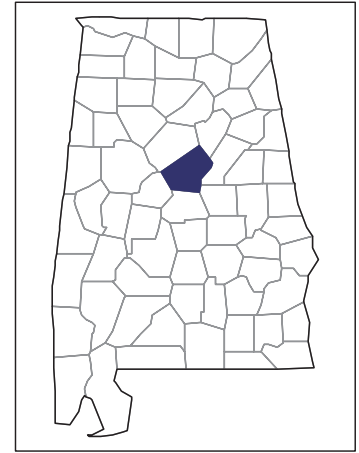


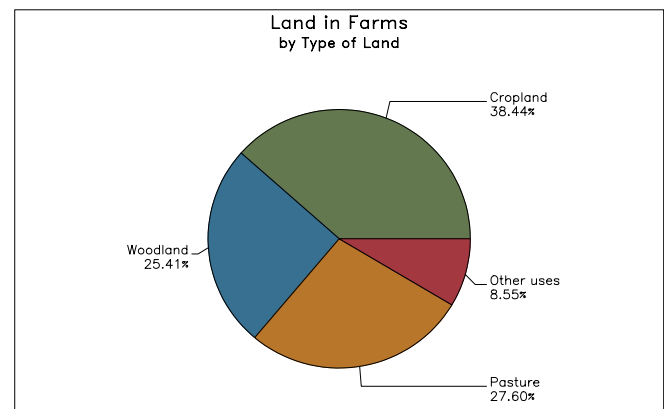
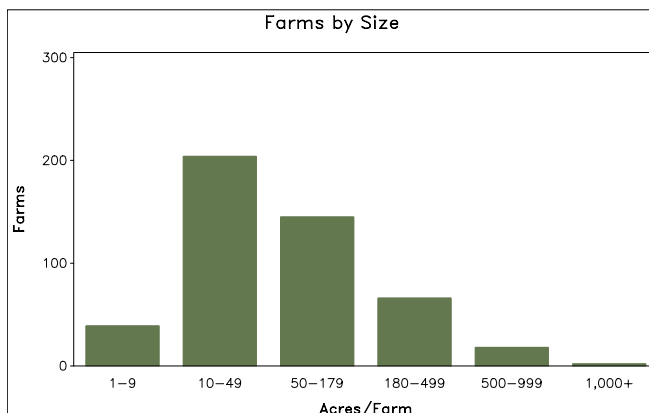
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## County Profile

### Shelby County Alabama



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	474	486	- 2
<b>Land in Farms</b>	54,810 acres	64,197 acres	- 15
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	116 acres	132 acres	- 12
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$9,764,000	\$13,091,000	- 25
Crop Sales \$6,572,000 (67 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$3,192,000 (33 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$20,599	\$26,937	- 24
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$543,000	\$500,000	+ 9
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$8,491	\$8,481	0



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### Shelby 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	9,764	59	67	2,608	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,572	34	67	2,103	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,192	63	67	2,638	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	167	51	67	2,379	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	530	32	51	426	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	212	27	67	1,484	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,904	11	62	474	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	7	30	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	602	49	67	2,010	3,054
Poultry and eggs	28	59	67	1,966	3,020
Cattle and calves	2,110	57	67	2,266	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	24	51	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	43	65	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	13	67	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	654	3	67	355	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	56	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	18	29	64	1,811	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,460	44	67	1,763	3,060
Cotton, all	2,141	32	51	381	627
Sod harvested	(D)	2	37	(D)	761
Corn for grain	835	48	67	1,918	2,634
Sorghum for grain	240	8	29	704	1,158
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	5,553	63	67	2,405	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,894	15	67	611	3,066
Goats, all	986	35	67	762	3,023
Layers	962	45	67	1,670	3,024
Pullets for laying flock replacement	346	35	65	826	2,627

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	188	Farming	187
\$1,000 to \$2,499	43	Other	287
\$2,500 to \$4,999	75	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	57	Male	380
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50	Female	94
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	Black or African American	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	3	White	659
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	12,978	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	27,380	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,324		
Average per farm (\$)	-2,792		

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.