

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## St. Clair, Alabama

### Number of farms

667 farms in 2002, 722 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Land in farms

83,007 acres in 2002, 82,080 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

124 acres in 2002, 114 acres in 1997, up 9 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$46,786,000 in 2002, \$53,692,000 in 1997, down 13 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,994,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$39,793,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

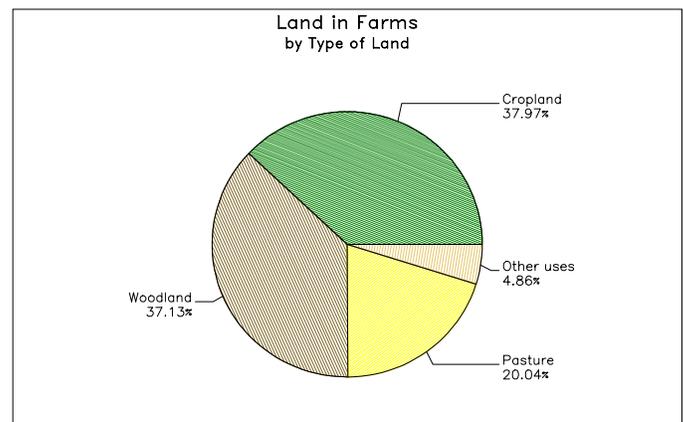
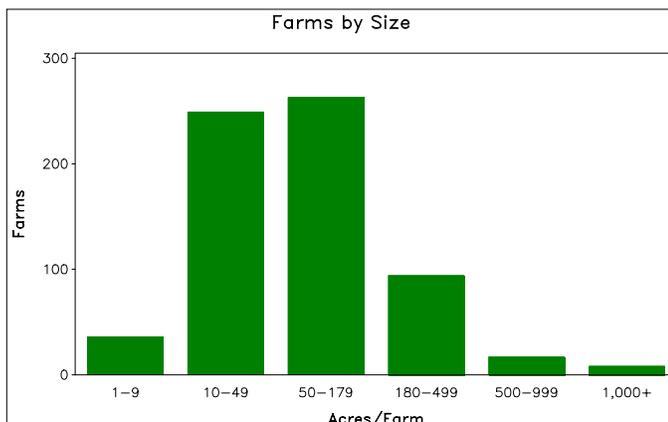
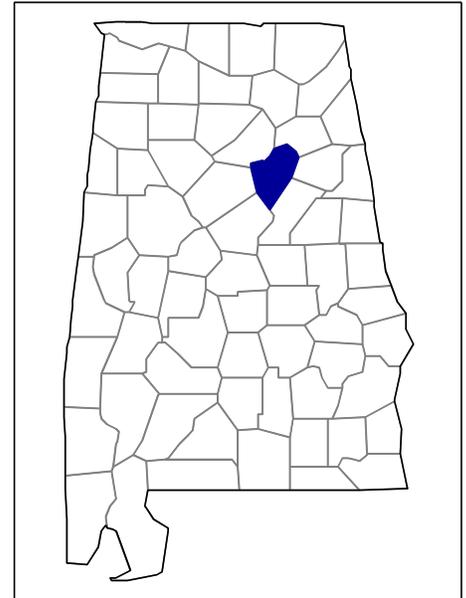
\$70,144 in 2002, \$74,366 in 1997, down 6 percent.

### Government Payments

\$121,000 in 2002, \$60,000 in 1997, up 102 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,864 in 2002, \$1,585 in 1997, up 18 percent.



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**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	46,786	25	67	1,242	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,994	28	67	1,885	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	39,793	24	67	725	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3	65	66	2,817	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	3	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	56	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,840	5	66	447	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	177	25	67	968	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,541	14	62	571	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	433	36	67	2,032	3,046
Poultry and eggs	35,340	23	66	198	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,737	51	67	1,963	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	17	33	66	2,003	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	253	20	67	887	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	9	32	60	1,860	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,164,114	20	65	132	2,599
Cattle and calves	15,276	43	67	1,725	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	8	65	(D)	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	3,272	39	67	865	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,368	17	67	872	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,784	17	67	1,450	3,059
Sod harvested	1,088	6	33	97	740
All Vegetables harvested	566	11	66	602	2,710
Tomatoes	500	1	64	63	2,209
Corn for grain	120	63	67	2,280	2,592

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	184
\$1,000 to \$2,499	122
\$2,500 to \$4,999	115
\$5,000 to \$9,999	86
\$10,000 to \$19,999	60
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	17
\$500,000 or more	34
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	33,708
Average per farm (\$)	50,841
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	14,005
Average per farm (\$)	21,123

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	364
Other	303
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	596
Female	71
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.3
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	916
Black or African American	9
American Indian or Alaska Native	11
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	4
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	12

(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.