



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Number of farms

547 farms in 2002, 631 farms in 1997, down 13 percent.

Land in farms

102,973 acres in 2002, 113,441 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Average size of farm

188 acres in 2002, 180 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$20,513,000 in 2002, \$21,062,000 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,231,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$14,282,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

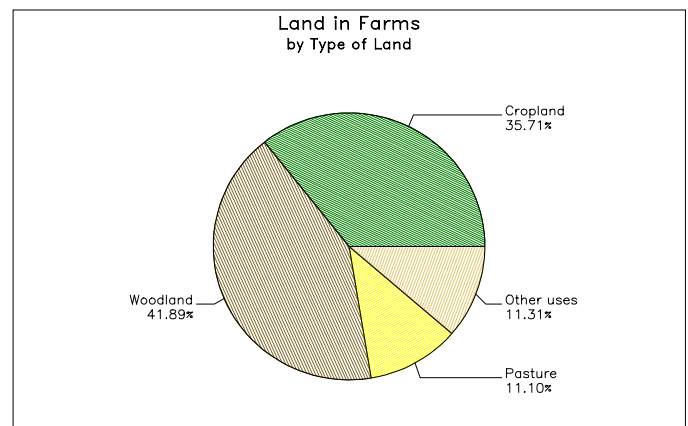
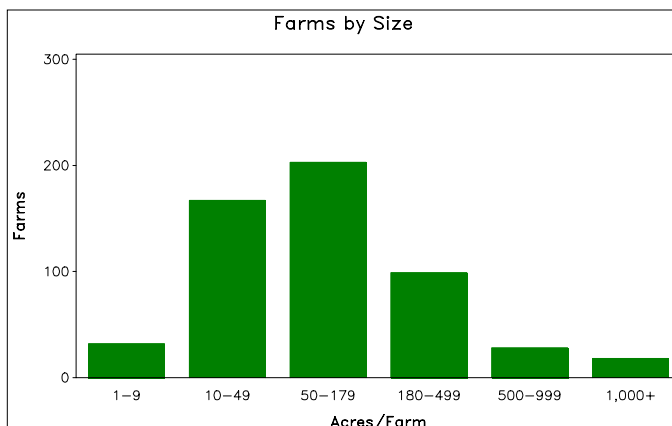
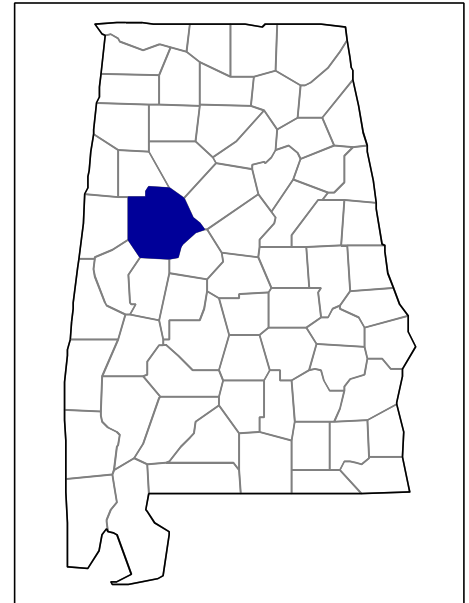
\$37,501 in 2002, \$33,378 in 1997, up 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$696,000 in 2002, \$586,000 in 1997, up 19 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,176 in 2002, \$6,371 in 1997, up 13 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	20,513	44	67	2,073	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,231	32	67	1,962	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	14,282	41	67	1,586	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	967	17	66	1,777	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	1,377	23	56	322	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	147	30	66	1,512	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	20	60	67	1,970	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,247	16	62	613	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	15	22	34	1,059	1,774
Other crops and hay	458	33	67	1,967	3,046
Poultry and eggs	11,381	33	66	418	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,756	58	67	2,251	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	678	23	54	1,525	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	10	47	66	2,285	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	240	22	67	939	3,014
Aquaculture	212	14	62	419	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	1,390,485	29	65	239	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	29	67	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	9,549	57	67	2,086	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,664	12	67	643	3,065
All Goats	428	45	67	1,140	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,526	37	67	1,825	3,059
All Cotton	4,853	24	57	334	663
Corn for grain	2,911	19	67	1,452	2,592
Soybeans	1,627	22	54	1,426	2,076
Sod harvested	800	9	33	132	740

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	192
\$1,000 to \$2,499	77
\$2,500 to \$4,999	87
\$5,000 to \$9,999	72
\$10,000 to \$19,999	52
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	13
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12
\$100,000 to \$249,999	8
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10
\$500,000 or more	13
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,905
Average per farm (\$)	32,854
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,383
Average per farm (\$)	11,712

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	320
Other	227
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	471
Female	76
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
All operators ² by race:	
White	729
Black or African American	29
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	4
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.