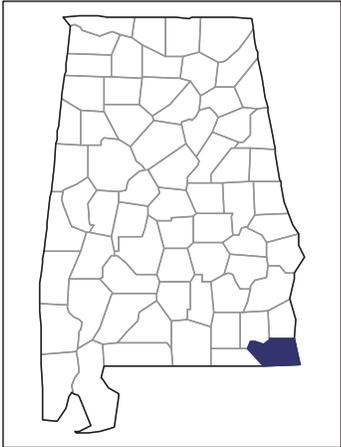


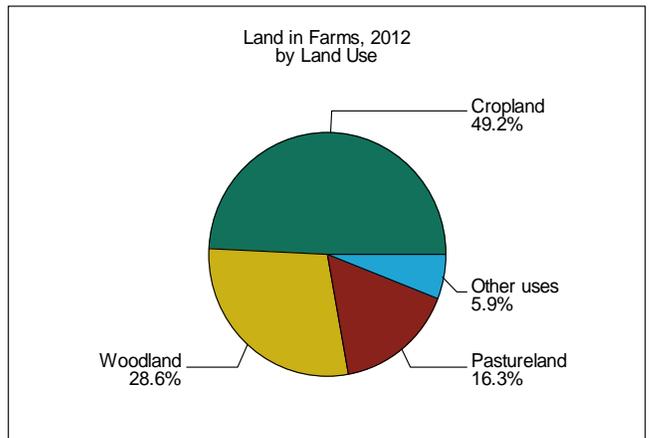
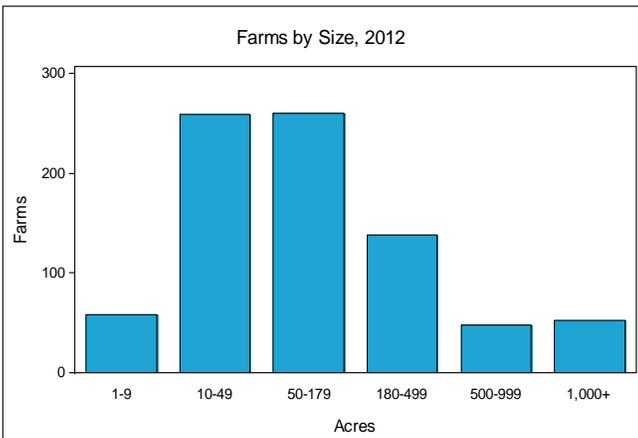
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Houston County Alabama

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	816	841	- 3
<b>Land in Farms</b>	197,974 acres	204,645 acres	- 3
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	243 acres	243 acres	0
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$89,218,000	\$55,671,000	+ 60
Crop Sales \$63,993,000 (72 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$25,224,000 (28 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$109,336	\$66,196	+ 65
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$5,065,000	\$8,206,000	- 38
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$10,465	\$16,955	- 38





## Houston County – Alabama

### Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	89,218	24	67	1,271	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	63,993	4	67	979	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	25,224	39	67	1,443	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,263	28	67	1,907	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	12,476	8	51	141	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	9,043	1	67	229	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	29	62	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	23	34	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	37,684	2	67	77	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	38	67	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	23	67	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	24	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	-	-	55	-	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	33	41	67	2,178	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	362	8	67	768	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	44	49	1,194	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	85	14	64	1,187	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Peanuts for nuts	42,939	1	34	2	364
Cotton, all	23,567	4	51	120	635
Upland cotton	23,567	4	51	117	635
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,932	28	67	1,540	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	3,950	1	67	195	2,801
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	45	67	(D)	2,723
Cattle and calves	19,249	27	67	1,381	3,063
Layers	9,693	35	67	695	3,040
Roosters	1,763	32	61	393	2,120
Horses and ponies	1,152	21	67	1,015	3,072

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	322	Farming	363
\$1,000 to \$2,499	47	Other	453
\$2,500 to \$4,999	66	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	127	Male	665
\$10,000 to \$19,999	54	Female	151
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	American Indian or Alaska Native	13
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	40	Black or African American	39
\$250,000 to \$499,999	33	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	48	White	1,141
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	81,419	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	99,778	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	13
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	18,288		
Average per farm (\$)	22,412		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<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.