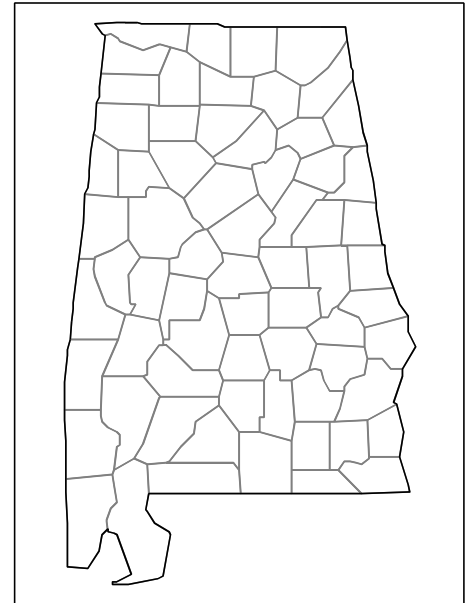
\$72,352 in 2002, \$64,137 in 1997, up 13 percent.

Government Payments

\$77,930,000 in 2002, \$46,022,000 in 1997, up 69 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,058 in 2002, \$4,344 in 1997, up 39 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	3,264,949	23	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	590,268	35	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,674,681	15	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	62,949	36	50
Tobacco	698	19	23
Cotton and cottonseed	125,232	11	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	40,649	30	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	20,543	22	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	251,463	17	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	1,200	30	50
Other crops and hay	87,535	28	50
Poultry and eggs	2,137,299	4	50
Cattle and calves	348,253	28	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	46,129	41	50
Hogs and pigs	39,441	25	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,534	36	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	13,851	24	50
Aquaculture	80,976	4	50
Other animals and other animal products	7,198	28	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	158,296,720	3	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	9,656,322	13	50
Cattle and calves	1,437,795	23	50
Quail	575,764	3	50
Hogs and pigs	168,013	26	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	823,039	26	50
All Cotton	523,123	8	17
Peanuts	176,395	3	16
Corn for grain	176,122	28	49
Soybeans	164,771	26	41

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	13,298
\$1,000 to \$2,499	6,260
\$2,500 to \$4,999	6,428
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6,083
\$10,000 to \$19,999	4,203
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1,003
\$25,000 to \$39,999	1,425
\$40,000 to \$49,999	509
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,246
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1,280
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1,441
\$500,000 or more	1,950
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,588,600
Average per farm (\$)	57,366
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	905,961
Average per farm (\$)	20,077

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	23,950
Other	21,176
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	40,305
Female	4,821
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	57,863
Black or African American	2,889
American Indian or Alaska Native	502
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	10
Asian	51
More than one race	376
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	614

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.