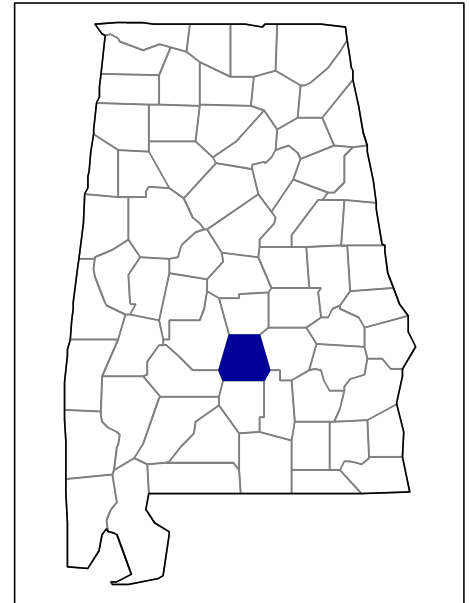


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Number of farms

420 farms in 2002, 397 farms in 1997, up 6 percent.

Land in farms

196,689 acres in 2002, 181,496 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Average size of farm

468 acres in 2002, 457 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$41,522,000 in 2002, \$31,460,000 in 1997, up 32 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,211,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$35,311,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

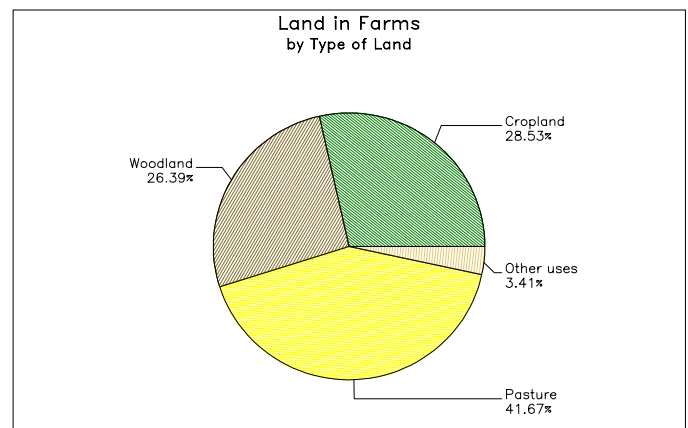
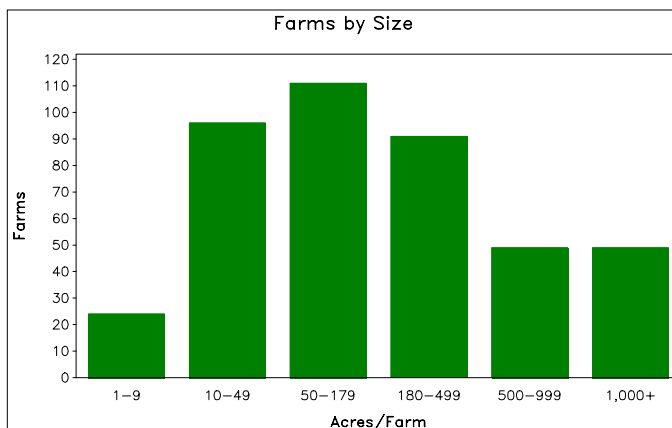
\$98,861 in 2002, \$79,244 in 1997, up 25 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,394,000 in 2002, \$721,000 in 1997, up 93 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,150 in 2002, \$9,609 in 1997, up 37 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	41,522	30	67	1,388	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,211	33	67	1,966	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	35,311	26	67	819	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	465	32	66	2,025	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	30	63	66	2,227	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,838	19	62	660	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	441	34	67	2,006	3,046
Poultry and eggs	15,302	30	66	354	2,918
Cattle and calves	19,791	2	67	527	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	54	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	7	43	66	2,409	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1	65	66	2,863	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	75	44	67	2,041	3,014
Aquaculture	108	19	62	564	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	26	15	60	1,420	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,425,246	28	65	237	2,599
Cattle and calves	47,786	4	67	609	3,059
Quail	(D)	5	42	(D)	1,412
Turkeys	(D)	1	50	(D)	2,328
Colonies of bees	2,500	2	57	236	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	16,123	14	67	1,302	3,059
All Cotton	7,293	21	57	290	663
Sod harvested	1,679	3	33	56	740
Corn for grain	1,547	35	67	1,653	2,592
All Wheat for grain	1,182	16	58	1,479	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	121	Farming	252
\$1,000 to \$2,499	46	Other	168
\$2,500 to \$4,999	62		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	44	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	41	Male	368
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Female	52
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	White	373
\$500,000 or more	22	Black or African American	175
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	35,838	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	85,125	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,522	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	24,993	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.