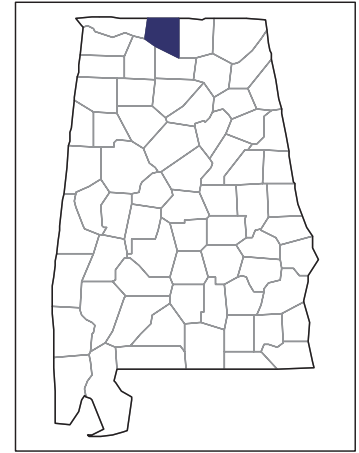


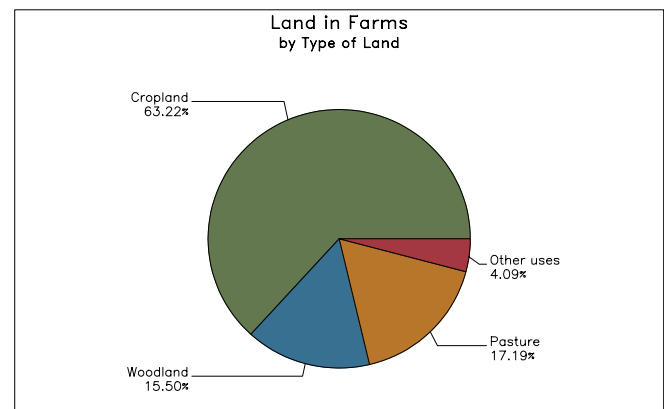
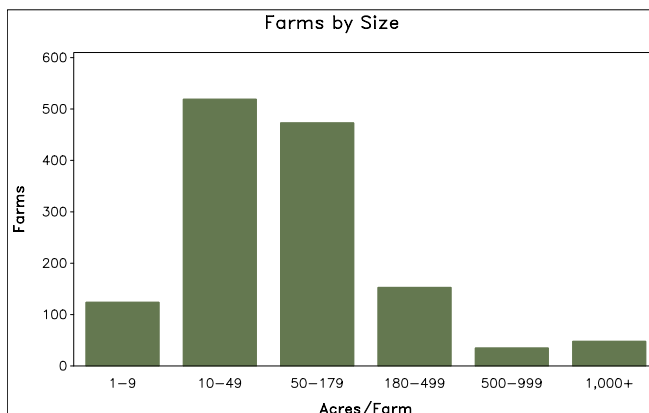
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## County Profile

### Limestone County Alabama



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,352	1,235	+ 9
<b>Land in Farms</b>	237,188 acres	225,843 acres	+ 5
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	175 acres	183 acres	- 4
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$70,790,000	\$52,287,000	+ 35
Crop Sales \$33,350,000 (47 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$37,440,000 (53 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$52,359	\$42,338	+ 24
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$7,749,000	\$2,919,000	+ 165
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$14,960	\$6,711	+ 123



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### Limestone County – Alabama

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

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	70,790	21	67	1,233	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	33,350	3	67	1,143	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	37,440	29	67	1,002	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	13,096	1	67	1,145	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	12,037	1	51	102	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	492	13	67	1,075	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	309	23	67	886	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,427	8	62	398	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	30	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	989	29	67	1,525	3,054
Poultry and eggs	29,329	28	67	331	3,020
Cattle and calves	7,002	15	67	1,475	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	19	51	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	116	19	65	1,348	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	7	67	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	260	19	67	899	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Cotton, all	44,101	1	51	62	627
Soybeans for beans	29,936	1	55	693	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	24,205	7	67	875	3,060
Corn for grain	22,402	3	67	899	2,634
Wheat for grain, all	12,422	1	53	634	2,481
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,370,050	31	61	264	2,476
Pullets for laying flock replacement	132,789	12	65	208	2,627
Layers	93,720	24	67	397	3,024
Cattle and calves	20,793	20	67	1,382	3,060
Goats, all	3,355	4	67	122	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	513	Farming	474
\$1,000 to \$2,499	125	Other	878
\$2,500 to \$4,999	163	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	155	Male	1,175
\$10,000 to \$19,999	181	Female	177
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	43	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19	American Indian or Alaska Native	20
\$50,000 to \$99,999	24	Asian	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999	36	Black or African American	68
\$250,000 to \$499,999	27	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	43	White	1,838
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	74,038	More than one race	20
Average per farm (\$)	54,762	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	9
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,182		
Average per farm (\$)	7,531		

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.

<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.