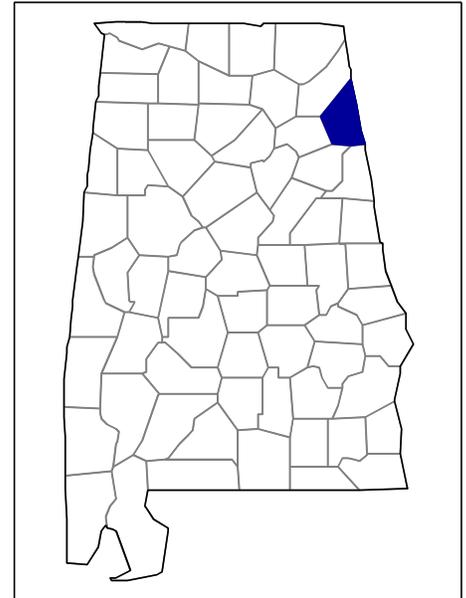




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Number of farms

546 farms in 2002, 594 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

121,406 acres in 2002, 134,396 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

Average size of farm

222 acres in 2002, 226 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$33,920,000 in 2002, \$50,307,000 in 1997, down 33 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$14,392,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$19,528,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

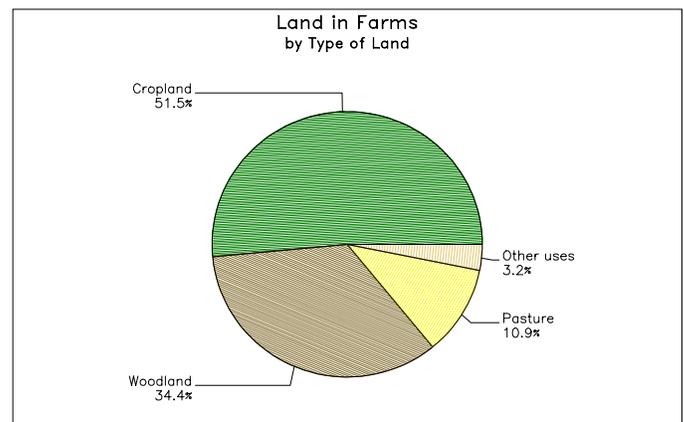
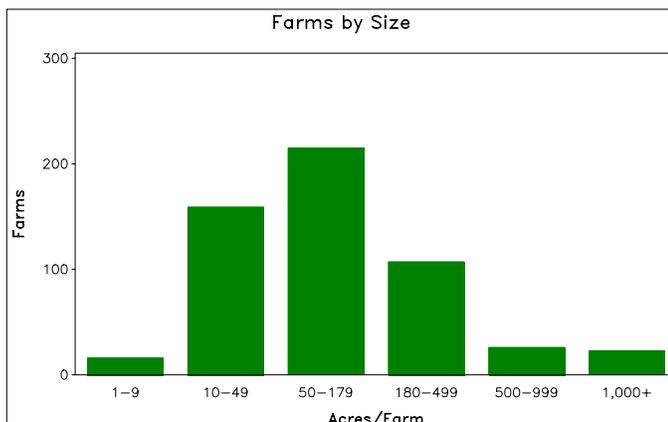
\$62,124 in 2002, \$84,693 in 1997, down 27 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,135,000 in 2002, \$843,000 in 1997, up 153 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,023 in 2002, \$4,533 in 1997, up 121 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	33,920	35	67	1,595	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,392	11	67	1,416	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	19,528	34	67	1,318	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,166	16	66	1,736	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	4,632	7	56	185	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	8,139	5	62	316	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	292	47	67	2,315	3,046
Poultry and eggs	12,376	32	66	402	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,605	23	67	1,430	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	276	36	54	1,893	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	10	46	66	2,274	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	129	36	67	1,535	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	48	60	2,374	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,116,600	31	65	272	2,599
Cattle and calves	17,262	33	67	1,591	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	13	65	(D)	2,926
Horses and ponies	591	39	67	1,965	3,065
All Goats	548	40	67	935	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	19,861	9	57	177	663
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,407	45	67	1,930	3,059
Soybeans	4,327	11	54	1,232	2,076
Corn for grain	2,282	24	67	1,525	2,592
All Wheat for grain	922	18	58	1,570	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	147	Farming	273
\$1,000 to \$2,499	63	Other	273
\$2,500 to \$4,999	90	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	79	Male	502
\$10,000 to \$19,999	71	Female	44
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	16	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	White	738
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19	Black or African American	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	15	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	29,944	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	54,843	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,270		
Average per farm (\$)	15,147		

(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.