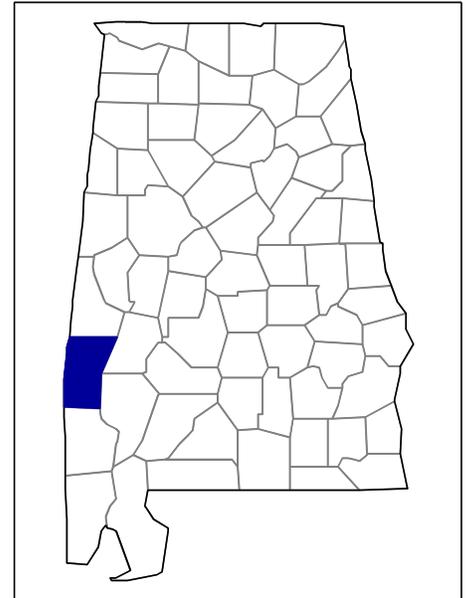


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Number of farms

244 farms in 2002, 291 farms in 1997, down 16 percent.

Land in farms

55,224 acres in 2002, 71,067 acres in 1997, down 22 percent.

Average size of farm

226 acres in 2002, 244 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$6,069,000 in 2002, \$6,849,000 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$386,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,684,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

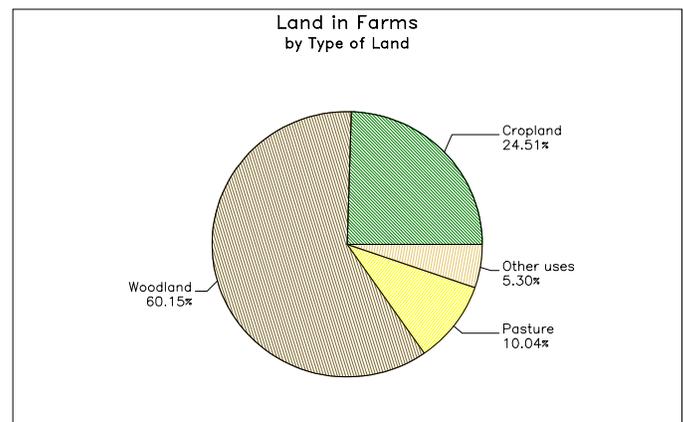
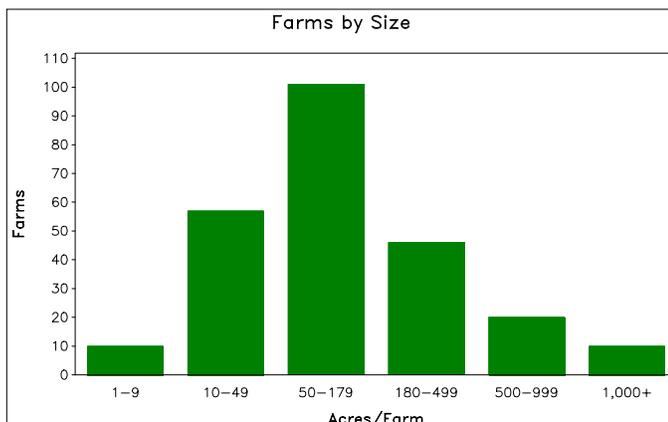
\$24,874 in 2002, \$23,536 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$160,000 in 2002, \$101,000 in 1997, up 58 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,864 in 2002, \$2,527 in 1997, up 13 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	6,069	59	67	2,707	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	386	64	67	2,931	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,684	52	67	2,270	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	108	42	66	1,683	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	29	55	67	1,807	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	62	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	104	65	67	2,773	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4,322	43	66	647	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,282	63	67	2,437	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1	64	66	2,869	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	2	62	66	2,819	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	48	24	62	710	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	43	65	(D)	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	34	67	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	6,544	63	67	2,373	3,059
Horses and ponies	339	62	67	2,516	3,065
All Goats	192	61	67	1,853	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,745	67	67	2,470	3,059
All Cotton	(D)	49	57	(D)	663
Corn for grain	157	60	67	2,238	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	97	34	66	1,263	2,710
Sweet corn	31	21	65	871	2,279

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	94
\$1,000 to \$2,499	30
\$2,500 to \$4,999	35
\$5,000 to \$9,999	40
\$10,000 to \$19,999	18
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2
\$500,000 or more	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,952
Average per farm (\$)	16,329
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	951
Average per farm (\$)	3,929

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	110
Other	134
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	211
Female	33
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.2
All operators ² by race:	
White	253
Black or African American	64
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	2
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(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.