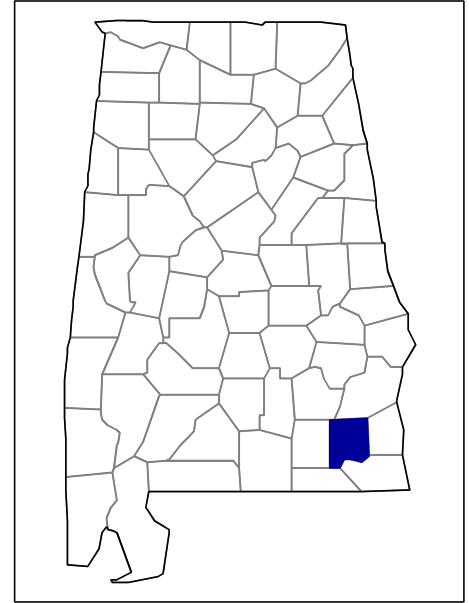


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Number of farms

459 farms in 2002, 505 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

139,364 acres in 2002, 140,577 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

304 acres in 2002, 278 acres in 1997, up 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$44,564,000 in 2002, \$36,461,000 in 1997, up 22 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$8,380,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$36,184,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

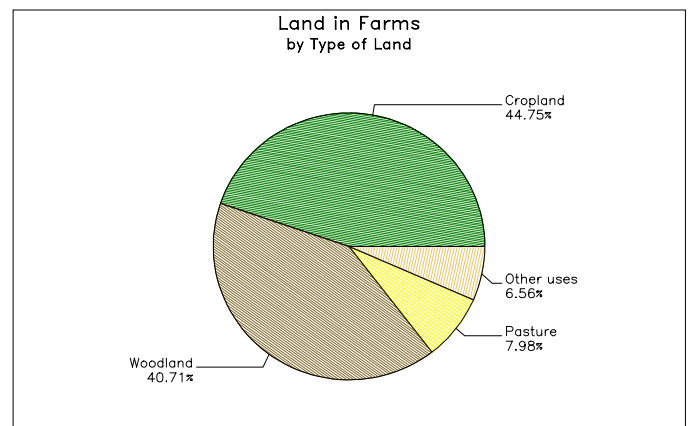
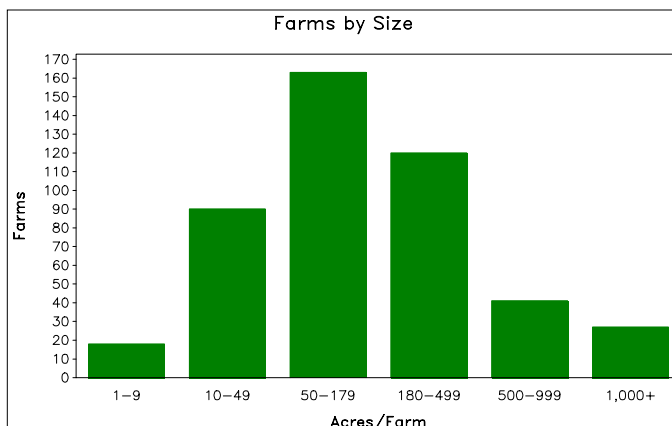
\$97,090 in 2002, \$72,199 in 1997, up 34 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,678,000 in 2002, \$587,000 in 1997, up 186 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,807 in 2002, \$3,208 in 1997, up 143 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	44,564	27	67	1,296	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,380	24	67	1,774	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	36,184	25	67	806	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	609	26	66	1,938	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	2,394	16	56	261	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	145	30	67	1,068	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	81	50	62	2,150	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	5,067	6	67	247	3,046
Poultry and eggs	32,065	24	66	220	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,854	34	67	1,715	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	64	28	66	1,617	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	29	18	66	1,658	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	29	65	67	2,626	3,014
Aquaculture	113	18	62	554	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,957,176	21	65	140	2,599
Cattle and calves	14,570	48	67	1,765	3,059
All Goats	726	26	67	711	2,971
Hogs and pigs	657	23	65	1,509	2,926
Horses and ponies	434	54	67	2,301	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Peanuts	14,079	5	29	26	398
All Cotton	11,567	16	57	240	663
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,061	48	67	1,960	3,059
Corn for grain	2,874	20	67	1,457	2,592
Oats	790	6	40	626	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	152
\$1,000 to \$2,499	50
\$2,500 to \$4,999	45
\$5,000 to \$9,999	53
\$10,000 to \$19,999	42
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14
\$25,000 to \$39,999	20
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	21
\$500,000 or more	34
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	35,820
Average per farm (\$)	77,532
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,635
Average per farm (\$)	27,348

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	246
Other	213
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	414
Female	45
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.9
All operators ² by race:	
White	599
Black or African American	11
American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.