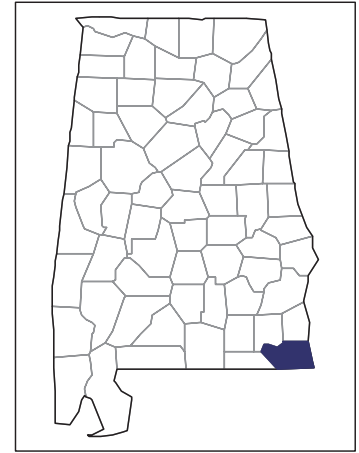


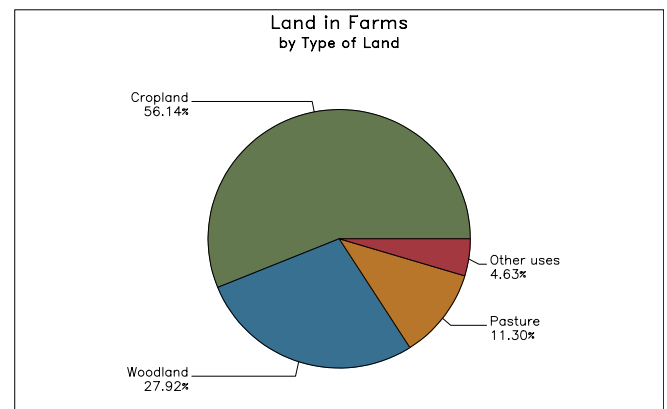
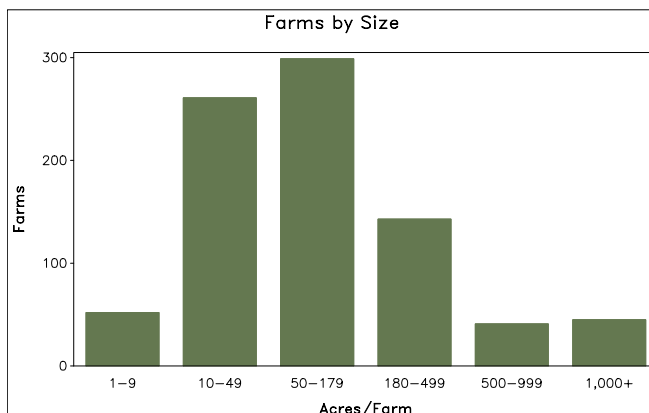
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Houston County Alabama



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	841	700	+ 20
Land in Farms	204,645 acres	188,413 acres	+ 9
Average Size of Farm	243 acres	269 acres	- 10
Market Value of Products Sold	\$55,671,000	\$39,587,000	+ 41
Crop Sales \$30,247,000 (54 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$25,424,000 (46 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$66,196	\$56,553	+ 17
Government Payments	\$8,206,000	\$4,393,000	+ 87
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$16,955	\$12,271	+ 38



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County Profile

Houston County – Alabama

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	55,671	31	67	1,460	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	30,247	4	67	1,208	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	25,424	37	67	1,324	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,846	11	67	1,677	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	5,857	5	51	181	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	1	67	313	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	13	67	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,788	24	62	852	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	23	30	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	13,689	2	67	127	3,054
Poultry and eggs	16,309	34	67	453	3,020
Cattle and calves	6,758	22	67	1,502	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	5	51	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	54	65	2,667	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	32	34	67	1,993	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	2	43	56	1,238	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	1	55	64	2,530	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Peanuts for nuts	32,886	1	29	2	347
Cotton, all	23,556	4	51	115	627
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,917	37	67	1,627	3,060
Corn for grain	5,420	13	67	1,389	2,634
Soybeans for beans	4,661	11	55	1,207	2,039
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	447,004	41	61	405	2,476
Layers	(D)	32	67	(D)	3,024
Cattle and calves	23,018	15	67	1,284	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,278	28	67	1,068	3,066
Goats, all	1,175	22	67	614	3,023

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	344	Farming	341
\$1,000 to \$2,499	78	Other	500
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	74	Male	690
\$10,000 to \$19,999	73	Female	151
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	51	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18	American Indian or Alaska Native	11
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	41	Black or African American	34
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	26	White	1,097
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	59,771	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	71,071	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	8
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,832		
Average per farm (\$)	10,502		

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.