



# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Jefferson, Alabama

### Number of farms

463 farms in 2002, 561 farms in 1997, down 17 percent.

### Land in farms

42,018 acres in 2002, 50,972 acres in 1997, down 18 percent.

### Average size of farm

91 acres in 2002, 91 acres in 1997, unchanged.

### Market Value of Production

\$14,437,000 in 2002, \$16,587,000 in 1997, down 13 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,759,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$12,678,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

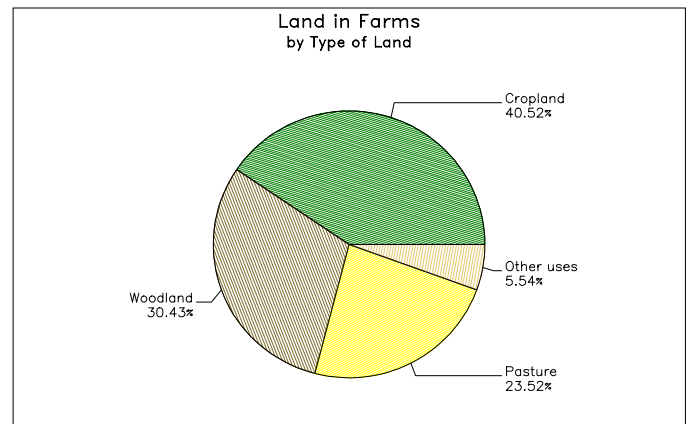
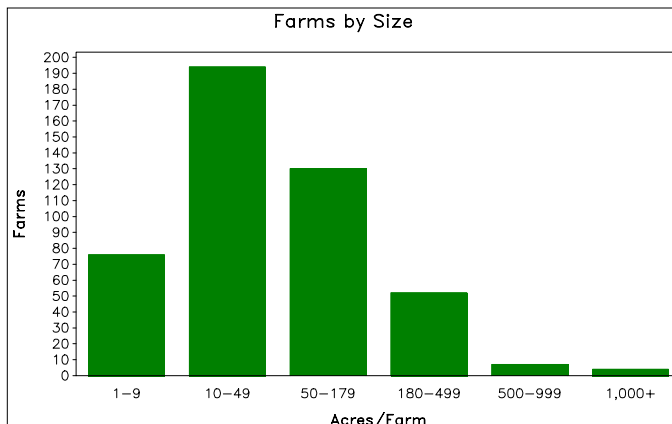
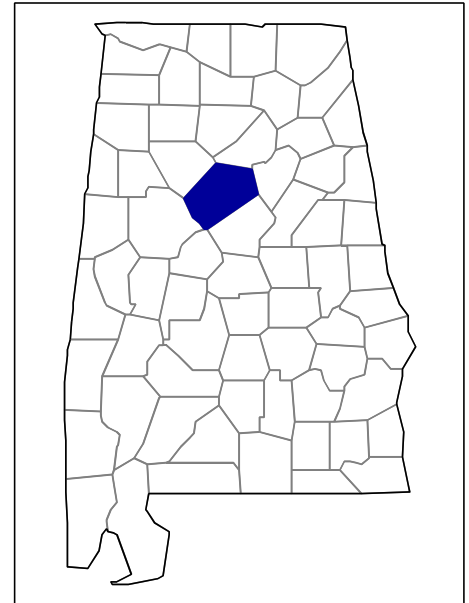
\$31,182 in 2002, \$29,566 in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Government Payments

\$49,000 in 2002, \$85,000 in 1997, down 42 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,295 in 2002, \$2,121 in 1997, down 39 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	14,437	49	67	2,294	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,759	43	67	2,545	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,678	43	67	1,677	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	56	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,183	28	62	1,026	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	487	32	67	1,923	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	54	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	43	30	66	1,760	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	14	37	66	2,127	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	452	9	67	444	3,014
Aquaculture	330	13	62	337	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	14	29	60	1,687	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	5,292	65	67	2,489	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,422	15	67	822	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	656	47	67	1,701	2,983
Hogs and pigs	563	25	65	1,579	2,926
All Goats	452	43	67	1,084	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,898	49	67	1,971	3,059
All Field and grass seed crops	(D)	22	48	(D)	1,293
Corn for grain	40	64	67	2,425	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	37	55	66	1,735	2,710
Pecans	(D)	49	66	(D)	1,194

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	144
\$1,000 to \$2,499	108
\$2,500 to \$4,999	67
\$5,000 to \$9,999	64
\$10,000 to \$19,999	39
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-
\$500,000 or more	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,451
Average per farm (\$)	33,371
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,381
Average per farm (\$)	2,983

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	221
Other	242
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	419
Female	44
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	603
Black or African American	31
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
Asian	-
More than one race	3
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(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.