



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Macon, Alabama

Number of farms

368 farms in 2002, 386 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

Land in farms

129,034 acres in 2002, 144,662 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Average size of farm

351 acres in 2002, 375 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$9,411,000 in 2002, \$9,932,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,893,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,518,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

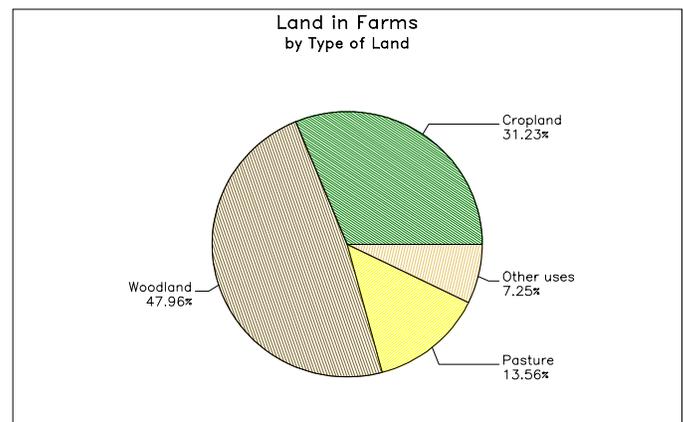
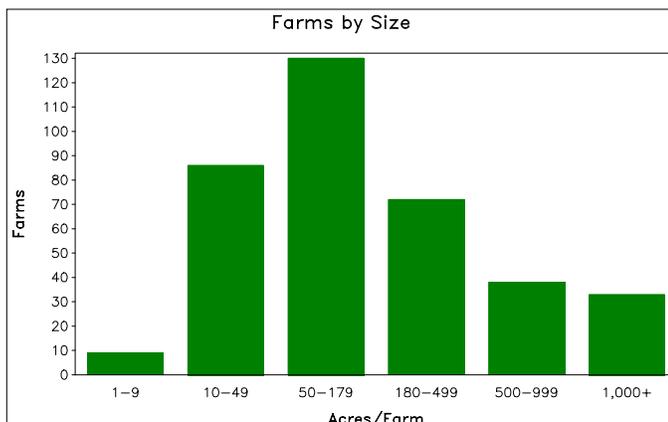
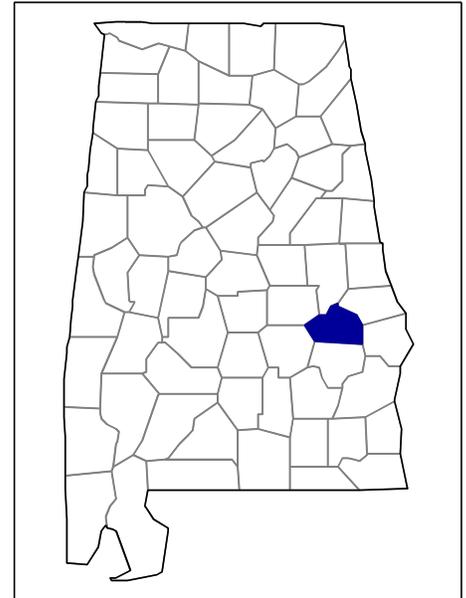
\$25,573 in 2002, \$25,730 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Government Payments

\$817,000 in 2002, \$922,000 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,495 in 2002, \$7,681 in 1997, down 2 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	9,411	56	67	2,533	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,893	29	67	1,892	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,518	63	67	2,634	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	329	38	66	2,113	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	1,473	22	56	316	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	133	34	66	1,565	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	193	23	67	919	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,543	11	62	490	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	222	54	67	2,473	3,046
Poultry and eggs	322	49	66	1,134	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,764	57	67	2,247	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	56	66	2,724	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	17	34	66	2,006	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	2	46	60	2,307	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Quail	(D)	4	42	(D)	1,412
Cattle and calves	9,967	54	67	2,047	3,059
All Goats	708	27	67	731	2,971
Horses and ponies	623	37	67	1,896	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	578	48	67	1,785	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,820	53	67	2,077	3,059
All Cotton	5,562	23	57	316	663
Corn for grain	1,891	28	67	1,579	2,592
Sod harvested	(D)	8	33	(D)	740
Pecans	742	8	66	166	1,194

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	169
\$1,000 to \$2,499	34
\$2,500 to \$4,999	36
\$5,000 to \$9,999	40
\$10,000 to \$19,999	42
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3
\$500,000 or more	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	12,237
Average per farm (\$)	33,433
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,560
Average per farm (\$)	4,262

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	154
Other	214
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	331
Female	37
Average age of principal operator (years)	59.1
All operators ² by race:	
White	366
Black or African American	133
American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	1
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

(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.