

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Marshall, Alabama

### Number of farms

1,686 farms in 2002, 1,891 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

### Land in farms

160,590 acres in 2002, 159,803 acres in 1997, up slightly.

### Average size of farm

95 acres in 2002, 85 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$186,242,000 in 2002, \$204,687,000 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,053,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$182,189,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

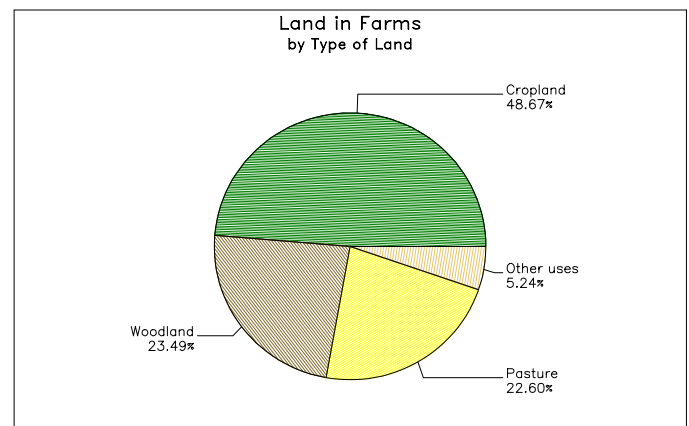
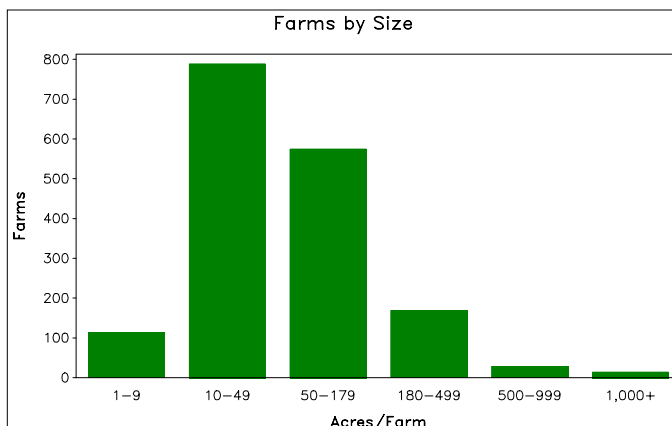
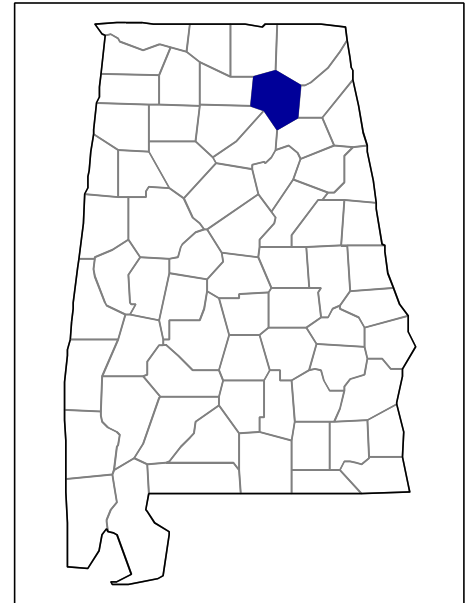
\$110,464 in 2002, \$108,243 in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Government Payments

\$675,000 in 2002, \$609,000 in 1997, up 11 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,616 in 2002, \$2,265 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 <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	186,242	3	67	169	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,053	38	67	2,191	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	182,189	3	67	78	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,384	13	66	1,684	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	155	29	66	1,491	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	234	20	67	831	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,211	27	62	1,016	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	917	14	67	1,327	3,046
Poultry and eggs	171,965	3	66	18	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,545	8	67	1,107	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	220	15	66	1,228	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	427	10	67	490	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	19	21	60	1,552	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	10,483,926	3	65	24	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,111,769	3	67	93	2,983
Cattle and calves	47,150	5	67	617	3,059
Horses and ponies	2,359	4	67	353	3,065
All Goats	2,255	3	67	155	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	25,449	6	67	870	3,059
Corn for grain	4,181	12	67	1,343	2,592
Soybeans	4,075	12	54	1,243	2,076
All Wheat for grain	664	26	58	1,696	2,517
All Cotton	404	53	57	562	663

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	394	Farming	895
\$1,000 to \$2,499	317	Other	791
\$2,500 to \$4,999	260	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	226	Male	1,530
\$10,000 to \$19,999	169	Female	156
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	White	2,359
\$50,000 to \$99,999	37	Black or African American	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	22	American Indian or Alaska Native	14
\$250,000 to \$499,999	81	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	114	Asian	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	141,796	More than one race	11
Average per farm (\$)	84,002	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	24
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	45,407		
Average per farm (\$)	26,900		

(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.