



# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Houston, Alabama

### Number of farms

700 farms in 2002, 816 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

### Land in farms

188,413 acres in 2002, 212,670 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

### Average size of farm

269 acres in 2002, 261 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$39,587,000 in 2002, \$57,972,000 in 1997, down 32 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$24,296,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$15,291,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

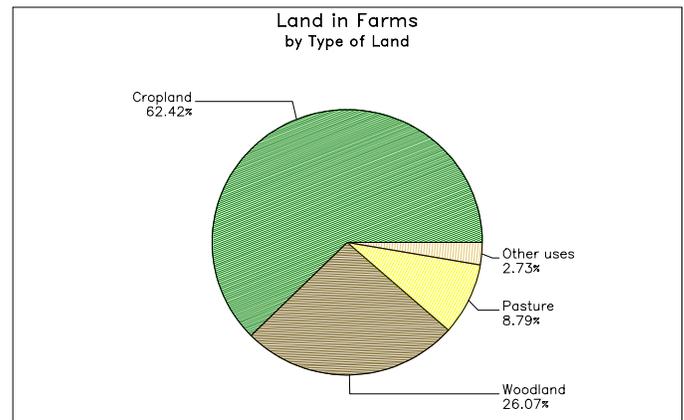
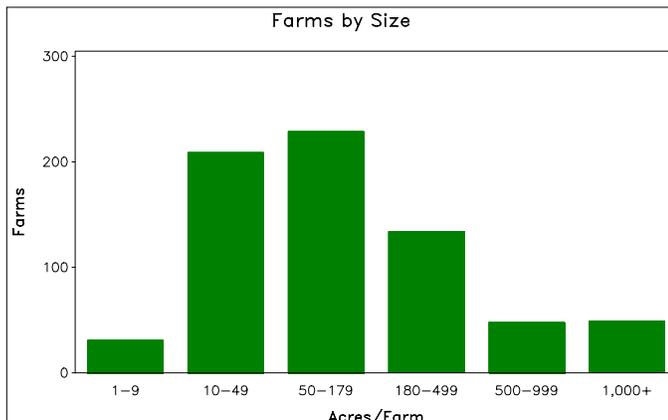
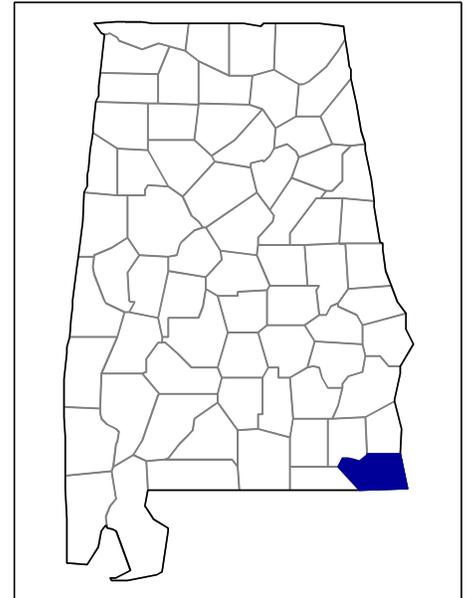
\$56,553 in 2002, \$71,044 in 1997, down 20 percent.

### Government Payments

\$4,393,000 in 2002, \$1,397,000 in 1997, up 214 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,271 in 2002, \$3,756 in 1997, up 227 percent.



**2002 Census of Agriculture  
County Profile  
United States Department of Agriculture, Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service**

**Houston, Alabama**

**Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

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	39,587	31	67	1,439	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	24,296	6	67	1,022	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,291	39	67	1,532	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,738	12	66	1,618	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	5,135	6	56	170	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,301	2	66	404	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	16	19	34	1,028	1,774
Other crops and hay	13,084	1	67	104	3,046
Poultry and eggs	8,405	37	66	502	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,717	31	67	1,569	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	92	22	66	1,477	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	13	40	66	2,155	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	41	10	60	1,210	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	235,035	41	65	460	2,599
Cattle and calves	23,060	22	67	1,304	3,059
Hogs and pigs	677	22	65	1,493	2,926
All Goats	671	31	67	774	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	67	(D)	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Peanuts	38,152	1	29	3	398
All Cotton	28,024	4	57	130	663
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,127	41	67	1,867	3,059
Soybeans	3,954	13	54	1,250	2,076
Corn for grain	3,835	14	67	1,381	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	217	Farming	372
\$1,000 to \$2,499	54	Other	328
\$2,500 to \$4,999	69	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	82	Male	628
\$10,000 to \$19,999	82	Female	72
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	37	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	White	872
\$50,000 to \$99,999	43	Black or African American	39
\$100,000 to \$249,999	48	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	13	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	46,682	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	67,072	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	16
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,796		
Average per farm (\$)	2,581		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<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.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.