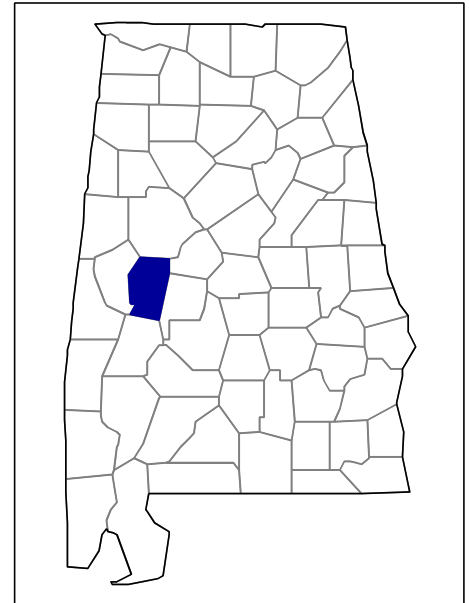


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Number of farms

433 farms in 2002, 497 farms in 1997, down 13 percent.

Land in farms

160,536 acres in 2002, 169,810 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

371 acres in 2002, 342 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$44,367,000 in 2002, \$32,691,000 in 1997, up 36 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,577,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$42,790,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

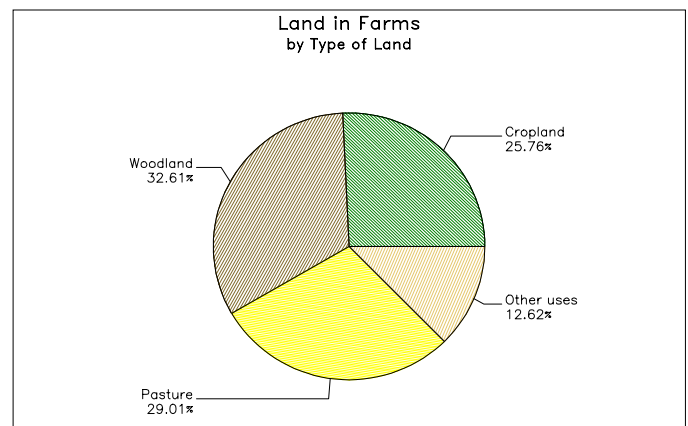
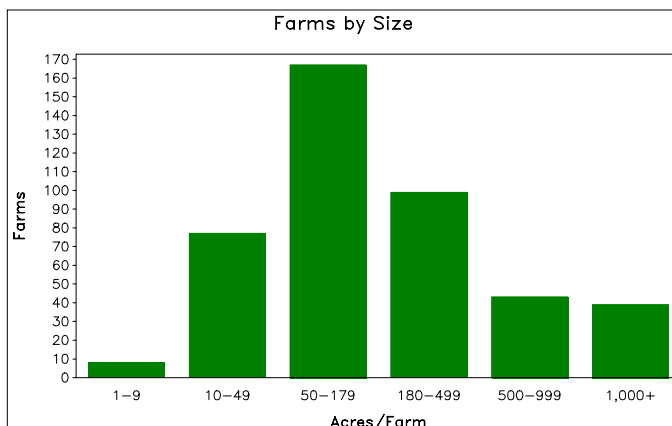
\$102,465 in 2002, \$65,777 in 1997, up 56 percent.

Government Payments

\$558,000 in 2002, \$837,000 in 1997, down 33 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,823 in 2002, \$5,580 in 1997, down 31 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	44,367	28	67	1,308	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,577	48	67	2,589	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	42,790	23	67	668	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	743	23	66	1,865	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	68	50	66	1,912	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	62	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	413	40	67	2,068	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,878	11	67	1,164	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,785	10	54	1,078	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1	58	66	2,753	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	11	42	66	2,228	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	32,518	1	62	5	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	(D)	46	65	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	24,764	21	67	1,248	3,059
Horses and ponies	476	51	67	2,220	3,065
All Goats	244	58	67	1,663	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	145	65	67	2,599	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,886	19	67	1,515	3,059
Soybeans	2,817	17	54	1,309	2,076
Corn for grain	1,339	38	67	1,707	2,592
All Cotton	(D)	43	57	(D)	663
All Wheat for grain	260	33	58	1,974	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	130
\$1,000 to \$2,499	38
\$2,500 to \$4,999	58
\$5,000 to \$9,999	57
\$10,000 to \$19,999	36
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18
\$100,000 to \$249,999	17
\$250,000 to \$499,999	18
\$500,000 or more	33
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	31,068
Average per farm (\$)	71,585
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,200
Average per farm (\$)	35,023

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	251
Other	182
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	385
Female	48
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
All operators ² by race:	
White	445
Black or African American	111
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	2
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	9

(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.