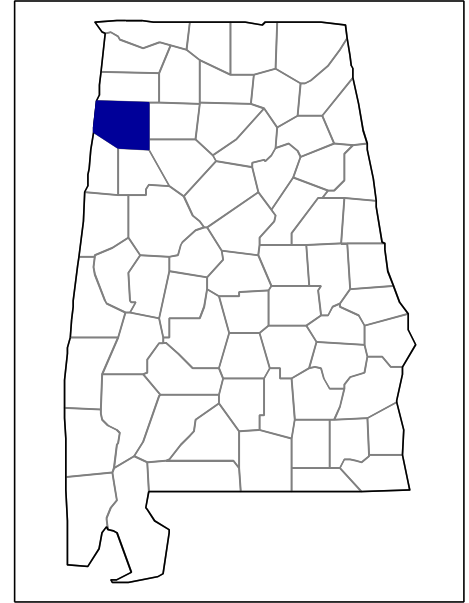


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Number of farms

756 farms in 2002, 815 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

119,197 acres in 2002, 110,912 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Average size of farm

158 acres in 2002, 136 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$44,668,000 in 2002, \$26,539,000 in 1997, up 68 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,457,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$43,211,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

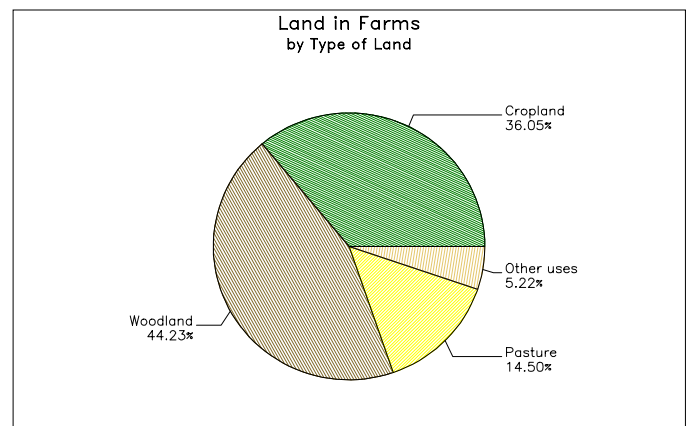
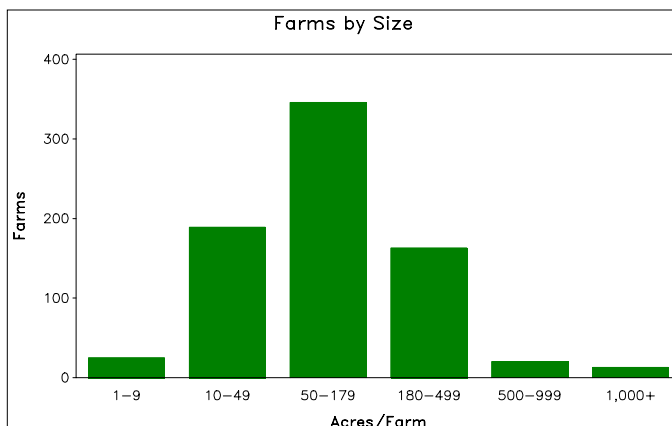
\$59,085 in 2002, \$32,563 in 1997, up 81 percent.

Government Payments

\$312,000 in 2002, \$403,000 in 1997, down 23 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,425 in 2002, \$2,017 in 1997, down 29 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	44,668	26	67	1,293	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,457	50	67	2,613	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	43,211	22	67	659	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	600	27	66	1,945	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	70	49	66	1,893	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	7	64	67	2,307	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	58	6	34	588	1,774
Other crops and hay	437	35	67	2,018	3,046
Poultry and eggs	39,276	21	66	178	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,731	35	67	1,745	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4	47	66	2,540	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	140	33	67	1,458	3,014
Aquaculture	2	52	62	1,195	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	25	16	60	1,423	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,541,849	15	65	118	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	89,724	23	67	419	2,983
Cattle and calves	17,117	36	67	1,602	3,059
Horses and ponies	989	24	67	1,299	3,065
All Goats	562	38	67	917	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,118	26	67	1,581	3,059
Soybeans	2,819	16	54	1,308	2,076
All Cotton	1,030	46	57	487	663
Corn for grain	1,024	41	67	1,792	2,592
All Wheat for grain	410	30	58	1,847	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	249
\$1,000 to \$2,499	115
\$2,500 to \$4,999	124
\$5,000 to \$9,999	86
\$10,000 to \$19,999	64
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8
\$100,000 to \$249,999	21
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14
\$500,000 or more	34
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	36,892
Average per farm (\$)	48,863
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	16,835
Average per farm (\$)	22,298

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	379
Other	377
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	708
Female	48
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	976
Black or African American	9
American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	4
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	13

(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.