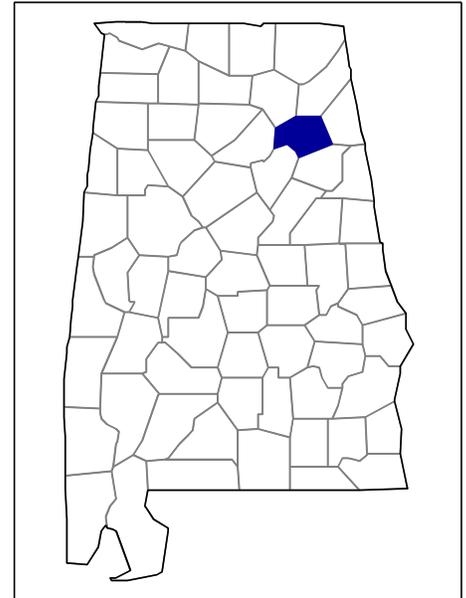


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Number of farms

974 farms in 2002, 1,118 farms in 1997, down 13 percent.

Land in farms

90,109 acres in 2002, 106,440 acres in 1997, down 15 percent.

Average size of farm

93 acres in 2002, 95 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$47,729,000 in 2002, \$57,366,000 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,610,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$45,119,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

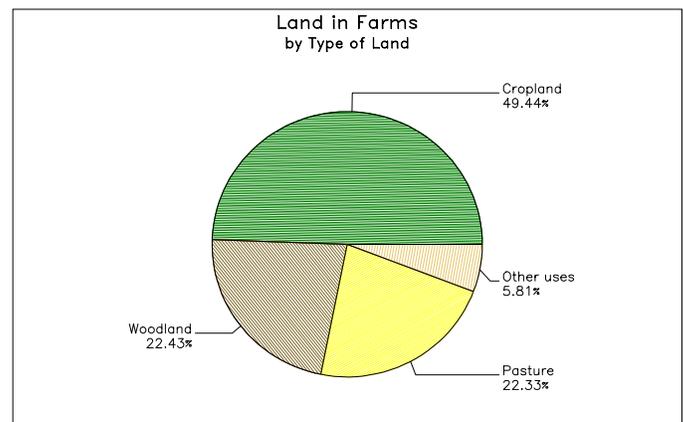
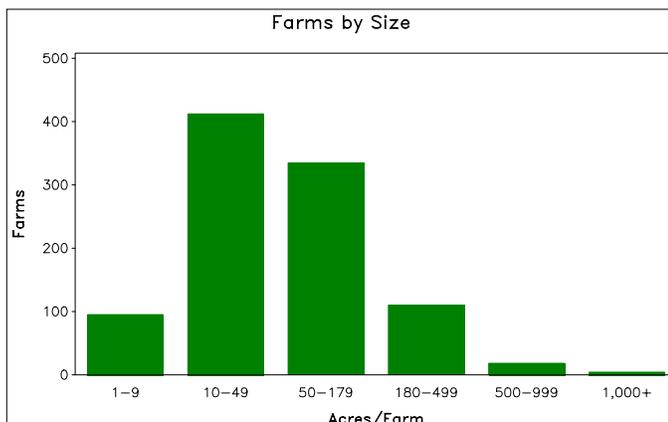
\$49,003 in 2002, \$51,311 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$587,000 in 2002, \$180,000 in 1997, up 226 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,023 in 2002, \$1,956 in 1997, up 106 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	47,729	24	67	1,227	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,610	40	67	2,403	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	45,119	21	67	629	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	312	39	66	2,134	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	3	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	652	33	56	393	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	441	16	66	1,049	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	36	53	67	1,723	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	655	34	62	1,286	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	34	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	488	30	67	1,921	3,046
Poultry and eggs	38,266	22	66	183	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,286	26	67	1,472	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	929	17	54	1,403	2,493
Hogs and pigs	27	35	66	1,945	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	13	39	66	2,143	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	564	5	67	319	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	62	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	34	11	60	1,306	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,535,920	23	65	162	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	291,512	10	67	223	2,983
Cattle and calves	21,640	27	67	1,375	3,059
Horses and ponies	2,071	10	67	451	3,065
All Goats	570	35	67	902	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,697	22	67	1,531	3,059
All Cotton	4,249	26	57	354	663
Soybeans	1,357	24	54	1,471	2,076
Corn for grain	1,008	43	67	1,801	2,592
Corn for silage	424	12	51	1,490	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	269	Farming	487
\$1,000 to \$2,499	205	Other	487
\$2,500 to \$4,999	155		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	136	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	67	Male	891
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Female	83
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	30	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	19	White	1,314
\$500,000 or more	33	Black or African American	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	33,553	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Average per farm (\$)	34,307	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,791	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	16,147	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	23

(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.