

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Covington, Alabama

Number of farms

1,013 farms in 2002, 1,064 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

201,795 acres in 2002, 196,313 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Average size of farm

199 acres in 2002, 185 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$67,510,000 in 2002, \$68,171,000 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$12,694,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$54,817,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

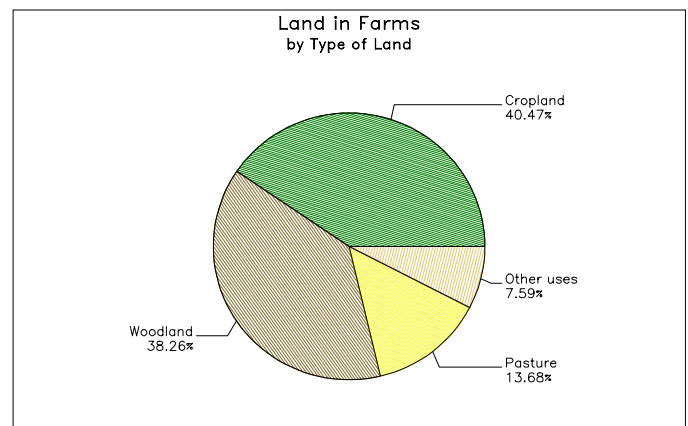
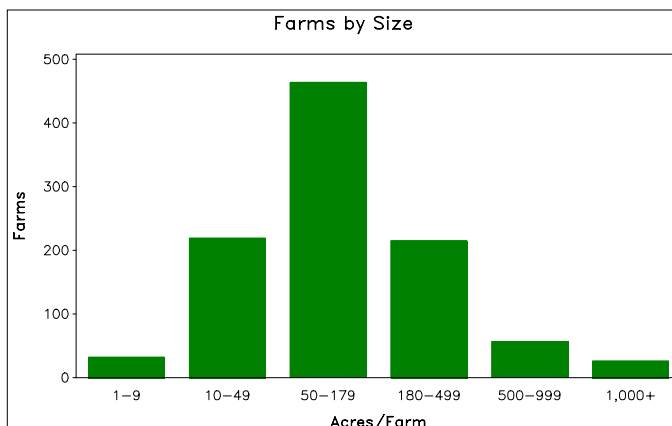
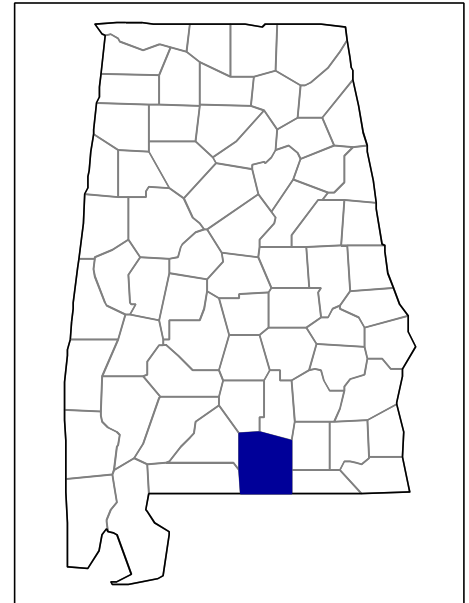
\$66,644 in 2002, \$64,071 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,899,000 in 2002, \$1,467,000 in 1997, up 98 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,180 in 2002, \$3,640 in 1997, up 70 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	67,510	15	67	842	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	12,694	13	67	1,501	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	54,817	16	67	498	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	482	29	66	2,006	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	3,947	8	56	201	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,173	11	66	712	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	567	6	67	488	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,463	25	62	936	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	68	4	34	549	1,774
Other crops and hay	4,993	7	67	250	3,046
Poultry and eggs	42,287	19	66	164	2,918
Cattle and calves	9,778	6	67	1,009	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,449	13	54	1,176	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4	48	66	2,576	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	24	20	66	1,769	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	62	9	60	1,063	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,184,927	19	65	131	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	383,361	7	67	197	2,983
Cattle and calves	33,915	12	67	940	3,059
Pheasants	(D)	2	30	(D)	1,541
All Goats	1,304	10	67	328	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	15,686	10	57	200	663
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,461	18	67	1,479	3,059
Peanuts	10,981	6	29	39	398
Corn for grain	1,574	34	67	1,643	2,592
Pecans	1,316	3	66	115	1,194

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	397	Farming	487
\$1,000 to \$2,499	90	Other	526
\$2,500 to \$4,999	114	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	102	Male	866
\$10,000 to \$19,999	95	Female	147
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	46	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	White	1,331
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17	Black or African American	15
\$100,000 to \$249,999	30	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	48	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	41	Asian	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	53,160	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	52,686	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	20,275		
Average per farm (\$)	20,095		

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

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

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