

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Chilton, Alabama

### Number of farms

667 farms in 2002, 806 farms in 1997, down 17 percent.

### Land in farms

98,294 acres in 2002, 110,181 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

### Average size of farm

147 acres in 2002, 137 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$13,107,000 in 2002, \$10,290,000 in 1997, up 27 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,024,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,083,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

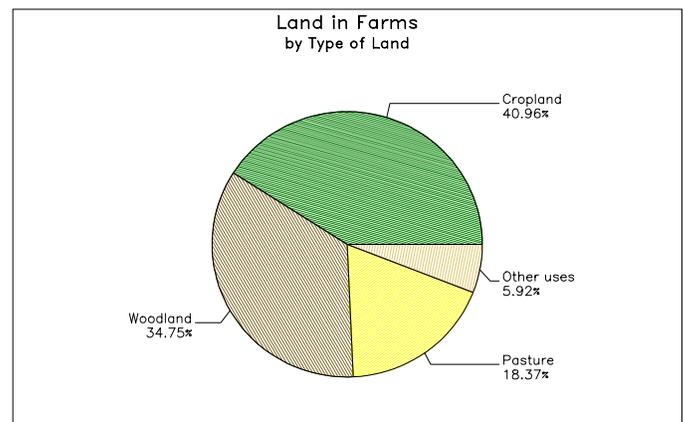
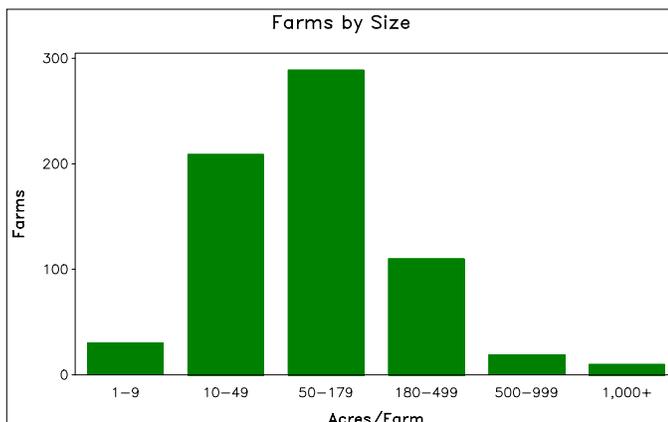
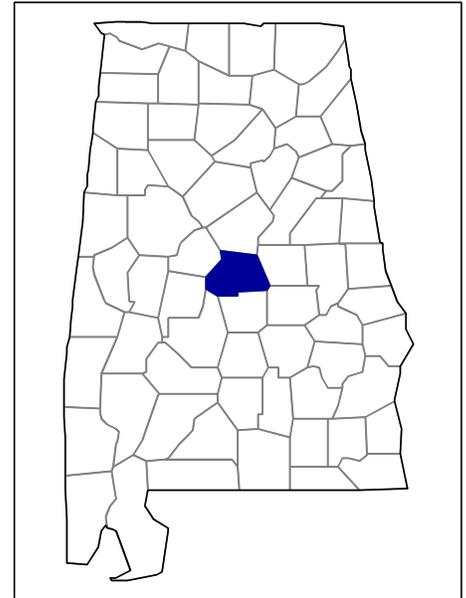
\$19,651 in 2002, \$12,767 in 1997, up 54 percent.

### Government Payments

\$229,000 in 2002, \$189,000 in 1997, up 21 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,335 in 2002, \$2,122 in 1997, up 10 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	13,107	50	67	2,349	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,024	22	67	1,723	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,083	56	67	2,438	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	142	49	66	2,302	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	180	46	56	507	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,557	10	66	618	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4,913	1	67	146	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,731	23	62	856	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	502	26	67	1,898	3,046
Poultry and eggs	277	50	66	1,163	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,555	37	67	1,782	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	54	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	21	24	66	1,868	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	203	27	67	1,098	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	24	18	60	1,446	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Quail	(D)	3	42	(D)	1,412
Cattle and calves	16,964	37	67	1,613	3,059
Pheasants	(D)	1	30	(D)	1,541
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	47	65	(D)	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,498	40	67	1,121	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,561	30	67	1,625	3,059
Peaches	2,773	1	62	15	1,773
All Vegetables harvested	1,121	6	66	407	2,710
All Cotton	1,095	44	57	482	663
Corn for grain	861	44	67	1,836	2,592

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	189	Farming	353
\$1,000 to \$2,499	113	Other	314
\$2,500 to \$4,999	91		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	103	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	61	Male	579
\$20,000 to \$24,999	21	Female	88
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	17	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	White	880
\$500,000 or more	4	Black or African American	38
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	13,769	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Average per farm (\$)	20,768	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,585	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	3,898	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	13

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.