

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Blount, Alabama

Number of farms

1,248 farms in 2002, 1,408 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

Land in farms

143,232 acres in 2002, 152,215 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

115 acres in 2002, 108 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$114,232,000 in 2002, \$141,333,000 in 1997, down 19 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$7,181,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$107,051,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

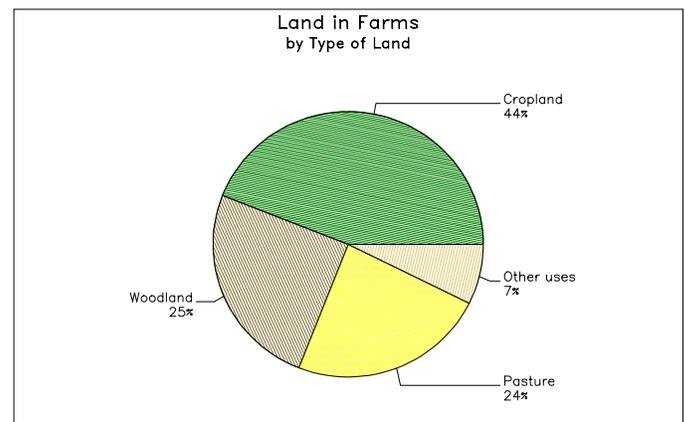
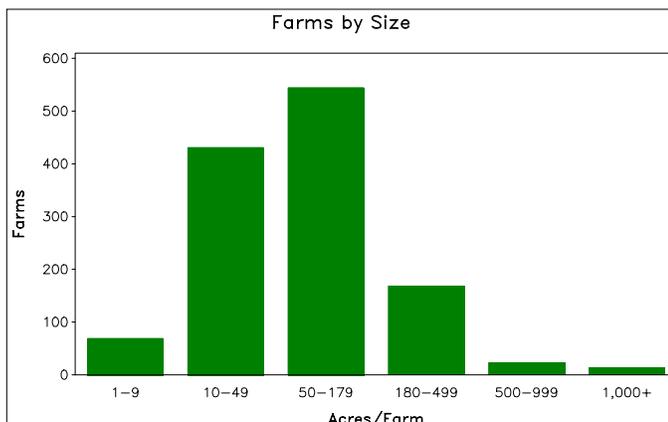
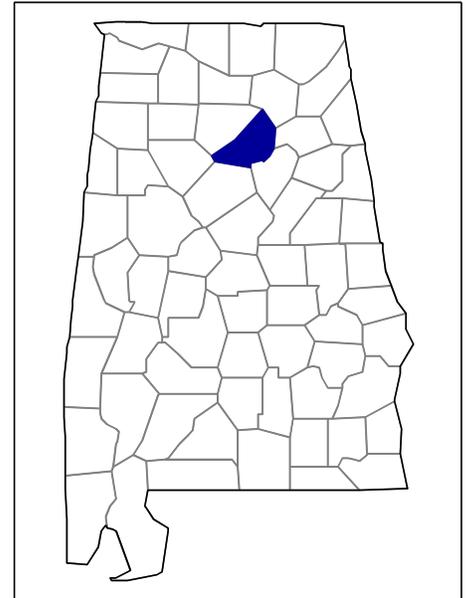
\$91,532 in 2002, \$100,378 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$302,000 in 2002, \$288,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,607 in 2002, \$2,437 in 1997, down 34 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	114,232	5	67	408	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,181	27	67	1,866	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	107,051	5	67	190	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	335	36	66	2,103	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	852	28	56	372	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,258	3	66	409	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,055	4	67	342	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	912	30	62	1,132	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	768	18	67	1,506	3,046
Poultry and eggs	96,455	6	66	54	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,547	7	67	1,106	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,644	11	54	1,117	2,493
Hogs and pigs	9	40	66	2,339	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	56	5	66	1,167	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	9	35	60	1,880	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	8,763,499	4	65	35	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	411,854	5	67	185	2,983
Quail	(D)	2	42	(D)	1,412
Cattle and calves	38,699	7	67	805	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,358	18	67	884	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,408	9	67	1,040	3,059
All Cotton	2,820	31	57	385	663
All Vegetables harvested	1,173	5	66	393	2,710
Soybeans	927	26	54	1,551	2,076
Corn for grain	835	45	67	1,846	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	293	Farming	658
\$1,000 to \$2,499	157	Other	590
\$2,500 to \$4,999	189		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	197	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	109	Male	1,122
\$20,000 to \$24,999	36	Female	126
\$25,000 to \$39,999	38		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	39		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	35	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	66	White	1,725
\$500,000 or more	79	Black or African American	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	75,714	American Indian or Alaska Native	9
Average per farm (\$)	60,717	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	38,383	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	30,780	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	27

(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.