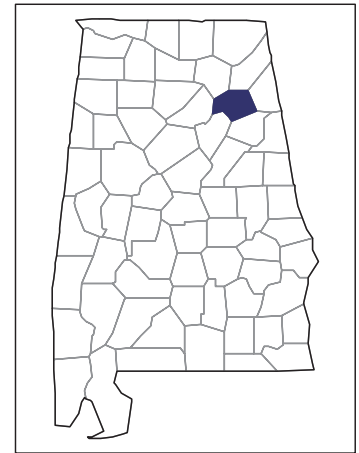


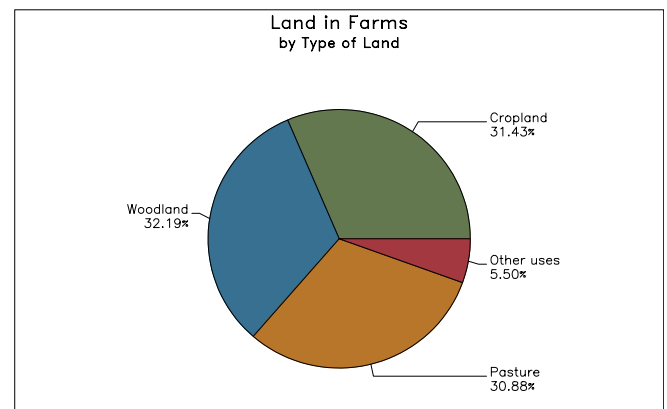
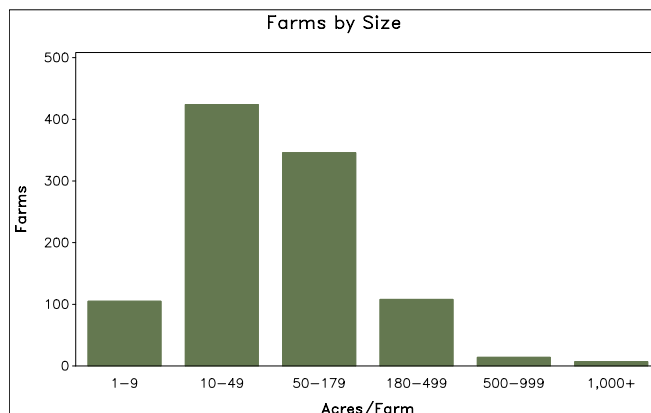
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Etowah County Alabama



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,004	974	+ 3
Land in Farms	94,201 acres	90,109 acres	+ 5
Average Size of Farm	94 acres	93 acres	+ 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$66,157,000	\$47,729,000	+ 39
Crop Sales \$3,483,000 (5 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$62,674,000 (95 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$65,894	\$49,003	+ 34
Government Payments	\$518,000	\$587,000	- 12
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,625	\$4,023	+ 15



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Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	66,157	25	67	1,306	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,483	40	67	2,393	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	62,674	22	67	657	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	913	26	67	2,010	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	676	30	51	406	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	579	11	67	1,007	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	368	42	62	1,559	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	28	30	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	826	40	67	1,739	3,054
Poultry and eggs	56,668	22	67	194	3,020
Cattle and calves	5,163	31	67	1,684	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	632	18	51	1,514	2,493
Hogs and pigs	20	28	65	1,962	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	51	21	67	1,644	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	97	39	67	1,719	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	39	56	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	19	64	1,454	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,024	27	67	1,544	3,060
Cotton, all	2,316	30	51	371	627
Corn for grain	2,034	31	67	1,680	2,634
Soybeans for beans	1,775	21	55	1,426	2,039
Vegetables harvested for sale	513	10	67	718	2,794
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,687,440	17	61	138	2,476
Quail	(D)	3	52	18	1,386
Layers	72,375	26	67	440	3,024
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	31	65	(D)	2,627
Cattle and calves	16,016	30	67	1,607	3,060

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	359	Farming	336
\$1,000 to \$2,499	138	Other	668
\$2,500 to \$4,999	151	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	123	Male	909
\$10,000 to \$19,999	103	Female	95
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	Black or African American	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	42	White	1,404
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	58,227	More than one race	12
Average per farm (\$)	57,995	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	14
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,948		
Average per farm (\$)	8,912		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.